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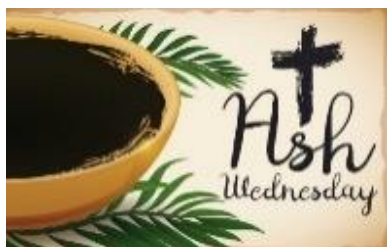
Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, and treat those who hate you with kindness; bless those who curse you; pray for those who are cruel to you.' (Luke 6:27-38). In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus calls us to discover what is good and loveable in every person we meet, however difficult that might sometimes be. As disciples of Jesus we are asked to be selfless, generous and forgiving, and ready to give without receiving in return. Jesus knows how difficult it is to follow His perfect example and He offers His help through the power of the Holy Spirit. The 'spark' of God's life is present inside each one of us, ready to be ignited into something warmer and brighter. If we can learn to recognise and acknowledge that spark in others, then we can begin to love our neighbour as God's loves us.

Loving Father,

Make our lives pleasing to you as we willingly share the love that you so generously pour into our hearts.

Amen.

**The Season of Lent begins,
Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022**



It marks the start of our journey to grow closer to God. The symbol of the ashes is significant, as it reminds us that we need to ask for God's grace and mercy. We turn away from our own selfish ways and try to strengthen our friendship with Jesus. Lent is a good time for taking a good look at our lives and giving them a good 'spring clean', allowing us to clear out all that comes between us and God's love.

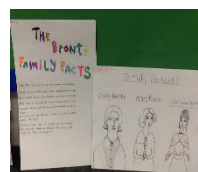
Homework Projects

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



Oak – This related to our English work which is about 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' The children were asked to design a meal for Mr Grinling.

Look at these wonderful pieces of work, so impressive!



Beech – Linking with History and Art, the children were asked to draw a portrait of the Brontë's & pupils researched interesting facts about them too!



Lime – The children completed work on Shakespeare, drawing and labelling the Globe Theatre and have written about a character from the plays they have read. They also wrote about a person who inspires them and researched 3 different plants. Amazing work!



Holly – Pupils created habitats for animals as part of their learning in Science. Fantastic!

Parents' Consultations

Thank you to all our parents who attended parents' consultations on Monday and Wednesday. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's achievement & progress! We appreciate your support and your gratitude for what St. William's staff do to support your child and you as their 1st teacher. THANK YOU! Also, a huge thank you to Hafeez, from the Living Well Project, for attending on Monday and discussing easy ways to help us all be more physically active and providing 'step counters' as a way to be more aware of our health and be more active.



Swimming Gala

Well done to **Kevins, Arsenijs, Patryk, Zain, Eleanor, Julia, Nina and Shanel** who represented St. William's at

the Blessed Christopher Wharton Trust Swimming Gala that took place last Monday at St. Bede's & St. Joseph's. Mrs Naik (Chair of Local Academy Council) and Mrs Fagan accompanied the children.

"They were all little stars, certainly did themselves and their schools proud. I have just seen one of the girls and she said it was a memory she won't forget!"

I'm hoping that when the shock wears off and she realises how well she did it will be a good memory!

They were all very taken with the juice and had not one but two biscuits! It was nice you and the BCWCAT team get to share in these times, they really are a reminder of why we do what we do", Mrs Fagan.



Early Reading & Phonics Learning

See the wonderful pupil engagement and concentration in Phonics in both Ash and Oak Classes; it's lovely to see so many smiling faces and adults listened to lots of purposeful conversation about their learning. Fantastic!



Developing Comprehension Skills

Oak Class are skimming and scanning a text to retrieve important information correctly. Brilliant!



Further Developing 3-D Sculpture Skills

Beech Class used clay to create some wonderful sculptures of the Bronte Sisters. The work is truly impressive and we cannot believe their excellent observational skills – the likeness is striking! Congratulations!



Lime Class

High levels of engagement in Maths as Lime Class as calculate the area of a compound shape. Super!



Holly Class

The pupils loved activating their volcano creations – truly impressive work!



On Thursday Holly class had the opportunity to work with Mr Bullock, a professional art teacher. They created wonderful landscapes of Lake Windermere. Mr Bullock said that this class is the best Year 6 Class he has taught for years! He said, 'It has been a privilege to teach them!' We are all very proud of you, well done Holly Class.



Catholic Care

A huge thank you to Luisa, from Catholic Care, for telling us all about the fantastic work they do to support the youngest & oldest members of our community; those with disabilities & vulnerable families in need of help food & clothes. We will be putting our 'Faith into Action' to raise money to help this charity during Lent as part of the Leeds Diocesan Good Shepherd Appeal. Thank you, in advance for your generosity and remember all donations will be gratefully received.



The Mini Vinnies and Faith in Action Group spoke to their classes to discuss how pupils will lead our **Lenten Fundraising events, read their wonderful ideas in the Calendar of Events below:**

W/C 7/03/22 Holly Class – Family Quiz & Penalty Shoot Out

W/C 14/03/22 Lime Class - Guess the name of the Easter Bunny & Obstacle course

W/C 21/03/22 Beech Class – Treasure Map – Find the Easter Egg!

W/C 28/03/22 Oak Class – Chocolate Crispy Bun Sale

W/C 04/04/22 Ash Class – Decorate biscuits for sale & a Dance off (Miss Butterfield & Mrs Lyle will be performing their best 'Strictly Dancing' moves!!!)

W/C 04/04/22 A Whole School Easter Egg Raffle.

