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St. William's Weekly News Round 17 November 2023

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One way of expressing our love for someone is to give them gifts to use and enjoy – the greatest of gifts we can give to others is the gift of love, of ourselves and our time. God has given us many different gifts and talents as a sign of his great love for His children. In the Gospel reading this weekend Jesus explains that we are expected to put such gifts to good use in our lives and not to waste them. Jesus calls us to make full use of our gifts so that His kingdom will grow on earth. Jesus wants us to use whatever gifts we have wisely for the good of all and especially for those most vulnerable and in need.

**Loving Father,
May we use the gifts You have given wisely,
So that they may bring us closer
To you and Your kingdom of love.
Amen.**

Relationship, Sex Education, British Values and Prevent Workshop

Thank you to those parents who were able to make it to the Relationship, Sex Education, British Values and Prevent Workshop on Thursday, I hope you found it informative.



Lime Class School Mass

Thank you Fr. Darren for the Mass, on Tuesday 14 November - the children read beautifully.



Wear it Blue for Diabetes Day.

The whole school celebrated Diabetes Awareness Day by wearing blue and learned about what diabetes is and how each of us can stay healthy.

Pupils raised £120 for Diabetes UK – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**





What is Diabetes Type 1?



People of all ages can develop type 1 diabetes. If you have type 1 diabetes, your pancreas doesn't make insulin or makes very little insulin. Insulin helps blood sugar enter the cells in your body for use as energy. Without insulin, blood sugar can't get into cells and builds up in the bloodstream. If the amount of glucose in the blood is too high, it can, over time,

seriously damage the body's organs.

What is Type 2 Diabetes?



Type 2 diabetes is a common condition that causes the level of sugar (glucose) in the blood to become too high. It can cause symptoms like excessive thirst, needing to urinate a lot and tiredness. It can also increase your risk of getting serious problems with your eyes, heart, and nerves.

It's a lifelong condition that can affect your everyday life. You may need to change your diet, take medicines, and have regular check-ups. It's caused by problems with a chemical in the body, called insulin. It's often linked to being overweight or inactive, or having a family history of type 2 diabetes.

One in 15 people in the UK have diabetes, including one million people who have type 2, but haven't been diagnosed.

A healthy diet and keeping active will help you manage your blood sugar level. It'll also help you control your weight and generally help you to feel better.

You should:

eat a wide range of foods – including fruit, vegetables, and some starchy foods like pasta, keep sugar, fat and salt to a minimum, eat breakfast, lunch and dinner every day – do not skip meals.

Being active lowers, your blood sugar level Physical exercise helps lower your blood sugar level. You should aim for 2.5 hours of activity a week or a minimum of 20-30mins per day. You can be active anywhere if what you're doing gets you out of breath. This could be fast walking, walking the dog, walking the children to and from school, playing football with the children in a park or garden, climbing stairs doing more strenuous housework or gardening. **Stay well, feel healthy and enjoy positive wellbeing!**



NSPCC on WHAT IS VAPING?

Vaping is when someone uses a vape or e-cigarette to inhale vapour containing nicotine. They sometimes come in different flavours.

Many adults start vaping to try and quit smoking, but this isn't always the case. Vaping can be less harmful than cigarettes, but it is still addictive and isn't considered completely harmless. Recently, there have been incidents of children smoking e-cigarettes and becoming seriously ill and in some cases dying as a result of the vaping. **Please be aware that for children vaping can potentially prove fatal because of their stage of physical development.**

- It's against the law to sell nicotine products to anyone under 18.

Anti-Bullying Week

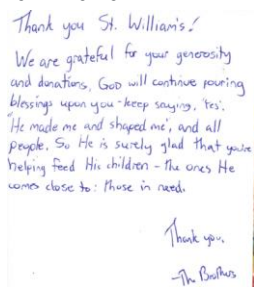
The whole school have worked hard this week to celebrate the national Anti-Bullying Week. They showcased their learning and the key messages, to make a noise in Wednesday morning's assembly. This was followed by a rousing rendition of the friendship song! **Well done, everyone!**





Harvest

A message from Brother Johnathan Maria.



REMINDER - Flu Vaccination

Dear parent,

Your child is now eligible for their Flu vaccination, as part of the National Programme for Vaccination.

Please click the following link to complete an E-Consent form for your child to receive this vaccination:

www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/forms/Flu

And this is the School code you will need: BF148102

The online consent form link will close 3 working days before your school's session date. (21st Nov)

Many Thanks

School Immunisation Team

Weather



Please send your child/children prepared for our ever-changing weather conditions. Children must have a coat, preferably with a hood,



every day, and suitable outdoor shoes. All children must bring a water bottle to school, this will help keep them hydrated during the day.

