



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

The Season of Advent

During the fourth week of Advent we focus on Mary's open heart as she prepares to receive the gift of Emmanuel, 'God is with us'. The fourth candle represents love and the presence of the Saviour. God sent Jesus into the world because of his great love for us! 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him' (Jn 3:16-17). If you want to know how to love, look at the love that sent Jesus to earth to live a life of love and pay the price for all our sins. It is all about love. This is a love that says, 'I am willing to love you no matter what'. As we approach the end of Advent let us try to love others the same way Jesus Christ loves you.

The central white candle, 'Christ Candle' is lit to mark the arrival of Christmastide, on Christmas day and represents the life of Christ.

Let us all pray: Lord, help us not to dampen the joy of others. Remind us this week to rejoice always and to pray for those in need of our shining light of trust and love. Amen.

Homework Projects

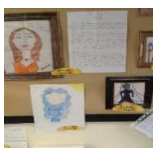
There have been some truly remarkable projects completed this term **WELL DONE** everyone!



OAK – As part of their Geography work the children had to draw a map of their journey from home to school.



BEECH – As part of their Geography, the children completed their own research on chosen capital cities.



LIME – In Lime class we researched Greek Gods and designed our own God. As part of RE we retold the story of Noah.



HOLLY – Created their own royal artefacts as part of their History topic on Monarchs. They created a range of castles, crowns and jewellery.

Festive Week.....

Festive week began on Monday with the whole school watching the pantomime, Cinderella.



Tuesday was our Nativity for Ash and Oak Class and on Wednesday, Beech, Lime and Holly classes led the whole school in a reflective Advent Liturgy. Well done everyone, your performances were spectacular and can be found on the school website/Class Dojo.



Christingle Making



Den Building



Christmas Lunch/ Jumper Day

A huge thank you to Emma & the team in the kitchen for providing a wonderful Christmas lunch for us all on Thursday, well done!!!



The winner of guess how many sweets in the jar - Adam from Holly Class. There were 79, and the winner of the find the treasure was Vania from Beech class.



Christmas Hamper Raffle



Was drawn in the assembly this morning, congratulations to our winners Moyin and Eleanor. Merry Christmas and enjoy!

Thank you for your generosity to help us support Martin House Hospice! All contributions have been gratefully received. We will update you in the next newsletter with the amount you have raised for this wonderful charity.

Keeping children safe online



Free Online Safety Guide

Make the Most of the Online World this Christmas

It's an inconvenient truth of modern life that it can often be problematic persuading younger family members to put away their phone or switch off their games console in favour of some shared activity. Adults can feel this especially acutely at Christmas: ostensibly a time of togetherness but all too often a losing battle against the likes of *Call of Duty*, TikTok or YouTube.

Christmas is a time of miracles, however. There are ways to incorporate children's beloved devices into the festivities, so grown-ups still get to enjoy some quality family moments and young ones don't start to feel short-changed in terms of screen time. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has our collection of top tips for making the most of the online world this Christmas.

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



Do you know who your child is talking to online? useful websites for further information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk> ,
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> ,
<https://childnet.com> ,
<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Local Food Banks:
Horton Bank Top Community Foodbank
556 Great Horton Road, BD7 4AE
Open During School Holidays
Tel: 01773 781 050

St. James Church
300 Thornton Road, Thornton BD13 3AD
Telephone: 01274 630 133 or
email: ash@stjamesleeds.org

Drug and Alcohol problems:
Bridge ONE80
work with 12-21 year olds who are struggling with drug or alcohol issues.
They will see the young person at school or a local venue. Call 01274 745636. The young person, parent or a professional can call to make a referral.
New Directions
free and confidential drug and alcohol recovery service for adults 18 years and over (including offenders), families and concerned others in Bradford.
Website: <http://www.newdirectionsbradford.org.uk>
Telephone: 01274 296023
Email: Bradford.info@njd.org.uk

Bradford Community Drug and Alcohol Service (BCDAS)
they treat adults over 18 years living in Bradford with dual diagnosis and complex alcohol issues.
Contact Fresh Start Arndale, who are based at Salem Street, Bradford - 01274 758023.
Web: www.bcdas.org.uk

Bradford West Guide
to support families during Xmas holidays
<https://www.facebook.com/BradfordWestFamilyHub/>

Bradford Family Hub
Providing early help for families

West Local Community Centres:
Lower Grange Community Centre & Lower Grange Community Association
19 Chaffinch Rd, Bradford BD9 0RF
Telephone: 01274 3528
Web: <https://lowergrange.org.uk/>
• Education and skills programmes, Youth provision programmes, Community engagement programmes.
• Pop up Play Days, Children & Young people's sub group, Lower Grange Play Group, Lantini & Community Fun Day, Holiday Play & Activity Schemes, Family Day Trips, Activities & Keep Fit Sessions, ESO.

