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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### 11<sup>th</sup> February, The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick



Sunday is the anniversary of the first vision of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to the little girl, Bernadette Soubirous. Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II started the World Day of the Sick on this day of the solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes. The World Day of the Sick is an awareness day,

or a special regard, in the Catholic Church intended for "prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ".

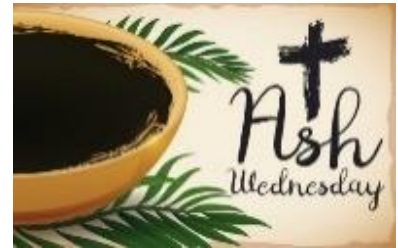
#### Do you know someone who is sick?

God sent Our Lady of Lourdes to show how much He cares for the sick. Fourteen-year-old Bernadette was gathering firewood by a river when she spotted a golden light coming from a nearby cave. When Bernadette came closer, she saw a beautiful lady holding a rosary. The lady spoke lovingly to Bernadette and asked her to pray the rosary with her. At first, most people didn't believe Bernadette's story about the lady. But that didn't stop Bernadette from returning to the little cave in Lourdes, France. The beautiful lady appeared 18 times between February and July 1858. She told Bernadette to pray for sinners. She also explained who she was: **"I am the Immaculate Conception."** The beautiful lady was Mary, the mother of Jesus! As word spread, curious crowds joined Bernadette at the cave. Only Bernadette could see Mary. One day, people watched as Bernadette scraped at the ground. A small spring of water trickled up. Mary had told Bernadette that she wanted a church built on the spot. Later, a woman with an injured arm washed in the spring. She was completely healed! This was the first of thousands of cures at Lourdes, which still pours out healing water today. As Mary had asked, a beautiful church was built there, with spires pointing toward heaven.

Let us pray for all those who are sick and in need of healing: spiritually, physically, and emotionally. May they know the healing love, mercy, and peace of Christ at this time and for those who care for them. We pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, may they be comforted. We turn to Mary, the Mother of God, who listens to our prayers and takes these to the Lord: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, Blessed are you among women and blessed if the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## Lent

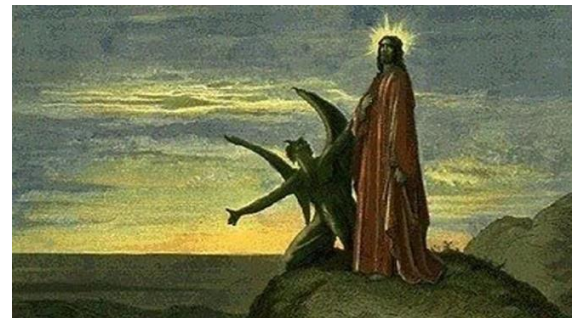
The Season of Lent begins,  
Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024



Ash Wednesday Mass 10am at St. Matthew's Church  
and 6.30pm at St William's church.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 18 February 2024

'The time has come,' he said. 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News' (Mk 1:12-15)



Every day we must make choices. Sometimes it is easy to make the right choice, but other times we find ourselves being tempted to do what we might later regret. Lent is a good time to look at our lives and like a good gardener to 'remove weeds' that strangle new growth and spoil the plants & flowers; and so, allowing us to clear out all the things that come between us and God's love, for example selfishness, greed, jealousy, dishonesty etc. In Mark's Gospel the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to prepare for His mission to reveal

God's love to the world. Jesus wanted to focus all His energy and attention to God's will for the world, to draw strength from His love and to spend time alone with His Heavenly Father.

The devil wanted to disturb Jesus' peace & Satan, tried to make Jesus use His power for selfish reasons and to put God's love to the test. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Jesus was faithful and obedient to His Father and used the words of Scripture to convince the devil to go away and leave Him. This teaches us that Jesus is very close to us when we suffer temptation and He has suffered the same feelings of uncertainty and doubt, yet God's Spirit is ready to give us strength when we need to overcome weakness.

