

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Section 48 Inspection

As you know we recently had our Section 48 RE Inspection by Liverpool Archdiocese. At this stage we are still awaiting the final report however when it is published we will then share it with everyone. While I can't say much at this stage, what I can say is that all the inspectors were very complimentary about the children. I would also like to thank you for your very positive comments about the school and this too was something commented on by the inspectors.

## Equality & Diversity Concert

Our Year 3 children took part in a concert at Pontins, Ainsdale last night. The concert comprised of all the Crosby Primary and High schools and was focused on celebrating the different talents of all our young people across the area. Our Year 3 children performed a violin piece which they have been learning in school and were absolutely fantastic with the whole evening being a really enjoyable occasion. Thanks must also go to the staff in Year 3 and our Music Teacher, Mr Naylor, for preparing them for the concert.

## Bill Esterson MP

Our local MP, Bill Esterson, is coming into school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February to talk to the children about his role and the things he does. He will also be undertaking a Q&A session with our newly elected school council members.

## BullyBusters

Our BullyBuster Champions will receive their final day of training after the half-term. The children who volunteer for these roles do a tremendous job supporting their peers on the yard.

## Job Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies. One in our Nursery for a Teaching Assistant Level 3 & one for an After School Club Supervisor. For more information please go to the Sefton Council Jobs page <https://ats-seftonschools.jgp.co.uk/vacancies>

## New Library Grand Opening

Our new Library will be officially opened on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March by the famous author Frank Cottrell-Boyce. We are very lucky to have secured Mr Boyce as he is very busy & we are looking forward to welcoming to our school.

## 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 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 (except Nursery who started at 8.45am) in main school including Reception class. 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	96.4	Y5	95.4
Y1	91.5	Y6	96
Y2	94.9	All school	93.9
Y3	95.8		



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### **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 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.

### **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.

### **Dogs**

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

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### **After School Club**

There are places available most days at After School Club so 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 £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.

### **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.

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### **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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