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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

2nd February The Presentation of the Lord

'My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see: a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'. (Lk 2:30-32).

This special Feast Day closes the Christmas festival of light, when candles are traditionally blessed and used to remind us to welcome Christ, the Light of the World. Welcoming a new-born child into God's family is always a joyous occasion that calls for great celebration. When Mary & Joseph went to the Temple to present Jesus to the Lord, their arrival was greeted with more joy and excitement than they could possibly have imagined! Simeon and Anna were waiting to see the Saviour God had promised to send to his people. When Mary and Joseph appeared with Jesus, the Holy Spirit allowed Simeon and Anna to recognise that he was the Son of God. Although Mary had said 'Yes' to God's plan of salvation and willingly agreed to become the Mother of God, that did not mean she understood what God's plan was. May, Mary's example of trust in God, be a source of strength to us all. The Holy Spirit lives in each one of us and can guide and direct us (just as he did in Simeon and Anna) to proclaim Christ's presence in the world today. By 'living the Word' people will know that Christ is present here and now, not because of what we say but because of what we do.

Lord, help us to live the Word of God in all we do today. Amen.

UPDATE to Year Groups - Sacramental Preparation 2022

For applications for any of the programmes please collect from Mrs Gadd in the School Office or from St. William's presbytery (for baptised Catholic children).

Pupils in Y3 - Reconciliation

Pupils in Y4 - 1st Holy Communion (for those who have already completed the Reconciliation programme)

Pupils in Y6 (+10yrs) – Confirmation (for those who have completed Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion programmes)

If you wish to be baptised yourself or you wish to have your child, in school baptised, please contact Fr Michael directly.

Holly Class

We have lots of confident mathematicians in Holly, on Tuesday they looked at multiplying decimals by integers. They then worked together using digit cards and they created a range of different products.



Holly Class have also been reflecting on the importance of the offertory during Mass, they then shared offerings they can make.



Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs are very popular with the children, here are some of the pupils enjoying playing board games with their friends:



We have spaces on the Music Afterschool club, on Monday's at 3.15 – 4.00pm, if you would like to attend during this half term, please speak to Mrs Gadd in the office. (Available for Oak to Holly Classes)



The Sixteen Choir

Visitors from 'The Sixteen Choir' attended Oak and Holly classes singing lessons this week, the children had a great time, showing off their vocal skills they have learned with Mr Lee and the visitors sang to the children as well!



Keeping children safe online



Free Online Safety Guide

What parents and carers need to know about

YouTube

The first YouTube video (of co-founder Jawed Karim at San Diego Zoo, trivia fans) was uploaded in April 2005. Since then, YouTube has grown into an absolute colossus of the online world: 2.3 billion users, watching an average of almost five billion videos between them every day – with 300 hours of footage being uploaded to the platform every minute. Truly astounding figures.

Anywhere that such a mountain of users encounters an ocean of content, however, are the crashing waves of risk. Youngsters discovering the diverse delights of YouTube can be jeopardised by other people's toxicity, unsuitable 'recommended' content and dangerous online challenges. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has everything you need to know about YouTube.

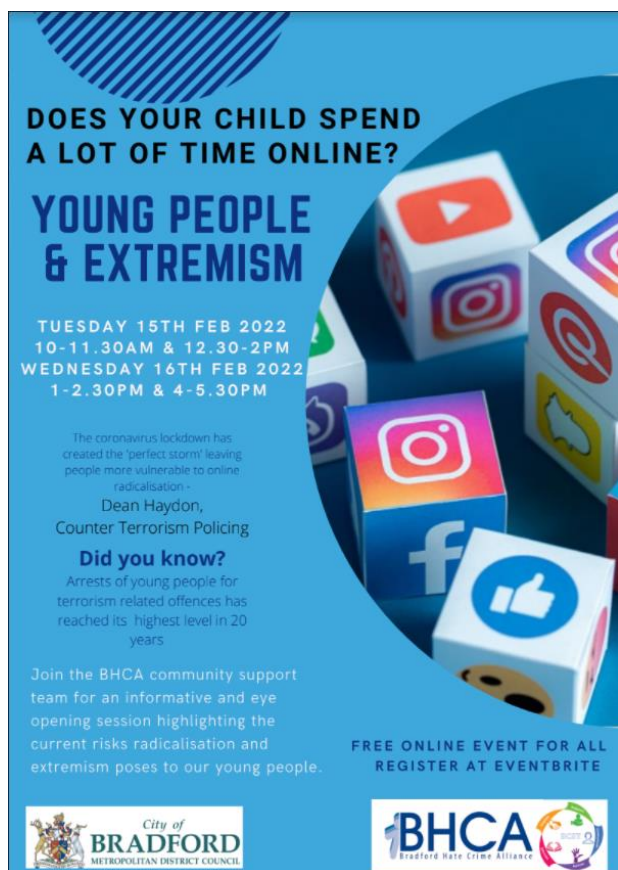
Read on to access your free guide and catch up on the latest online safety news ...



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>



COVID – 19

The Risk Assessment has been updated and is available for you to view on the school website. We must all continue to work together to ensure we keep ourselves safe and that the school can remain open - we do not want to have to close the school to classes!

As a result, only one adult on the school playground at any one time **and I recommend adults wear a face covering as they bring and collect their child(ren), as it is not always possible to maintain safe distances at the bottom gate.** Any adult coming into the school is asked to wear a face covering to see any member of staff.

