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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

2nd Week of Advent

The second purple candle represents faith and is called 'Bethlehem's Candle'. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. John the Baptist calls all sinners forward for baptism and the start of a new life, 'A shout goes up in the desert: 'as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. But along with the call to repent and begin again was another message, the message of advent: someone else is coming who is much greater than John. There is a key word in the gospel reading that is strongly associated with John the Baptist, it is 'repent'. The 'pent' part of the word means 'think' (in English we use pensive to mean thoughtful and 'repent' means 'to re-think', to think again. John the Baptist called people to think again. Think again about how you are living your lives and also to think about 'the One who is to come', the Messiah, who will baptise you with the Spirit of God. So, as we journey through the season of Advent, let us reflect on John the Baptist as he points us to Christ and re-think our faith. Let us take the opportunity to turn back to God with renewed love and determination to follow the teachings of Jesus. Advent is a time for reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to receive God's love and forgiveness. **We pray: O, my God because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and with the help of your grace, I will not sin again. Amen.** During Advent we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the first coming of Jesus into our world, by making an extra effort to live out those core virtues of our school: Love, Kindness & Respect and help those most in need.

Please see the wonderful work our pupils have produced, helping us to think about 'Journeying closer to God', as we focus on real meaning of Christmas, the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, into our world. Once again, I say a huge thank you, to all the staff for displaying the pupils' work to such a high standard.



On Wednesday the children decorated the school's tree with their baubles from home. This is certainly helping us focus on Christ, the Light of the World; guiding us and showing us His way. Thank you for donating or lending us your beautiful decorations to brighten our school hall!



Advent Fundraising for Martin House Children's Hospice



Each class will lead all our pupils to participate in our Advent Fundraising Events, which will take place week beginning 6th Dec.



The staff have also donated a range of festive items to make 2 Festive Hampers to raffle! Thank you.

8th and 10th Dec. Each class will have an opportunity to take part during every afternoon and also at home time.



Holly Class – Each break time

Monday, 6th December - the children will bake brownies to sell Tuesday, 7th 50p each

Tuesday, 7th December - the children will bake rock cakes, to sell Wednesday, 8th December - 50p each

Wednesday, 8th December - the children will bake fairy cakes, to sell Thursday, 9th December - 50p each

Thursday, 9th December - the children will bake muffins, to sell Friday, 10th December - 50p each

Thank you for your generosity to help us support Martin House Hospice! All contributions will be gratefully received.



Help us to make a POSITIVE DIFFERENCE to a child and their family today.

Open Days' for New Reception Pupils September 2022



If your child is turning 4 years old before September 2022. Please come to our open day on Saturday 11th December at 11-12pm or Wednesday 15th December at 10-11am to have a look around Ash class and see some of the wonderful things the children learn at St William's.

Please share this with family and friends!

We are very proud of our Mini Vinnies (and all our generous pupils) who have helped the children in their classes to plan the different fundraising events to support this important charity. They teach us that our FAITH must be put into ACTION!

Ash Class

Decorating biscuits to sell Friday 10 December for 20p each.

Oak Class

Guess how many sweets are in the jar? 20p a guess and this will take place on Friday 10 December.

Beech Class

Guess the name of Santa's elf, a soft toy elf is the prize! 50p a guess. Each class will have an opportunity to take part during every afternoon and also at home time.

Lime Class

How many sweets are in the jar? 20p a guess on and Find the hidden treasure? 20p a guess, taking place on

Free Online Safety Guide

What parents and carers need to know about age-inappropriate content

According to research carried out by the British Board of Film Classification, last year 60% of children had to talk to their parents after viewing something online that had left them feeling uncomfortable, scared or confused. One in seven (13%) teens said that watching content online that they later wish they hadn't seen is a daily occurrence.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, more than half of the content reported by children featured either violence, hate speech or explicit sexual material. Social media often acts as a gateway to this material: trending topics tend to be seen whether they were searched for or not. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide examines this and other sources of inappropriate online content.

Read on to access your free guide and catch up on the latest online safety news ...

Please make sure you know what your child is viewing and who they are engaging with online. Keep them safe by monitoring what they use and anything they upload to share with others. Log on and use the parents' platform, National Online Safety.