Cafe West Healthy Living Centre
is a vibrant inclusive Living Centre situated in the heart of Allerton and Lower Grange. It focuses on promoting health and wellbeing in a warm and friendly environment. Its key aim is to reduce health inequalities through the provision of a range of activities, projects and one to one support for all their residents.
<http://www.cafewest.org.uk/>
Website: <http://www.cafewest.org.uk/>

Cafe West Healthy Living Centre
Allerton, Bradford, BD15 7PA
01274 480 499
info@cafewest.org.uk

Manningham Project
Four local Advice Centres
Kirk House
263 Lumb Lane, Bradford
BD9 7SC
Tel: 01274 544687
Advice areas:
Benefits, employment, housing, immigration, utilities

Benefits Calculator Work out your entitlement to benefits.
<https://benefits-calculator.humax.org.uk/about/now>

Jobseekers Allowance
Information on eligibility and how to claim an online claim form.
www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance/how-to-claim

Income support
Information on eligibility and how to claim.
www.gov.uk/income-support/how-to-claim

Mental Health & Wellbeing:
My Wellbeing College has a number of tools and resources to help you through life's ups and downs. They offer guidance on things such as low mood, anxiety, sleep problems or stress. This is done through a wide range of learning opportunities including online courses from the comfort of your own home, group courses, phone advice and one-to-one talking therapist.
For further information, phone: 0300 555 5551 or visit www.themix.org.uk

Test THE MIX to 85268
Phone 0800 888 884 (11am-11pm, free to call)
Website: www.themix.org.uk/get-support

VICTIM SUPPORT
An independent charity, which offers online chat and phone advice for people affected by crime or traumatic events.
<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk>
If you are not in crisis but would like to talk to a friendly, mental health professional, call Mind Free on 08001 884 884. Lines are open midday-midnight every day.

Resources, guidance and support for people living with domestic abuse through the coronavirus pandemic.
<https://bradford.gov.uk/news/news-domestic-abuse-and-coronavirus>

Every family is different. And no matter who's in your family, things can be tough sometimes. You might worry about:
• arguments, being shouted at, or having different opinions or beliefs
• divorce and separation
• money problems or having to move
• alcohol problems
• being hurt or abused
Whatever's happening at home, Childline can help you through it.
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info/advice/>

Bright Key is a free to download mobile app providing support and information for anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.
TEXT shout to 85258 or visit www.shoutaboutit.org/

ChildLine
0800 1111 111

Qwell <https://www.qwell.co.uk>

Family Activities:
School's Out! In the Bradford District <https://schoolsoout.bradford.gov.uk/>
• Adventure "Sport Centers" • Swimming "Libraries" • Museums & Galleries • Play • Theatres

- hydrogen fluoride (HF);
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs);
- the following trace metals:
- cadmium (Cd);
- thallium (Tl);
- mercury (Hg);
- antimony (Sb);
- arsenic (As);
- lead (Pb);
- chromium (Cr);
- copper (Cu);
- manganese (Mn);
- nickel (Ni); and
- vanadium (V).

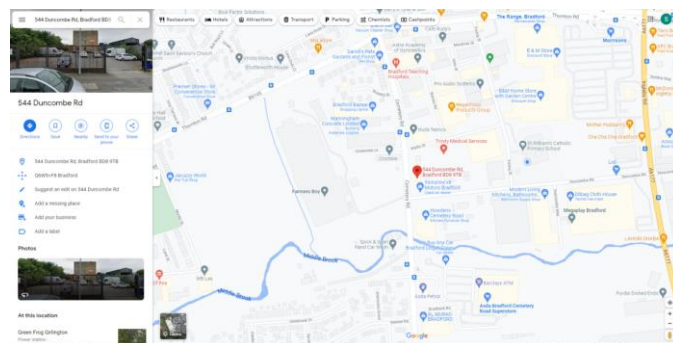
I strongly object to this appeal process because of the short timescale, all objections must be placed by 10th January 2022 and over the Christmas holidays which is not sufficient time for the process of appeal.

I need your support to place your objections against this project and you can do this by directly emailing stephen.waterfield@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

I have emailed Naz Shah, MP for Bradford West asking for her support. We need to all act together for a safe environment for our children and our school family.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Parker
Headteacher



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.**

Covid-19

Please see www.gov.co.uk for travel information in around our country and abroad.

Application for an Environmental Permit under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016. Please email your objection to the proposed incinerator before 10th Jan 2022 to protect our pupils' health and wellbeing!

16th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: planned incinerator project 544 Duncombe Road

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/environmental-health-and-pollution/pollution/duncombe-road-bradford-installation-of-small-waste-incineration-plant/>

Bradford Council refused to approve this permit application and The End Journey Ltd have appealed this decision by submitting an appeal to the Secretary of State. This project would mean that harmful toxins would be burned into the air that we all breathe for 12-14 hours 5 days a week. This will negatively impact on the health and wellbeing of our young children, staff, parents and local community.