If you suspect you have Covid-19 or your child is showing symptoms you need to do a Lateral Flow Test as soon as possible and self-isolate. If a child tests positive they must **self-isolate for 5 days and on days 5 and 6 have a Lateral Flow Test (2 negative results mean they can attend school from day 6).** If they do not have a Lateral Flow Test on days 5 & 6, then they must self-isolate for 10 days and return from day 11. Adults and children aged between 5 & 18 years of age that have close contact with someone who tests positive **must take Lateral Flow Test for 7 consecutive days and if they get negative results every day and DO NOT show symptoms of Covid-19 they can attend school.**

Remote Learning will be provided via Class Dojo for those pupils who cannot attend school because they have tested positive for Coronavirus. Please contact school staff if you have any issues, as we want all our pupils, to be able to access the same learning that their

peers are having in class. This will support your child's progress and development. **It is a statutory requirement for schools to provide remote learning and it is in your child's best interests that they are encouraged, by parent(s) to complete this.** I thank you for your continued support with implementing our safety measures and seeing your child completes the learning that is on Class Dojo.

Please see Miss Parker's video dojo message yesterday 27th Jan about the use of face coverings in public places.

Sim Cards

We have 34 Vodafone SIM cards available for FREE, the SIM cards come with 30GB of data for 90 days. The SIM card fits all types of tablets, dongles and Wi-Fi devices, these expire in November 2022. If you would like one, please come to the office and collect them, we are offering these on a first come, first served basis.

We also have 1 4G wireless router available ready for collection.

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.**

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 & 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	87.2%	5	2hrs 34m	23
Oak	88.0%	1	20m	26
Beech	91.8%	4	2hrs 15m	23
Lime	88.9%	2	35m	20
Holly	89.3%	1	15m	28

89.0% Overall school attendance

92.3% Overall school attendance to date

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



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:
Victoria, Connor, Pawel, Darina, Konrad, Sofia,
Muntaha, Klaudia, Filip and Patryk.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Muhammad, Eyimofe, Ralfs, Alan, Helena,
Suzanna, Emilia, Sofia, Patryk and Zain.

Virtue Certificates this week:

Jibrael – Faith, Dennis – Faith, Amaya – Love, Brendon
– Simplicity, Zain – Love.

Golden Table Monday:

Pola, Alan, Oliwia, Raksana and Zain.

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Muhammad, Elif, Leo, Diego, Jakub, Eva, Umayma,
Kevin, Shanel and Filip.

Dates for your diary:

07.02.22	Oak Class – Homework Project due in
07.02.22	Parent Consultation Letters sent home to parents/carers
14.02.22	Parents' Consultation Monday, 14 th 3.30-6pm & Wednesday, 16 th February 3.30-5.30pm
14.02.22	Lime Class – Homework Project due in
14.02.22	Holly Class – Homework Project due in
16.02.22	Parents' Consultation Evening 3.30-5.30pm
18.02.22	School Closes for half term & re-opens 28.02.22

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 Thursday's

Beech Class – Tuesday's and Thursday's

Lime Class – Thursday's

Holly Class – Friday's Swimming

After School Clubs

Monday

Music Club – 3.15 – 4.00pm in Oak
Arts & Craft Club – 3.15 – 4.15pm in Pine

Tuesday

Minecraft Club – 3.15 – 4.00pm in Lime

Thursday

Board Games 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Holly
Homework Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in Lime

Friday

Choir Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in the Hall



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

Darina

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

Safeguarding: Attendance and Punctuality

All schools have a legal duty to keep pupils safe and Attendance & Punctuality is part of this. As a school I have to report to the DfE, Local Authority and Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust, regularly about attendance matters. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school and informs the school directly, on the 1st day of absence, if their child cannot attend. As a school, we have a range of measures to implement, as part of our policies and procedures, to safeguard pupils e.g. Home Visits and Attendance Contracts.

Persistent Absence, below 90%, is a serious cause for concern and letters are sent to inform parents; and we start to directly engage with parents/carers and to address this in Attendance Contract Meetings. The Local Authority may become involved in matters where a child's attendance falls below 85% because of the negative impact this has on the child's personal development and their progress and learning – if they are not here, then they are missing out!

Lindsey Fallon (Safeguarding Team Manager for the Prosecution Office) has started to work with myself and Mrs Gadd on Attendance issues and as a result, where a child's absence is a serious cause for concern, she comes into school to hold a Formal Police Caution Meeting with the parent(s); when parent(s) do not address their child's attendance they are likely to be fined and this may further result in a prosecution in court.

I fully appreciate the challenges we have faced during this pandemic and the concerns parents may have had at the start about risks for their child to be infected with Covid-19; however, with the robust safety measures we have to reduce the risk of covid-19 and the fact that these systems have always been shared with parents, parents should have confidence in the measures that we are implementing and trust that I will always take the appropriate action needed to protect our pupils, staff and parents.

Breakfast Club we try to support parents/carers, opening the school at 8am and offering After School Clubs, so parents can avoid traffic congestion to help their working patterns. We accept children do have illnesses but when attendance DOES NOT MEET A REASONABLE THRESHOLD we will expect medical evidence to support further absences. **Arriving after 8:55am means your child is late and has missed the start of their learning.** This would not be good enough for my son or daughter and therefore it is not acceptable for any pupil at St. William's School. Punctuality is an essential life skill and it is not reasonable to use, 'The taxi was late', 'The roads were congested' or 'I slept in'. If you would like to discuss any of the matters I have raised here, I will be happy to arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet with you, please contact the school office to arrange this. **Thank you for your support to provide the very best start for your child's future.**

**Have a lovely weekend and see you
all Monday 31 January 2022, at
8.45am**



HOW TO CONTACT US



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

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