

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Library Opening – Author Frank Cottrell Boyce

After months of fundraising and preparation we were finally able to open our brand new library facility today. We managed to get the esteemed international author, Frank Cottrell Boyce, to perform the official opening. Frank took time out from his busy schedule to not only open the new facility but speak to all the children about his journey to becoming an author and his love of reading and writing. (*Photographs of the day will be on the school website & twitter*). I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in getting this project off the ground. All the fundraising undertaken has been supported by yourselves and your families so a "BIG" thank you. A special mention must also go to the firm Cargills who made a substantial donation towards the project.

Section 48 Inspection

As you know we recently had our Section 48 RE Inspection by Liverpool Archdiocese, the final report having now been circulated to parents/carers. The report covers a variety of areas but I would particularly like to highlight a number of statements within it:

- *"The staff and pupils pride themselves on being a TEAM and this is embedded into every aspect of school life. Pupils understand that they are valued and cared for and follow the teaching of Jesus. Their behaviour is excellent. They show a deep respect for themselves and for each other."*

- *"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment in religious education is outstanding. Teaching across school is consistently good with elements that are outstanding. Teachers demonstrate high levels of subject knowledge and high expectations."*

As a school we are very proud of the report and is something which should be celebrated by all members of our school community.

Bill Esterson MP – UK Parliament Assembly

Our local MP Bill Esterson came into the school last Friday morning to talk to the junior children about himself, his role and how he became a Member of Parliament. Following on from his visit we then had an assembly for all of Key Stage 2 yesterday by a representative from the UK Parliament who spoke to the children in detail about the workings of Parliament and how decisions made there can impact on their daily lives.

Attendance

See below the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96%. Anyone below 90% is classed as being a 'persistent absentee' & school have to work closely with parents to ensure that improvements are seen. We also will have our Sefton Education Welfare Officer on site doing a 'late gate' as we have concerns about the number of children arriving late each day. Children need to arrive by 8.40am as the gates will be locked at 8.45am & children need to be in class at 8.45am ready to start their school day. This applies to all classes (except Nursery who started at 8.45am) in main school including Reception class. Any children arriving after 8.45am will need to be signed in late at the school office. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am with last entry being 8.35am.

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| Rec | 96.4% | Y4 | 100% |
| Y1 | 92.7% | Y5 | 89.6% |
| Y2 | 94.9% | Y6 | 97.6% |
| Y3 | 98.8% | All school | 95.7% |



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Year 6 SATS Club

SATs Club will be held in school each Tuesday afternoon from **3.15 – 4.15pm** and each Wednesday morning from **8.20am**. The sessions will start on the week beginning **6th March** and will finish on Wednesday 3rd May. For the morning sessions, the children should come in via the Y6 door to the playground – please be on time. This is a great opportunity for your child to work on any areas of Mathematics and Literacy that they need support with therefore please do your utmost to accommodate the sessions. If this is possible, please return the permission slip ASAP if you haven't already.

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 Bikeability starts the week beginning Monday 27th March please use the links below to register your child. Children will need a roadworthy bike and helmet and will need to be dressed for a day outside - gloves, waterproofs, sunscreen! The training will go ahead unless it is deemed too dangerous to cycle. If your child does not have a bike or helmet & wants to take part please let school know as we may be able to arrange to borrow them

Riders - <https://bikeright.co.uk/events/0b69dee3-5362-4030-9c5e-c6b4555d637a/>

Non Riders - <https://bikeright.co.uk/events/8e252570-61a5-4a80-99f7-4fbc75165fc3/>

BullyBusters

Our BullyBuster Champions had their final morning of training this week. The training they've received over the last few months has focused on how they can help support their peers on the yard at break and lunchtimes.

Nursery Places

We have a limited number of places still available so if you have children of nursery age or know of friends/family who are looking for places and are new to the area then please get in touch to arrange a visit to our fantastic facility.

Pastoral Care Lead

Mrs Williams is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to her about any concerns you have around your child in class and then she can speak to the class teacher (She will have on her high visibility jacket so can be easily identified). You can also make an appointment to speak to her should you wish to discuss something further.

Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches

We have noticed a number of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars as part of their snack/packed lunch. As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternatives.

Free Breakfast Club

Our Free Breakfast Club continues to be extremely popular. It runs every morning in the school hall from 7.45 am, however the cut off time for when food can be served is 8.25 am with the doors closing at 8.35 am. This free facility is available to children from Reception upwards so please do come along.

After School Club

There are places available most days at After School Club so if you are interested please contact the school office to book your child in. Prices are £5 for 1 hour & £10 for the full session until 5.45pm. Bookings on the day £5.50 & £12.50 Fees are payable on the day or by the end of the same week. Please also contact the school office 24 hours in advance about any changes or amendments you need to inform us of.

Pre-loved Uniform

We have a table in the Foyer with lots of pre-loved uniform please feel free to come & take a look & help yourself.

ParentApp

It is really important for communication that all parents download our ParentApp as this is our main communication method to keep in touch with what's going on in your child's class and school. We can also email through ParentApp for those that can't get the App. Thank you to all parents who are using the school app, over 93% altogether, which is brilliant. If you haven't downloaded our ParentApp yet, we have sent you a link, which might be in your spam emails, so look there if you can't see it in your inbox. Any problems please let the school office know.

Mass times at St William of York Catholic Church

9.30am Sunday morning at St William's

11.15am Sunday morning at St Mary's Little Crosby

Kind regards **Mr M.Murphy** - Headteacher



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