For example:

- nitrogen dioxide (NO₂);
- sulphur dioxide (SO₂);
- total dust, which includes fine airborne particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5});
- carbon monoxide (CO);
- hydrogen chloride (HCl);

If there are any health issues for members of your household relating to Covid-19, during the holiday period, please make school aware by emailing: constantcontact@stwilliams.bradford.sch.uk Covid-19 Risk Assessment - Please look on the school website for the current website; this will be renewed closer to re-opening at the end of December, in advance of the 4th January 2022.

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	90.0%	7	3hrs 35m	21
Oak	98.2%	3	15m	25
Beech	95.7%	8	3hrs 50m	20
Lime	93.6%	3	20m	22
Holly	98.7%	1	5m	30

95.4% Overall school attendance

93.3% Overall school attendance to date

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



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners: Fariya, Jibrael, Oskar, Darina, Nicola, Mia, Julie, Emilia, Sofia and Jacqueline.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Fariya, Jibrael, Ralfs, Monika, Lola-Mae, Sofia, Ayra, Win, Davie and Caleb.

Virtue Certificates this week:

Muhammad – Love, Darina – Love, Sofia – Love, Muntaha – Simplicity, Caleb – Faith.

100% Attendance Full Autumn Term

06/09/21 – 17/12/21.

Marcella, Abubakar, Connor, Lochlan Abby, Jeremiah, Vivienne, Oskar, Zoe, Rumaisah, Oliver, Vania, Sofia AR, Amanda, Zion, Kathrine, Ranaya, Iylah, Klaudia, Fatima, Saif, Patryk, Arsenijs, Zain, Eleanor, Leodette, Julia, Kevins, Jaden

100% Attendance during Autumn Term 2

02/11/21 – 17/12/21.

Amaan, Riley, Anna, Dennis, Cassidy, Keyaan, Oliwia, Amaya, Muntaha, Ali, Julie, Kevin, Harvey, Nina, Colin, Shanel

Homework Project Certificates this week:

The following children have completed their homework project – well done and keep up the good work!

Alan, Eesah, Pawel, Kacper, Abby, Hakeem, Amelia, Darina, Riley, Vivienne, Karolina, Ralfs, Jeremiah, Oskar, Dennis, Rumaisah, Mia, Sofia, Suzanna, Amanda, Ranaya, Oliwia, Zion, Vania, Muntaha, Fabian, Raksana, Ingrid, Ahmad, Klaudia, Ayra, Emilia, Hashim, Julie, Faiza, Ruby, Umayma, Sofia, Ali, Jaden, Nina, Rayhan, Samica, Colin, Patryk, Nikola, Julia, Eleanor, Shanel, Tiana-Marie, Fatima and Zain.

Dates for your diary:

04/01/22	School re-opens Tuesday 4 January 2022
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Breakfast Club opens every day at 8am,

50p per child per day.

A lovely way to start the day!

Please arrive before 8.30am

P.E. Lessons

Oak Class – Monday's and Friday's

Beech Class – Tuesday's and Thursday's

Lime Class – Thursday's

Holly Class – Friday's Swimming

After School Clubs

Monday **Music Club - STARTS MONDAY**
10.01.22
Arts & Craft Club - STARTS MONDAY
10.01.22

Tuesday **Minecraft Club - STARTS TUESDAY**
11.01.22

Thursday **Board Games 3.15pm – 4.00pm**
in Holly Class STARTS THURSDAY
06.01.22
Homework Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in
Lime Class STARTS THURSDAY
06.01.22

Friday **Choir Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in the**
Hall STARTS FRIDAY 07.01.22



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
happy birthday dear
Eva, Karolina, Muhammad, Jacqueline, Brodie and
Nikoletta
happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

SCHOOL DINNER PRICE INCREASE
From 1 January 2022

£1.95 Per Day

£9.75 Per Week

School Dates 2021-2022

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Key
Bank Holiday
Occasional Day
Training Day
Statutory

Thank you! I and all the staff
appreciate your cards and gifts, you
are very generous and it is
kind of you.

Have a lovely Christmas Break and
see you all Tuesday 4 January 2022,
at 8.45am



Christmas Masses 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass St Matthews 4pm (Carol Service 3.30pm)
Vigil Mass St Williams 8pm (Carol Service 7.30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am St Matthews 11am St Williams

Note there will be **no Saturday Vigil Masses** on the evening of **Christmas Day**.

There will be no Weekday Masses from Monday 27th December to Friday 31st December.

NEW YEARS DAY 1 January 2022

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass 12.00 Noon St Williams

Vigil Masses for 2nd Sunday of Christmas will be 4pm at St Matthews and 6pm at Williams.

As previously noted there are no weekday Masses between Monday 27th and Friday 31st

HOW TO CONTACT US



<https://twitter.com/SWCPSBradford>
@SWCPSBradford



| facebook.com/st.williams.catholic.primary.school



Use **class dojo** to send home learning work back to your child's class teacher to be checked.

office@wil.bcwcat.co.uk

constantcontact@stwilliams.bradford.sch.uk

01274 545743