

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

See below the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96%. Well done to our Reception class who got 96% attendance this week. Any child who has below 90% attendance is classed as being a 'persistent absentee' & school have to work closely with parents to ensure that improvements are seen. A reminder that Holiday requests need to be applied for in advance & can only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances. A fine will be issued of £60 per child for general family holidays in term time. Please see our Attendance Policy on the school website for more information. If your child's attendance letters, last year, stated that absence would be unauthorised without medical evidence then this will continue for this academic year. Attendance Support Plans issued will be reviewed & will continue into this academic year. 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. Last time for food is 8.25am.

Rec	96.2%	Y1	93.6%	Y2	95%	Y3	95.2%	Y4	90.7%	Y5	88%	Y6	91.7%	All school	92.8%
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## Anti-Bullying Week

The week is national anti-bullying week with the theme being: Make A Noise About Bullying. Through assemblies and our PSHE lessons we have been talking about the theme and what it means for everyone in our school.

## Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Children In Need fundraising. The children all looked fantastic with their "spots" and imaginative clothing. Once we know the final amount raised we will share this with everyone.

## Sports News

Congratulations to our girls football team who played Valewood Primary School last Thursday and won 4 – 0. The girls have started their league campaign magnificently and remain undefeated.

## Weather Station

We have recently installed a weather station by Halle's Garden on the school field. As part of the Geography and Science Curriculums a number of year groups look at weather so hopefully this will prove an invaluable resource in supporting their learning. We were very fortunate to receive funding from Castle Green, the house builders, to buy the station which we really appreciate. We will be having Weather Watchers across the school whose responsibility will be to monitor and record the weather on a daily basis.

## Active Sefton

We have arranged for Active Sefton to come into school over the next two weeks to deliver Healthy Eating Workshops for our children in Reception, Class 1 and Class 2.

## Multi-Skills Competition

Children from Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in Multi-Skills Sports Competitions at Chesterfield High School over the next two Fridays. They promise to be really enjoyable afternoons. The class teachers will be sending home letters for those children who have been chosen to attend.



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### **Extra-Curricular Provision**

We have been reviewing our extra-curricular provision and I'm pleased to say that we will be offering a number of new clubs over the next few months. An Art/Craft Club for Y3 children will be starting next Wednesday while a Cross-Country Club will be on Tuesdays for Y4/5 & 6. Letters have already been sent out to parents of children in those year groups as places are limited. Future clubs which will be launched soon include another Arts/Crafts Club, a High Fives/Netball Club and a Dance Club.

### **Christmas Celebrations**

Please see below dates for the different Christmas Celebrations which will be taking place in December. Additional information regarding tickets etc will be sent out shortly.

Nursery Christmas Extravaganza – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.15 am and 2.15 pm

Infant/Reception Christmas Celebration – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10 am and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am

Junior Christmas Celebration – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 10 am and 2.00 pm

### **School Website**

Our new school website is really taking shape so please have a look and see what's been going on in and around school.

### **School Spider – online payments**

We now have a new online payment system called School Spider. Details of how to download the app have been sent out. We no longer have Pay360/Simspay so please delete this app. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app in advance. Bookings cannot be made on the day.

### **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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### **Reception Applications**

A reminder to all parents/carers of children in Nursery (3/4 year olds) that you will need to go online at Sefton's website to fill in the application for Reception. I would advise that you put three schools down as per the guidance otherwise if you don't get your first choice you may be allocated a school which doesn't match your preferences. In addition please be mindful of entry requirements i.e baptised catholic etc. The closing date for Reception is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### **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.

### **Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches**

As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternative snack/lunch options for your children.

### **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**

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.

### **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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