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# **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD**

'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men'. Mark 1:14-20 This Sunday's Scripture passages focus our attention upon the Word of God; The Word of God became Flesh and dwelt among us, John 1:14. After Jesus calls two sets of brothers to become "fishers of men," He works at three areas of public ministry throughout Galilee.



Jesus teaches, preaches, and cures the sick. Jesus recognised He needed disciples who would follow and believe in Him, so that His message of love for the world could be shared and passed on to all peoples. The first disciples were called for their qualities, which would help them to carry on and accomplish the divine mission that Jesus had already started. Today, as Jesus' disciples living on earth, we are called to show that same courage and faith to build up God's Kingdom here in this part of Bradford.

### Loving Father,

Give us the courage to follow when you hear you call. Gude us back to the path that leads to your kingdom if we should lose our way. Amen

# An invitation to you and your family:

Please join us at the School Family Mass at St. William's Church at **11am Sunday 28 January 2024.** It will be a wonderful occasion for our pupils to lead our parish in worship. Thank you for your support in advance.

Pupils, wear your uniform with pride!

# Parents' Consultations - 5 & 7 February 2024



Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's work form this half term and discuss their achievements and targets for further progress.

Letters for timings, will be sent home next Friday, 26 January 2024, please return slips ASAP to avoid disappointment. Unfortunately, we have been unable to book a Polish and Slovak Translator, please feel free to bring one family member/friend with you to help with translation, sorry for any inconvenience. Please arrive on time at the main entrance.

### **Beech Class Mass**

A wonderful class Mass at church on Tuesday 16 January, with Beech class, the readers were excellent, well done everyone.





### **Pantomime**



A tremendous whole school visit to the Pantomime on Wednesday, we even had our very own Sylviane being a superstar on the stage with the legendary Billy Pearce! I am so proud of all our pupils and thank all the adults who made this possible, **THANK YOU!** 





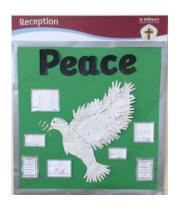


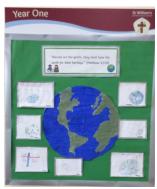




# **Our Amazing Learning Environments**

Once again, the pupils' work and the adults' commitment to show case this, to create the best possible effect, is truly outstanding! I am very proud of the effort and high standard of work. Well done to all our pupils and staff for their excellent efforts!















# Parents' R.E. Workshops

Thank you to those parents who attended our R.E. workshops this week. As you can see, our pupils are engaged and enjoying their R.E. learning.



## **Lime Class**

Lime Class showed great skill in playing their flutes to the first two sentences of the Blissful Gliding tune. Very impressive, well done!



## **Holly Class**

Holly Class working hard in SPaG this morning, identifying active and passive sentences.



### **Mobile Phones**



Just a reminder, keeping children safe: ALL STAFF and VISITORS MUST turn their mobile phones off NOW (before they enter the main entrance of the school). This is to reduce the risk of

images/photographs being taken of pupils, without appropriate consent. Our monitored and filter systems are very sophisticated and any apps or websites that you view/access, may trigger an alert in school. Thank you for your support.

### 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 be aware that if there is a closure due to snow and ice conditions this will be shared on Bradford Schools Online website, Class Dojo and Pulse Radio. Please clearly label your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E.kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items – thank you for your support with this matter.

# Keeping Children Safe 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.

Please also be aware that parents should never collect their child during the school day because of childcare issues or for the child to attend appointments that are for a parent or sibling. As part of attendance procedures, we must record children missing during the school day.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

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, in town shopping, a late taxi,

forgetting the time, having a hair colour on at the hairdressers <u>are not acceptable reasons to be late for your child.</u> 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 matter.

Have you logged on to the National Online Safety webiste 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



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: Mia, Doretta, Alexus-Marie, Victoria, Riley, Dennis, Joel, Kathrine, Sahil and Ranaya.

### **Hot Chocolate Friday:**

Shawna, Nahom, Enoch, Ethan, Taiwo, Daniel, Eesah, Sarina, Keyaan and Megan.

### Virtue Certificates this week:

Daniel, Ukom, Sylviane, Gerald, Zoe, Karolina, Arzo, Darina, Fred and Oliwia.

#### **Golden Table Tuesday:**

Adriana, Sylviane, Rumaisah, Alan and Oliwia

### 'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Dexter, Anthony, Victoria, Marcella, Connor, Daniel, David, Sebastian, Sahil and Hashim.



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear

Eesah & Jibrael

Happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

# **Breakfast Club**



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:**

10am Lime Class Mass at St William's	
Church	
08.45 – 09.05 Parents Reading Workshop	
with Ash Class	
11am Family Mass at St William's Church	
all welcome	
10am Holly Class Mass at	
St William's Church	
Oak Class Art Morning with Tony Bullock	
08.45 – 09.05 Parents Reading Workshop	
with Ash Class	
11.30 Chess Tournament at SBSJ (Invited	
pupils only)	
Parent Consultation Evening	
Safer Internet Day	
Oak Class Homework Topic	
to be returned	
Beech Class Homework Topic	
to be returned	

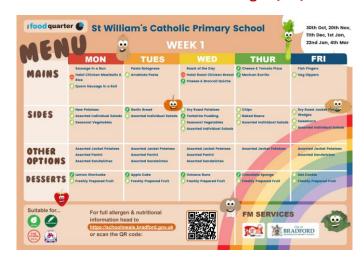
06/02	Lime Class Homework Topic	
	to be returned	
06/02	Ash Class Art Morning with Tony Bullock	
07/02	Parents Consultation Evening	
08/02	08.45 – 09.05 Parents Reading Workshop	
	with Ash Class	
09/02	School Closes at 3.15pm and	
	Re-Opens Monday 19 February 2024	

### 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.



## Lunch Menu - Week Commencing 22/01/24.



Have a lovely weekend, See you all on

Monday 22 January 2024 at 8.45am.



Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!