

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Parents Class Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along this week to the parents welcome meetings with your new class teacher. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we really do feel that it plays an important part in supporting your child with their transition from their previous year groups as well as preparing them for the new school year.

## Football News

Well done to all those children who played in the Y5 tournament at Chesterfield High School this afternoon. All the children played really well and even though we didn't come home with any silverware they all played magnificently and were a credit to the school. Our Y6 team will be playing in a tournament next Friday at Chesterfield while the new round of league fixture for the school team and the girl's team will start soon.

## Y6 Mental Health and Well-Being Workshop

Our Year 6 children had a Mental Health and Well-being Workshop with KOOTH on Wednesday. All the children found the workshop really engaging and very informative.

## Dogs Trust Workshops

Having previously come into school last year to talk to the children about dog safety outside of the home the Dogs Trust came in this week to deliver individual class workshops about being safe around dogs within the home. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.

## Online Safety Session for Parents

Knowsley City Learning Centre are doing a virtual session for parents on Online Safety and how to keep your children safe online. The session is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 4 – 4.45 pm. *(The link for the training is on the school website under Parents – Letters/Updates)*

## Year 6 Holy Family High School Visit

Our Year 6 children spent the day at Holy Family High School last Friday and had a really enjoyable time. I received a call from the Deputy Head there to commend the children on their excellent behaviour throughout the day. Well done Year 6!

## New School Telephone System

As you know we have had a new telephone system installed in school over the last month and there have been some teething problems. However hopefully now these have all been rectified and I would like to thank you for your patience. The new system has enhanced features as well as being able to record calls.

## Friday Morning Mass

Year 6 attended 10 am Mass at St William of York today. Next week it will be Year 4.

## 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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### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **School Spider – All communications & online payments**

Our school communication system is 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.

### **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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