

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Mrs Williams**

After a considerable length of service to our school Mrs Williams, very sadly, will be leaving us on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> July as she moves on to start a new role with the NHS. Mrs Williams has been a dedicated and hardworking member of staff throughout her time here and in her role as Pastoral Lead has provided invaluable support to children and parents alike. We will all miss Mrs Williams but wish her every success in her new career.

## **RNLI**

The RNLI came into school today to deliver Water Safety Workshops to all the children from Reception to Year 6. They spoke to the children about keeping themselves safe and the things they need to look out for. All the children enjoyed the practical presentations and got to take part in a number of activities.

## **Girls Football Tournament**

Good luck to all those girls who have been selected by Miss Convery and Miss McKeating to play in the girls tournament this forthcoming Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. The tournament has been organised to celebrate the Women's World Cup which starts soon in Australia.

## **Strike Action**

Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July have been identified as strike days. Once we know which classes will be open we will inform all parents/carers.

## **Merseyside Chess Competition**

We have been invited to take part in the Merseyside Chess Championships at St Georges Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The children taking part have been selected by our Chess Coordinator with letters being sent out regarding arrangements to those children's parents/carers over the next week.

## **Y6 –High School Transition**

All our Y6 Children will be spending a day at their prospective High Schools on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you all have an enjoyable day at your new schools.

## **School Uniform**

Just a reminder that black school shoes should be worn by both girls and boys. Trainers, gel shoes, white sandals do not constitute part of the schools uniform policy.

## **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.

## **Attendance**

See below the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96% & unfortunately this week we have not achieved this. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised & may result in a fine of £60 per child. Any children with attendance below 90% are 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



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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>92.6%</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>89.7%</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>84.3%</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>All school</b>	<b>91.5%</b>
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### 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 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

### Primadonna – New Address

Primadonna will be moving premises on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.primadonnanetheron.co.uk) these are deal that ate at a discounted price for 'early bird' customers.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Mass times at St William of York Catholic Church



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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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