

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the beginning of another school year, I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. I would like to extend a very special welcome to all those new children and their parents who have started at our school, you are most welcome and I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. The children look fantastic in their new school uniforms and I thank you all for your support with this. The beginning of the school year is always quite hectic so along with the fortnightly newsletter please refer also to the school website, twitter feed & School Spider app regarding up and coming events.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mrs Morgan, she will be working in Year 1 alongside Miss Whyte and Mrs Boardman.

Chess

You may have seen on our twitter feed that we have received final confirmation of our Chess Award from the Chess Trust. We are one of only four schools across the country to have been nominated to receive the award which is a tremendous achievement. Chess sessions for children in Years 4/5 and 6 will begin in a couple of weeks' time, these will take place every Thursday morning.

Year 6 Holy Family High School Visit

Our Year 6 children will be visiting Holy Family High School for a full day next Friday, 13th September. Further details regarding the day will be shared with those parent/carers by School Spider.

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.

Swimming

Our year 5 children will start their swimming lessons next Wednesday afternoon, 11th September, and will continue with these right up until Christmas. Year 4 will have their lessons in January and right the way up to the Easter break and Year 3's will be the whole of the summer term.

High School Applications

A reminder to all parents/carers of children in Year 6 that you will need to go online at Sefton's website to fill in the application for High School. 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.

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.

Attendance

The government have introduced new procedures for attendance from September including increased costs for Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence. Further information will be sent out shortly.



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Holiday Requests

All requests for absence must be made in writing in advance. We have forms available at the school office.

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.

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.

Pre-loved Uniform

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. 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.

Dogs

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

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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