**Loving Father,**  
**Open our hearts to hear and understand Your Word,**  
**And help us always to do Your Holy will.**  
**Amen.**

### Sacramental Preparation Information

First Holy Communion Preparation The course for those preparing for their First Holy Communion will begin shortly after Easter at a date still to be decided. All those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will do so at the **11am Solemn Mass at St. William's Church on Sunday 2 June 2024** – which is the solemnity of **The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi**.

### Parents' Consultations

Thank you to all our parents who attended parents' consultations on Monday and Wednesday. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's achievement & progress! We appreciate your support and your gratitude for what St. William's staff do to support your child and you as their 1<sup>st</sup> teacher. THANK YOU!

### School Choir Performance

Thank you to our School Choir who gave a wonderful and strong performance in last's weeks achievement assembly, they sang beautifully! See the video on X (Twitter).



### Chess Tournament



Well done to Darina, Hakeem, Jeriel, Eesah, Oliver, Joel, and Vivienne for taking part in the BCWCAT Chess

Tournament on Monday 5 February 2024. Thank you for being great ambassadors for our school.



### Homework Projects

There have been some truly remarkable projects completed this half term, **WELL DONE** everyone!

**Oak** – Children were asked to make a fact sheet about how we care for animals. They could include pictures, facts, and vocabulary.



**Beech** – As part of their Geography, children were asked to create a model, or a piece of artwork based on a place they had visited.



**Lime** – Lime Class created superb world maps and presented very interesting research about hot and cold countries in the world. Well done!



**Holly** – pupils were asked to create a map of the local area, or they could choose a place anywhere in the world, but had to identify key areas e.g., parks, restaurants, health centres and rivers etc.

### Flute Concert

Thank you to parents who attended our flute concert on Monday! We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did performing it. Impressive work, children and thank you to Miss Pickard for leading this teaching and learning.





## Safer Internet Day

A wonderful Safer Internet Day assembly with important messages!



## Tony Bullock – Art Morning – Ash Class

The children of Ash Class enjoyed an Art Morning with a professional artist, Mr Bullock.



## Father Jones

Thank you to Fr. Jones for delivering a lesson on the importance of The Last Supper for Holly class, the children asked appropriate questions and listened attentively.



## Holly Class

Holly Class created cityscapes in the style of Canaletto, they chose to sketch and used watercolours for London Bridge



Holly Class working together to plan a 3-mile route using six-figure grid references in geography.



## Lenten Fundraising

To support the Lenten Appeal for The Good Shepherd this year we will be organising Almsgiving fundraising activities, these will take place after the half term break, and during Lent. Thank you all for your generous support with this very important cause!

**Ash Class-** How many sweets are in the jar  
20p a go.

**Oak Class –** How many cubes are in the Jar  
20p a go.

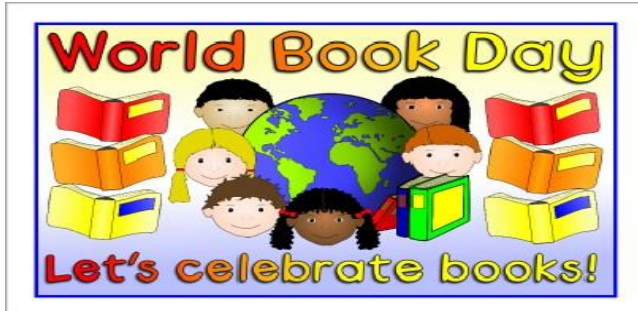
**Beech Class - Treasure Hunt 20p a go.**

**Lime Class- Bun Sale 50p**

**Holly Class- Guess the name of the animal 20p a go.**

### **World Book Day on Thursday, 7 March**

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. The most effective costumes are from simple ideas, and we do not expect children to come to school dressed in newly bought costumes – the purpose of this day is to **celebrate a love for reading!**



### **Parking Safely**

Some parents/carers have been parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside of school. Parents must not park on the zig zag lines **as this is a potential hazard and puts young lives at risk.** Thank you for respecting the safety for us all and especially the children!



### **Reading Volunteers.... we need YOU!**



Reading is **FUND**amental and an essential life skill. As a school, we place great emphasis on this and your child, regularly reads with adults in school. We would love to

hear from you if you could spare some time each week to come into a class and help our children with their reading, please give the school office a call if you are interested (01274 545743) or message Miss Parker directly via Class Dojo. All volunteers must complete safeguarding checks with me (Miss Parker), in my role as Designated Safeguarding Lead.