Please clearly mark your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E.kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items.

Keeping Children Safe

Attendance and Punctuality sits in Safeguarding.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer, Molly Searle, met with me (Miss Parker) Tuesday, 14/11/23. She will be working closely with our school family to ensure that parents/carers fulfil their legal duty to ensure their child has good attendance and punctuality. Poor attendance and punctuality negatively impact learning, personal development, and friendships. Ms Searle will monitor school records for poor attendance and persistent late arrival. We must ALL work in partnership to champion the needs of our pupils, to be on time, is to be ready and an important life skill for the world of work.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer will attend meetings with parents/carers for Attendance, whose children meet Persistent Absence (PA) threshold. Ms Searle will also contact parents whose children are close to falling below PA, to alert them and help them improve this quickly to avoid any further action.

Please ask me (Miss Parker) for further information should you have any questions. Thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality.

Contact details for parents/carers.

Please make sure that if you change your phone number you inform school staff. Following safeguarding recommendations, we need at least 2 accurate contact details in the event of an emergency; accidents do happen and there are times when we are not able to contact a parent because they have not kept us informed. Thank you.

Attendance and punctuality are a huge part of keeping children safe and it is the law for schools to know why and where children are if they are not in school: schools must report children absent from school, including parts of the day, not just absent days. As a result, systems for attendance are robust and all parents have a responsibility to inform school of their child's absence – make sure you TELEPHONE Mrs Gadd 1st thing in the morning if your child is absent. Home visits are part of our Attendance procedures to check and do not be alarmed if safeguarding staff appear at your door. As a parent you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends regularly. The details of parents with children who have unauthorised absence (including those who have taken unauthorised leave during term time) will be passed to Bradford Council, who could consider issuing a Penalty Notice or starting legal action. When a child meets Educational Neglect threshold then a referral to Children's Social Care can be made.

Arriving on time is an essential life skill and for safeguarding reasons we must lock the school gates at 8:55am – if you are arriving at that time you will have to go to

the main entrance. Equally, as a school we respect parents need children to be ready for home-time at 3:15pm to collect family members from other schools or colleges; we aim to be ready to hand the children to you at that time at the end of the day and not delay you.

Did you know....		
If in a school year, a child is late every day by....	A child would have lost approximately....	or they would have missed approximately....
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Late pick-up charges

There is a late collection charge **£1, per child, for every 5 mins you are late**; sadly, some parents have been persistently late and without good reason; taking the view that it is okay for school staff to take responsibility for children after the school day. Unfortunately, we do not offer childcare after 3:15pm and many staff finish at the same time the pupils leave. Congested traffic, a late taxi, forgetting the time, having a hair colour on at the hairdressers are not acceptable reasons to be late for your child. We are understanding, if there are exceptional reasons and it is not usual for you to be late and we appreciate a phone call from you if you are going to be late, it re-assures the child as well. After school teaching staff have meetings, work to do following the school day and in preparation for the next day. Thank you for your support with this.

Have you logged on to the National Online Safety website to help protect your child online?

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Parents, PLEASE monitor what child(ren) use(s) and who they have contact with online; to ensure we keep children safe and protected when they are using the internet. Check out the tips and advice for parents to keep yourself in the know! Here are some useful websites for further information to keep children safe online:

<https://www.onlinesafetyuk.com>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk>



Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

THINK before you send!

If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- West Midlands Business Resilience Unit
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

More useful websites:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> ,

<https://childnet.com>,

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Congratulations...Bravo...Well done!!!



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:

Semilore, Anthony, Phoebe, Marcella, William, Monika, Pawel, Darina, Amaya and Romana.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

McKenna, Nahom, Juraj, Mario, Peace, Isla-Grace, Ralfs, Happiness, Ranaya and Esther

Virtue Certificates this week:

Daniel, Fabian, Jason, Chidubem, Emmanuel, Zoe, Jeriel, Vivienne, Shalom and Ife.

Golden Table Tuesday:

Mia, Ethan, Ella, Emilia and Shalom

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Dexter, Adriana, Lochlan, Miracle, King, Ramina, Jaden, Jeriel, Delvin and Kayla.



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
happy birthday dear
Anthony, Phoebe and Ramina
Happy birthday to you!
Hope you have a special day.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club
From 8am
MONDAY – FRIDAY
50p per day

Great opportunity for your child(ren) to socialise with their friends before school.

