

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this half term. Just a reminder that we finish today for the May half term break and return to school on Tuesday 4th June.

Gold School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for sport in schools. This is a tremendous achievement and is testament to all the hard work and dedication of the all the staff, but particularly Mr Davies who is in charge of PE across the school.

Quidditch Day

Following the success of the Harry Potter Novels Quidditch has become a popular game to be played, particularly across primary schools. As a result we have organised a Quidditch Day, Thursday 6th June, when children in all years will be learning how to play the game and will also take part in a number of mini-tournaments. Children should all come into school in their school PE Kits that day.

High Fives/Netball

Well done to all our children who played against St Nicholas's on Monday after school. Although they didn't win it's been great to see how their skills have progressed over the weeks. Their next match is against St Johns away after the half term. Mrs. Hunter will send out letters when we return.

PE Kits

As you know when it's your child/s PE day they are allowed to come into school in their PE Kit. In the winter this will tend to be either the school white t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt with black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings. In the summer months children can then wear the school purple shorts with the t-shirts. Unfortunately we have started to notice a number of children just wearing their own sports clothing which isn't allowed. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate wear on their particular PE day. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Football News

Our Year 2 team played at Finch Farm (Everton's Training Centre), last week in the Merseyside Finals. It was a great experience for everyone involved. Although we didn't come back with any silverware, this time, the team have done fantastically well to reach the finals. Well done to all those children who played.

Attendance

The government have launched a new campaign aimed at improving school attendance, it's called Moments matter, attendance counts. Posters and adverts are being circulated on social media, the news and in the press. Below are the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96%. Well done to Year 2 & Year 4 who had over 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. Attendance Support Plans issued will be reviewed & will continue into this academic year. We will also 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



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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	92.9%	Y1	92.7%	Y2	96.6%	Y3	95.3%	Y4	96.7%	Y5	92.5%	Y6	87.1%	All school	93.4%
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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.

Book Swap

A reminder we 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.

Pre-loved Uniform

Just a reminder that 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. 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.

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 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.

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

Mr. M. Murphy Headteacher



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