

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to all those children who made their First Holy Communion this week. There was a whole school mass in church while a celebration was held that afternoon. Thanks must go to all the staff but particularly Fr Harrington and Mrs Murray who have been working with the children and their parents in preparation for receiving the sacrament.

Year 3 – Miss Convery

Today will be Miss Convery's last day before she goes off on maternity leave. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Miss Convery and her family all the very best for their impending arrival!!! Moving forward then, we will be having two part time teachers in Year 3. Miss McNamara will be joining us while we will be welcoming back Mrs Hall from her maternity leave and she will be the other teacher in Year 3.

Quidditch Day

All the children from Reception right up to Year 6 had a fantastic time last week as we held a Quidditch Day. It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion with the children taking part and representing their houses in games of Quidditch. (Photos of the day are on the school website)

Football News

Well done to all those children who have represented the school football teams this year. The final league standings have now been released and both the boys and girls teams came runners up in their respective leagues. In addition we wish our Year 4 team Good Luck when they go to Everton's Training Centre at Finch Farm to take part in the rearranged Merseyside Finals on Thursday 20th June.

Sports Day

Sports day this year will be on Wednesday 26th June (weather permitting). Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be at 10am and Year 3 to 6 will be on the same day at 1.45 pm. Programmes will be sent out nearer the time via our School Spider app.

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. Therefore please could you ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate wear on their particular PE day. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

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. You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.

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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 5 who had 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 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	93.6%	Y1	91.7%	Y2	90.3%	Y3	93.4%	Y4	95.3%	Y5	96%	Y6	90%	All school	93%
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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.

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.

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



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Kind regards

Mr. M. Murphy
Headteacher



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