

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Easter Holidays**

School will finish at 2pm next Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, for the Easter break and will reopen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April for the first day of the summer term.

## **Chester Zoo – Sustainable Palm Oil Project**

After Easter children in Years 2 to 5 will be taking part in a four week project with Chester Zoo regarding sustainable palm oil. The children will be assessing its impact on the habitats and wildlife of the forests where it takes place and will then try to come up with solutions to the problem. Following the project all four classes will then be visiting Chester Zoo on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Year 5 Bikeability**

Children in Year 5 will be working with Bikeability next week. The children will be learning how to ride their bikes, learn about road safety and general bicycle maintenance. Children taking part will need to bring their bike, helmet & wear suitable outdoor clothes on their allocated day details of which have been sent out.

## **Hinduism**

As part of our RE Programme of Study the children also learn about different faiths and religions and as such the whole school will be learning about Hinduism on Monday. This will take the form of assemblies and class workshops throughout the day.

## **Library**

Our new lending library is now fully up and running and children are now able to access the area and bring books home. A message with information for parents regarding the borrowing of books was sent home last week via email & Parentapp.

## **Section 48 Inspection**

As you know we are very pleased with the outcome of the report from our recent inspection. The full report is available on the school website.

## **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 in main school including Reception class (Nursery start at 8.45am). 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.

<b>Rec</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>91.3</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>97.7</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>96.1</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>All school</b>	<b>93.7</b>



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### **Football News**

Our school team played St John's last week and narrowly lost. All the children played really well in what were quite challenging conditions.

### **St William of York Church**

Children from Year 6 will be attending 10 a.m. mass at St William of York Church next Friday morning.

### **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**

We would like to welcome Miss Rennie to After School Club following Miss Bradshaw leaving earlier in the month. After School club have places available most days 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 are £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.

### **After School Club Vacancy**

We have a vacancy in After School Club for 3 days per week Wednesday to Friday 3pm to 6pm. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who is please call into school for an application form.

### **Dogs**

A reminder to parents that dogs cannot be brought onto the school premises.

### **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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