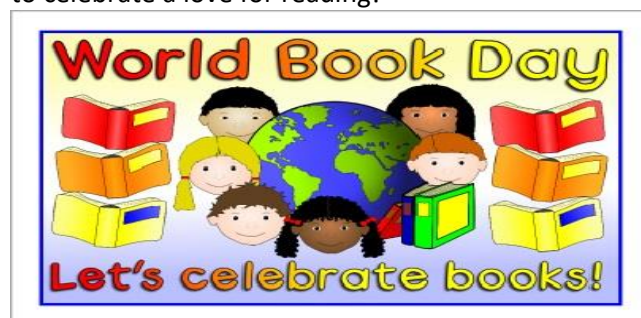
They have also decided on some whole school events too; there will be a sponsored walk and each class will collect spare change, filling an outline of a sheep for The Good Shepherd Appeal.

Our children are an example to us all and I am a very proud Headteacher to know that our pupils actively live out many virtues and hold, 'Christ at Our Heart' in all they do.

More details will follow after the half term holiday and we will let you know how much money they raise!

World Book Day on Thursday, 3rd March

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. The most effective costumes are from simple ideas and we do not expect children to come to school dressed in newly bought costumes – the purpose of this day is to celebrate a love for reading!



Keeping children safe online



Free Online Safety Guide

What parents need to know about Wink

Wink's description on the App Store and Google Play does state that the networking app "is for friendships only", although more worldly readers may consider that a rather feeble deterrent. The app launched in 2020, and there has already been at least one criminal trial resulting from an adult meeting up with a minor who they befriended through Wink.

The app requires users to be at least 13 – but with an absence of effective age verification, there is nothing to stop someone younger from simply entering a fake date of birth. Children occasionally connect with strangers online simply to increase their friend count, which is just one of potential risks highlighted in our #WakeUpWednesday guide to Wink.

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



Here are some useful websites for further information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk> , <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> , <https://childnet.com> , <https://www.internetmatters.org>



Join our School

We have places available in all of our classes, come and see for yourself what a wonderful school, St William's is.

Telephone the office on 01274 545743 or email on to arrange a visit. office@wil.bcwcat.co.uk



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 to help your child to complete the learning that is on Class Dojo.

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	95.4%	2	1hr 15m	26
Oak	95.9%	3	50m	24
Beech	89.3%	3	1hr 50m	24
Lime	98.1%	2	55m	19
Holly	89.7%	2	15m	27

93.4% Overall school attendance

92.6% Overall school attendance to date

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



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners: **Kacper, Yusuf, Anna, Ralfs, Cassidy, Jozsef, Faiza, Zdenko, Nina and Eleanor.**

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Kuba, Pola, Vivienne, Zoe, Ranaya, Keyaan, Ayra, Adela, Dominik and Leodette.

Virtue Certificates this week:

Raheem – Love, Jeremiah – Faith, Nicola – Simplicity, Sofia – Simplicity and Leodette - Love

Golden Table Monday:

Enoch, Kyle, Cassidy, Raksana and Arsenijs

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Victoria, Amaan, Monika, Zoe, Danish, Keyaan, Julie, Faiza, Nina and Julia.

100% Attendance

06/09/21 – 18/02/22.

Marcella, Abubakar, Eyimofe, Connor, Abby, Jeremiah, Oskar, Zoe, Sofia, Amanda, Vania, Zion, Katherine, Ranaya, Klaudia, Iylah, Saif, Patryk, Zain, Leodette, Kevins and Jaden.

100% Attendance during Spring Term 1

04/01/22 – 18/02/22.

Muhammad, Amaan, Brodie, Iyaan, Abdul, Victoria, Darina, Riley, Ralfs, Moyin, Monika, Eesah, Karolina, Vojtech, Keyaan, Muntaha, Ahmad, Ali, Brendon, Julie, Sofia, Rayhan, Sofia, Nina and Samica.

Homework Project Certificates this week:

The following children have completed their homework project – well done and keep up the good work!
Vivienne, Monika, Darnina, Rumaisah, Eesah, Oskar, Isla-Grace, Ramina, Amelia, Alan, Moyin, Karolina, Riley, Dennis, Pawel, Hakeem, Kacper, Amanda, Suzanna, Sofia, Vania, Kayla, Adela, Klaudia, Ali, Julie, Ayra, Ahmad, Brendon, Hashim, Emilia, Faiza, Ingrid, Muntaha, Zdenko, Shanel, Samica, Jaden, Nina, Sofia, Nikola, Julia, Leodette, Eleanor, Fatima, Filip, Jacqueline, Filip and Adam.

Dates for your diary:

28.02.22	School re-opens
03.03.22	World Book Day Come dressed as a character from a favourite book.

Breakfast Club opens every day at 8am,
50p per child per day.
A lovely way to start the day!
Please arrive before 8.30am.

Oak Class – Monday's and Thursday's

Beech Class – Tuesday's and Thursday's

Lime Class – Friday's Swimming

Holly Class – Friday's

After School Clubs

Monday	Computing Club 12.20pm – 12.55 in Holly 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 (Starts 10 March) 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

Mohammad, Jakub, Filip, Lochlan

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

Sacramental Preparation details

Please collect applications as soon as possible from Mrs Gadd in the school office or from St. William's presbytery (for baptised Catholic children).

Applications must be returned to school by Monday, 7th March 2022 and programmes begin on 12th March.

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)

More details of lessons for pupils will be sent out on 28th February.

Have a lovely break and see you all Monday 28 February 2022, at 8.45am



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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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