

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Chester Zoo Trip – Sustainable Palm Oil Project

Children in Years 2 to 5 enjoyed an enjoyable day out at Chester Zoo on Tuesday. The children have been taking part in a project with the Zoo regarding Sustainable Palm Oil and the trip was the culmination of a number of weeks work. All the children had a fantastic day out and I would like to thank Chester Zoo for organising the whole trip. In addition to this they have also offered all those children, and their families a free Family Ticket to the Zoo which is a very generous gesture. Details around claiming your free family tickets (Years 2 – 5) will be sent out shortly.

Key Stage 2 SATs

Well done to all our children in Year 6 who have been undertaking their Year 6 SATs this week. The children have worked really hard throughout the year and I know, speaking to their class teachers how proud they are of all their efforts and dedication.

National Walk to School Week

Next week is National Walk to School Week so each class will be keeping a tally chart of the children who have walked to school and the winning class/classes will be announced in assembly.

School Website

We are currently in the process of changing our school website and hopefully the new one will be up and running in a few weeks. Therefore the existing one will not be updated as we begin the transfer over of information. Once we have a launch date for the new website I will circulate details.

First Holy Communions

For those families who attended the first communion meeting, the next scheduled one is Tuesday 23rd May at 3.15 pm, here in school.

Attendance

See below the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96% & this week is only the third week this school year that we have met this target. So 'well done' every one please keep it up. 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.

Rec	98.8%	Y1	96.4%	Y2	98.4%	Y3	99.1%	Y4	92.1%	Y5	94.9%	Y6	96.8%	All school	96.3%
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Primadonna – New Address

Primadonna will be moving premises on the 15th May 2023 to 48 Carr Meadow Hey L30 2NZ. This will provide better parking for customers and keep prices competitive. They will be releasing their bundle deals shortly on their website www.primadonnanetheron.co.uk these are deal that ate at a discounted price for 'early bird' customers.

Book Swap

We now have a free book swap located in the foyer by our office. A book swap is an easy and fun way to swap books you no longer need for books you want to read! Please come along to see the books on offer and join in- don't forget to bring



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something to swap! Book Swap Rules 1. You can leave as many books as you like but please only take one book home at a time. 2. Make sure that the book(s) you are leaving are your own. 3. Make sure your book(s) are appropriate, clean and in good condition. 4. Make sure that you leave the shelf tidy and keep your swapped book in good condition. 5. Bring your book back once you have read it and swap it for another. Many thanks

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.

Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meals

As a school we receive additional funding, called Pupil Premium, for children whose parents are on lower incomes and are receiving certain benefits. This additional funding is used to benefit the children by funding additional staff to work with smaller groups, uniform vouchers, some school trips and other specific resources. It is therefore really important that parents who are eligible for Free School Meals apply. This includes parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 who get a free school meal anyway under Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). If you get Income Support, Jobseekers allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit only, Universal Credit and have a net household income of less than £7,400 per annum (£616.67 a month) or receive support under the Immigration & Asylum Act then your child should be eligible for this additional funding. If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit you are not entitled. If you are eligible we encourage you to please complete a form available from the school office.

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

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.

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. If you have any uniform to donate please pass it in.

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



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Kind regards

Mr M.Murphy
Headteacher



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