

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though we don't break up until next Tuesday this is the last newsletter of this academic year. On behalf of everyone at St William of York, I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout the year. It has been another extremely busy and successful year, with the recent Ofsted Inspection rightly highlighting the significant strengths of the school. It is also a sad time of the year as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they prepare for High School. We wish them all the very best for their futures and look forward to hearing how they are getting on in the next stage of their education.

## Summer Break

As mentioned main school breaks up for the summer on Tuesday 23rd July at 2pm. There is no After School Club that day. Nursery finish at their normal times on Monday 22nd July. We return on Tuesday 3rd September at the normal times. Breakfast & After School are open from this date. Our new Reception class have a staggered start which have been advised to relevant parents.

## Merseyside Chess Finals

Following on from the news about our recent award we had some further good news this week following our participation in the Merseyside Chess Finals. Our Year 4 children came second overall while our Year 6 team came third in their age group. This is a tremendous achievement, particularly when you take into account that over thirty schools had entered the competition. All the children played very well and should be rightly proud of their efforts. Well done everyone!

## Staffing

A number of staff will be leaving this summer so, on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Miss Gallagher and Mrs Benson for all their hard work and dedication during their time with us and wish them the very best for the future.

## Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who have won the "double" as they had the best attendance and punctuality throughout the year. As a result they will be having a film afternoon in school next Monday along with some refreshments. Well done Class 4!

## Attendance

The government are introducing new procedures for attendance from September including increased costs for Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence. Further information will be sent out before we break up.

## Class Assemblies

It has been a busy time recently with Class 5, Class 4 and Class 1 having recently performed their assemblies. A big thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to come along and support the children. Our Year 6 Class will be performing their leaver's assembly for those parents/carers this Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup> July) at 9.15 am in the school hall with doors opening at 9.00 am.

## School Uniform/ PE Kits

As the summer break is traditionally time when parents/carers sort uniform for September can I remind parents that trainers aren't part of the school uniform, even black ones, and that black shoes are to be worn. Your cooperation with



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this is greatly appreciated. Our uniform suppliers are Monkhouse, Coronation Road, Crosby & Primadonna, 48 Carr Meadow Hey, L30 2NZ

### **Summer Reading Challenge - Visit your local library and sign up to the Challenge**

Please see the information below on how to sign up for this summer's reading challenge:

1. Sign up – visit your local Library and speak to the staff to start your challenge
2. Read 6 books – For every 2 books you will collect prizes
3. Finish – You will receive a certificate in school

### **Doctors, Dentist & Hospital Appointment**

A reminder to try to make routine Doctors & Dental Appointments outside of school hours. For all appointments in school hours we need to see the appointment letter, text or card.

### **School Spider – All communications & online payments**

We are no longer be using Parentapp for communications as we have moved to School Spider. It is important that you download the School Spider app so you do not miss out on information. The system also allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app in advance. Bookings cannot be made on the day. To download, go to the app store on your phone & search School Spider, search for our school & follow the instructions to set up an account. You need to use the same email address that school have for you.

### **Pre-loved Uniform**

If you have any uniform your child has grown out of and no longer needs please can you pass it into the school office. We particularly need PE kits & Nursery/Reception uniform. You are welcome to come along and help yourselves to any items of uniform you need from our pre-loved uniform table in the foyer by the school office.

### **Pastoral Care Lead**

Mr Davies is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to him about any concerns you have around your child in class and then he can speak to the class teacher (He will have on his high visibility jacket so can be easily identified). You can also make an appointment to speak to him 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.

### **Nursery Places**

We have a limited number of 3 year old places available from September 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.

### **After School Club**

We have places available in our After School Club. Our prices are still very competitive compared to other schools & in addition our Breakfast Club remains a free facility. The First Hour is £6 & the full session is £12. We also have a new booking system on School Spider which allows parents to book and pay for sessions in advance.

### **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

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**Headteacher**



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