Breakfast Club opens every day at 8am, 50p per child per day. A lovely way to start the day! Please arrive before 8.30am - **book in advance every Friday for a place the following week via a dojo message to Mrs Gadd, Mrs Fagan, or Miss Parker!**

Dates for your diary:

23 Nov	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
23 Nov	Autumn Concert at SBSJ 5.30pm Rehearsal Concert 7 – 8pm further details to follow.
26 Nov	Family Mass at St. William's Church 11am
30 Nov	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
5 Dec	9.00am Meeting for Oak Class parents about Year 2 Teaching and Learning and arrangements for KS1 SATs May 2024.
7 Dec	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
11 Dec	Beech Class Homework Project due in.
12 Dec	Oak Class Homework Project due in.
14 Dec	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop 08.45 – 09.00am
14 Dec	Carol Service at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 40 Pakington Street, Bradford, BD5 7LD all welcome time T.B.C.
15 Dec	Holly Class Homework Project due in.
18 Dec	Ash & Oak Nativity (PM) time T.B.C.
19 Dec	KS2 Carol Service in Church 2pm
19 Dec	Lime Class Homework Project due in.

20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch & Class Parties
20 Dec	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-opens Thursday 4 January 2024

P.E. Kits / Lessons

Please keep P.E. kits in school during term time, they will be sent home at the end of each term for washing.



Ash Class Monday's,
Oak Class Friday's
Beech Class Wednesday's
Lime Class Thursday's
Holly Class Friday Swimming

Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 20/11/23.

St William's Catholic Primary School					
WEEK 1					
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	
MAINS Sausage in a Bun Hot Chicken Meatballs & Rice Quorn Sausage in a Bun	Pasta Bolognaise Anchovy Pasta	Beast of the Day Hot Roast Chicken Breast Cheese & Broccoli Quiche	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mexican Burrito	Fish Fingers Veg Dippers	
SIDES New Potatoes Assorted Individual Salads Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Sweetcorn Assorted Individual Salads	
OTHER OPTIONS Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	
DESSERTS Lemon Shortcake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Volcano Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Dot Cookie Freshly Prepared Fruit	

Understanding Anger: Yours & Theirs!



UNDERSTANDING ANGER

20th November 2023 6:30-8:30pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Tuesday
21st Nov
18:30 - 19:30
FREE



FREE SESSION Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression

Tuesday
28th Nov
18:30 - 20:30
£24



What is ACT?

Acceptance & Commitment Therapy.
How it can help with anger, anxiety
and neurodiversity

Monday
13th Nov
18:30 - 20:30
£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes in how you communicate,
lead to huge improvements with your
ability to communicate with someone on
the spectrum.

Thursday
23rd Nov
18:30 - 20:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Interactive session explaining what ADHD
is and offering a range of interventions
that can make lasting differences.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents Questionnaire Responses

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire during the parents' consultation evenings in October. As Headteacher, I am interested in what you think and have to say about what we offer.

In response to matters arising, for wrap around childcare provision after school, unfortunately, this is something that we are not able to offer. Staff in St. William's School provide education, but not childcare. Support staff do not want to work as a child-minder after their working day. Teachers are unable to offer childcare because of the other responsibilities they must do as part of their work as a teacher.

Bradford Schools Online list various childcare providers and according to the National Childbirth Trust (NCT), the weekly average cost of an after-school club is £62.13, and the weekly average cost of a childminder is £71.06. The average cost of childcare in the UK for children under two years old is £138 per week (part-time) or £263 per week (full-time).

I am not recommending Raising Explorers, Carlisle Road BD8 8BD funtolearn@raisingexplores.co.uk 01274 493034 and Kidz Klub, Wanstead Crescent BD15 7PA 01274 360024 it is just they are within a distance from our school.

Staff in school do try to offer a variety of after school clubs that pupils have expressed interest in doing and as

a school, we do not charge parents for these. If there is anything further, you wish to ask me about childcare please do ask/contact me via Dojo. Thank you, Miss Parker.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire – October 2023

I have a child/ren in Year /s

Child/ren's Name (Optional, for child raffle entry)

My child has special educational needs or disability (or both)

YES

NO

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My child is helped to understand their own Faith	47	24	5	3	0	0
My child has knowledge and understanding of other World Faiths	43	21	8	2	0	0
My child is happy at school	53	20	5	1	0	0
My child feels safe at school	52	23	0	2	0	0
My child is well looked after at school	51	23	2	1	0	0
My child is taught well	51	23	1	0	0	0
My child makes good progress	53	23	3	0	0	0
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	47	23	3	3	0	0
The school makes sure that children are well behaved	52	25	1	0	0	0
The school deals with bullying effectively	39	26	2	2	0	3
The school is well lead and managed	52	21	2	1	0	0
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	46	28	2	0	0	0
I receive valuable information about my child's progress	47	24	1	2	0	0
The school lets me know how I can support my child at home	45	23	3	3	0	0
There are opportunities for my child to attend after school clubs	46	22	3	4	0	1
The school website provides me with the information that I need	44	29	3	2	0	0
The school is a warm and welcoming place to visit	51	23	1	0	0	0

What we do well at St. William's Catholic Primary school....