Winter Weather & School Closure

We have a text messaging system in school as well as Class Dojo which we use to contact you with any important messages. This will include any school closures due to bad weather conditions. You can also hear the school closures on Pulse Radio or by visiting Bradford Schools Online (emergency school closures).

Always assume we are open unless you receive a text or class dojo message saying the school is closed.

New variant of Covid-19 – please see Miss Parker's Class Dojo video message Tuesday, 30th November 2021 for the latest details in response to Boris Johnson's announcement last Saturday, 27th November 2021. Covid-19 Risk Assessment -Please look on the school website for the current risk assessment.

Warning: No Holidays in Term Time

Please book holidays for when school is closed. We do not authorise any holidays in term time **and fines will be issued for taking your child/children out of school during term time. Please be mindful of the travel restrictions in place and the need to self-isolate after visiting certain countries.**

Attendance and Punctuality is a HUGE part of Keeping Children Safe

Staff in school have a **legal duty of care** for all pupils in school and **it is the law that children attend school every day.** Parents/carers must contact school on the 1st day of their child's absence by either telephoning 01274 545743 or by text message on 07624806369. We expect pupils **to arrive on time, ready for learning.** Punctuality is an essential life skill needed for the world of work. **Please understand that there is a child-care fee of £1, per child, for every 5 minutes pupils are collected late at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support to be on time.**

Attendance & Punctuality

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!

This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through lateness	Number of pupils on time
Ash	91.8%	4	1hr 55m	24
Oak	95.1%	4	1hr 15m	24
Beech	85.4%	7	3hrs 50m	21
Lime	92.0%	1	25m	24
Holly	95.2%	6	2hrs 30m	25

92% Overall school attendance

93.2% Overall school attendance to date

Congratulations...Bravo...Well done!!!



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:
Kuba, Iyaan, Sophia, Karolina, Cassidy, Sofia, Ahmad, Fabian, Caleb and Hassan.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Pola, Daniel, Diego, Zoe, Nicola, Oliwia, Klaudia, Sofia, Abu'hurairah and Jaden

Virtue Certificates this week:

Juraj – Faith, Ramina – Love, Sofia – Love, Adela – Simplicity and Samica - Love

Golden Table Monday:

Iyaan, Karolina, Amaya, Sofia and Caleb

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Alexus-Marie, Muhammad, Sofia, Riley, Jozsef, Cassidy, Fabian, Adela, Jaden and Kevins.

Congratulation to Elise

Elise has recently achieved very high marks in her dance exams and received a trophy under the category 'best in grade'. Well done Elise, this is a great achievement and shows your dedication, keep going!

Dates for your diary:

06/12	Festive Hamper Raffle Tickets £1 per strip, go on sale today.
07/12	Lime Class - Homework Project due in
07/12	Class Mass in the school chapel 10am Lime Class
10/12	Holly Class – Homework Project due in
10/12	Ash/Oak Fluoride Varnish Applied
11/12	Reception 2022 Open Day 11.00 – 12.00 pm
13/12	Oak Class Homework Project due in
14/12	Ash/Oak Christmas Nativity 1.45 pm T.B.C.
14/12	Class Mass in the school chapel 10am Beech Class
15/12	Beech Lime and Holly readings/Carols 1.45 pm at Church T.B.C.
15/12	Reception 2022 Open Day 10.00 – 11.00 am
W/C 13/12	Festive Fun Week
15/12	Beech Class - Homework Project due in
16/12	Christmas School Dinner (£1.90)
16/12	Christmas Jumper Day 50p Per Child or £1 per family – for Martin House Children's Hospice
17/12	School Closes for Christmas and re-opens Tuesday 4 January 2022

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 16 December 2021

50p per child or £1 per family

Wear your Christmas Jumper to school.



(May also wear non-uniform
Trousers or skirts)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 16 December 2021



£1.90

Pay at School Office or by
Parent Pay

Monday

Music Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in
Oak Class

Arts & Craft Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Pine Class

Tuesday

Minecraft Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in
Lime Class

Movie Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Ash
Class

Thursday

Team Games 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Outside/Hall

Homework Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in
Lime Class

Friday

Choir Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in the
Hall



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
happy birthday dear

Frantiska and Hassan

happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

Have a lovely weekend and see you
all Monday 6 December, at 8.45am



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