

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to everyone. Please see the information below regarding forthcoming events and news about the school. In addition to this, we have also updated some sections on our school website so please refer to this, which will keep you informed about events across the school.

## **School Library**

Thank you for all your help with our fundraising efforts over the last few months. I am pleased to say that we have now submitted our book order which will ensure that our new facility will be fully stocked and ready for all the children to access over the next few weeks.

## **BullyBusters**

BullyBusters are coming into school on Monday morning to speak to the children. In addition they will also be training up some of our junior children to be BullyBuster Champions; their role being to provide support to their peers at break and lunchtimes.

## **MyBnk**

An organisation called MyBnk have started working with children in year 4 and 5 on a three week project. The programme teaches children about personal finances i.e. pocket money and looks at three different areas: My Money, My Choices, My Future.

## **Holocaust Memorial Day**

Year 6 with visiting the Plaza Cinema on Tuesday morning, 24<sup>th</sup> January to watch a film entitled the Island on Bird Street. The film is about the survival of an 11-year-old boy in Poland. All Crosby primary schools have been invited to attend the event, which is free of charge.

## **Chess**

Children in years 4/5 and 6 have restarted their Chess sessions following the Christmas break. The children thoroughly enjoy the sessions and we have found that these have had a considerable impact in developing their concentration and problem solving skills. At the end of the year there is also a Merseyside Chess Tournament at St Georges Hall so we hope to be able to enter some children into that competition.

## **St William of York Church – Mass**

Fr Harrington has been in touch to say that he will be restarting his Friday morning 10 a.m. mass. Therefore, classes across the school will be taking turns throughout the term to attend.

## **First Holy Communion/Reconciliation**

Following the success of last year's celebration Fr Harrington has asked if the school could again lead on the Sacraments this year. Therefore letters will be going out over the next few weeks to families of children in Year 4 regarding the programme and participation in it.

## **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

## **Sefton Mental Health Schools Team – Parents Programme**

Just a quick update to say that the programme starts this Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January from 9 till 10 a.m. If you would like to sign up or find out further information then please speak to our Pastoral Care Lead, Mrs Williams.



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## 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.

<b>Rec</b>	<b>92.4</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>97.3</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>96.9</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>98.3</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>93.1</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>95.5</b>
<b>All school</b>	<b>94.7</b>

## 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.

## 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

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## Nursery Hours

There is an opportunity to purchase some extra sessions in Nursery from September. Breakfast club is from 7.45am & costs £5 per day or £20 per week. Extra three-hour sessions (8.45-11.45am or 12.15-3.15pm) cost £15.00. Payment must be paid in advance and it is subject to availability. If you would like further information regarding these two options, then please speak to Mrs Bryning in the Nursery or Mrs Middlehurst at the School Office. We will continue to review this facility on a half termly basis. Please be aware that we may need to withdraw the offering if it is not cost effective.

## 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

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.



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## 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.

## 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.

Kind regards

**Mr M.Murphy**  
Headteacher



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