Really good with phonics, My child has learnt loads.

Correcting children with love, teaching my child how to respect others, making my child feel safe and happy to be in school.

Learning children very well, looking after children

Everything

Very good school

Providing learning effective progress

Prioritising reading as this helps the children to improve in their reading habits

Treat all children with care and respect

Amazing School, well led, meeting up with expectations and championing kids to be the best they can be

St William's Catholic Primary School is very welcoming.

St William's welcomes everyone despite the religion or culture, safeguarding.

Effective communication, Safeguarding, Learning, Catholicism

St William's Catholic Primary school is a lovely family school. The children are happy coming to school, our head

of school and teachers are doing a really good work.

I enjoy the way the students are well behaved and friendly to one another. I like that every child is carried along and made to feel loved and important.

Well behaved kids, involvement of Parents through activities prompt responses for any concerns.

St William's Catholic Primary school helps pupils understand their catholic faith while learning.

Good Communication channel, big on discipline and values, good teaching about faiths.

The depth of understanding children are provided with is exemplary. The teachers in which they are teaching have an excellent manner. Children feel interested to learn.

No Comment

Teaching

The school is just amazing

Trust everybody equally and take care of every child's progress. Very good afterschool clubs offer.

I think the teacher are good, work periods and playtime is accurately implemented in the curriculum. This is something we do not have in Nigerian schools.

The school teaches the children respect, faith, love accountability and leadership aside the norm of curriculum education.

Close interaction with pupils, Teaching faith, all inclusive irrespective of race or language.

Family atmosphere

Age appropriate homework would be assigned to pupils, especially higher stage Beech Lime holly

The school values are well outlined, taught and embedded in my daughter. The environment is a fun to be. The Headteacher is fantastic in her management of the school affairs, I get regular information.

Encouraging children of being well behaved (good behaviour) High moral standard and respect, I am happy to have my daughter encouraged of Catholic doctrines (Catholicism/sacrament) I am very impressed.

Fantastic teachers taking care children

Everything

Include parents a lot into general school life i.e. charity events, assemblies etc. Class dojo is very helpful source for parents info.

Communication

Punctuality, student focus

St William's Catholic Primary School has an open office and responds to call whenever I call to verify information. Children are encouraged to perform through regular awards and certificates presentations.

That my child gets to learn a lot.

Keeping to time in all events, ensuring safety of the kids, Installing discipline in kids, teaching them what is wrong and what is right.

St William's Catholic Primary School is an inclusive school, that welcomes children and their families from all faiths and backgrounds, we are one school family.

The children are taught and given the right values such as love, faith and integrity.

Caring for children, education, good school meals provided.

St. William's Catholic Primary School would be better if.....

Can't think of any.

All OK

They had a nursery as its not easy when a sibling have to attend another school

They give other assignments like mathematics and English at home.

All perfect

Yet to see the area for improvement

After Ash Class environment for there would be friendly its very strict environment for Y1 & Y2 chilids.

We could have more fun activities like swimming, school end of year party and in-house sports.

Parent interact more with teachers about student academics to identify the areas they find challenging and strengths.

I think nothing needs to be improved.

Nothing

None

School website would be better design. School needs refurb and investing into its infrastructure i.e. school grounds outside or idea gym hall.

Children well cautioned during playtime as my soon has come home with minor injuries. Though we are still very new here, I believe with time he will adjust.

School has more sport activities like football.

The school needs to deal properly with afterschool club allocation of assignment. More work should be encouraged to keep the children well engaged after school.

Receive more homework.

Nothing think of now!

So far I am impressed no area of concern

They separate the year groups

The school will meet all parental needs if it can accommodate kids from 2years and above. Adding a little fee to re-numerate the supervising staff can be considered. This will help in taking kids to different schools daily.

Nothing I love everything

Parts of the school website require updating

Afterschool care can be included at a cost

My child would like to participate in sports tournaments of school trips

Have a lovely weekend,

See you all on

Monday 20 November 2023

at 8.45am.

Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!