

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Kings Coronation Picnic/ Non-Uniform Day/Make a Crown**

To celebrate the Kings Coronation we will be having a non-uniform day next Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. Children can come into school wearing something with red/white and blue on. We will be using the day to raise some money for local charities so if you are able to make a donation of £1 or more that would be gratefully appreciated. As part of the celebrations the children on school meals will also have the opportunity to have a Coronation themed packed lunch. Our School Council have also come up with the idea of holding a Coronation Crown Making Competition; the children can, if they want to, make a crown at home and bring it in on Friday. The School Council will then judge the crowns & a prize will be awarded to the best one in each class.

## **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.

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

As part of the project children from Years 2 to 5 will be visiting Chester Zoo on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. In addition to this Chester Zoo have also stated that they will be giving each child's family, in those year groups, a free family ticket for Chester Zoo which is a fantastic gesture. Further details around this will be sent out once we have received them.

## **First Holy Communions**

Thank you to all those families who attended this week's first meeting. Fr Harrington has said that any families who couldn't attend will be able to enrol onto the programme again next year.

## **Key Stage 2 SATs Week**

This is just a quick reminder to our Year 6 parents that the children will be undertaking their Key Stage 2 SATs tests from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May till Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## **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.

Rec	90.1%	Y1	88.4%	Y2	91.6%	Y3	94.3%	Y4	92.7%	Y5	94.2%	Y6	87.9%	All school	91.5%
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## **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.

## **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



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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

### **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

Kind regards

**Mr M.Murphy**  
Headteacher



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