### **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 **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 matter.

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>



More useful websites:

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

<https://childnet.com>,

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

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



**100% Attendance (from September or day joined)  
05/09/23 – 09/02/24.**

Doretta, Kora, Ukom, Anhiam, Dexter, Marcella, Lemuel, Jethro, Abubakar, Gerald, Victoria, Ethan, Ishioma, Isabella, King, Kenny, Taiwo, Lou, Danielle, Hadassah, Sofia, Arzo, David, Delvin, Ife, Sahil, Win, Amaya.

**100% Attendance during Spring Term 2  
04/01/24 – 09/02/24.**

Aurelijus, Julian, Fabian, Amelia, Adriana, Nahom, Semilore, Anthony, Enoch, Sylviane, Amaan, Oskar, Claire, Daniel, Dennis, Anna, Ramina, Bella, Alan, Vivienne, Kathrine, Jeriel, Amelia, Joel, Darina, Danish, Romana, Ranaya, Oliwia, Hashim, Faith, Enoch, Ethan, Esther

**Homework Project Certificates this week:**

The following children have completed their homework project – well done and keep up the good work!

Jethro, Sylviane, Mario, Abdul, Amaan, Abubakar, Victoria, Pola, Muhammad, Lemuel, Phoebe, Jason, Gerald, Brodie, Oracle, Taiwo, Isabella, Daniel, King, Monika, Ishioma, Rumaisah, Dennis, Kenny, Oskar, Anna, Jeremiah, Kacper, Claire, Lidya, Sofia, Amelia,

Bella, Jaden, Pawel, Kathrine, Danielle, Vivienne,  
Darina, Hakeem, Jeriel, Alan, Mia, Hadassah,



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,  
happy birthday dear  
**Isla-Grace, Amaya, Victoria and Shine**  
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:

09/02	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-Opens Monday 19 February 2024
14/02	First Day of Lent – Ash Wednesday
18/02	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
23/02	Lime Class 1 <sup>st</sup> Swimming Lesson
04/03	Ash Class – Fluoride Varnishing Application Session
07/03	World Book Day come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book
10/03	11am Family Mass – Mothering Sunday All Welcome

## 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 Friday Swimming**  
**Holly Class Friday's**

**Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 19/02/24.**

St William's Catholic Primary School					
WEEK 2					
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>MAINS</b>	Mild Chicken Curry Spaghetti Marinara	Quorn Sausage in a Ball Hawaiian Korma Roll Mac n Cheese	Roast of the Day Hawaiian Chicken Outpost Sage Mince Cottage Pie	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas Meatloaf Pasta	Buttered Fillet of Fish Salmon Fishcakes Savoury Roll
<b>SIDES</b>	Rice Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Harley Potatoes Couscous Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Crispy Bread Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads
<b>OTHER OPTIONS</b>	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Puddings Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Puddings Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Puddings Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Puddings Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Puddings Assorted Sandwiches
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Jam Pie Bar Freshly Prepared Fruit	Flagjack Freshly Prepared Fruit	Individual Ice Cream Tub Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Butterfly Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit



Suitable for...  
For full allergen & nutritional information head to <https://schools.bradford.gov.uk> or scan the QR code:



FM SERVICES



**Have a lovely break,  
See you all on  
Monday 19 February 2024  
at 8.45am.**



**Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!**



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Warm Homes Healthy People give free advice on energy bills, debt and benefits.

They also offer practical assistance such as heating system repairs, food parcels, winter warmth packs, and emergency heating. Call **0808 1683547** for more information.

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Service Spotlight

ENERGY AND BILLS

**Warm Homes Healthy People**

WHHP, a Bradford-based organization, provides free information and advice to residents in the Bradford District on energy bills (keeping warm, changing tariffs or suppliers, and grants), as well as debt and benefits. They also offer practical assistance such as heating system repairs, food parcels, winter warmth packs, and emergency heating.

**Call 0808 1683547**

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**WHHP**  
Warm Homes Healthy People