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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 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.

St. William's Church News:

Christmas Mass Schedule

This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Therefore, there will be the usual weekend (Sunday Masses)

Saturday 23 December 6pm (Advent IV) Vigil – St William's.

Sunday 24 December 9.30am (Advent IV) – St Matthew's.

Sunday 24 December 11am (Advent IV) – St William's.

Fr Jones intends to celebrate **one** other mass on the 24 December at St William's Church as the First Mass of the Nativity between 8.00pm – 11.30pm at the time suggested by parishioners and yet to be confirmed. The reading will be those of the Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day – Monday 25 December 2023

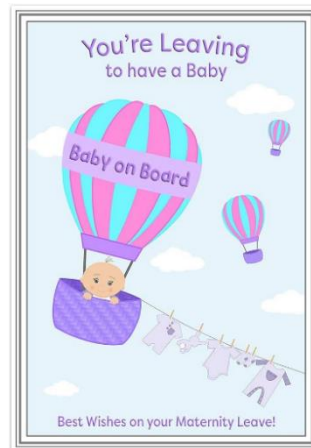
9.30am St Matthew's

11.00am St William's

There is a meeting for the children and parents who have completed the **Sacrament of Reconciliation Programme today** at St. William's Church at 4:30pm to practice what they need to do on Saturday, 9th December from 10am, when they will receive this sacrament for the first time. Attendance of both children and parent(s) is essential. Thank you!

Fr Jones will be in the school chapel on 12th Dec at 11am to offer Sacrament of Reconciliation to those pupils who are eligible for this holy sacrament.

Good Luck, Mrs Smith!



I wish to offer my congratulations to Mrs Smith and wish her all the very best as she begins her Maternity Leave next week, finishing Wednesday, 13th Dec. This is an exciting time for Mrs Smith, and I know that many of you will want to also say good luck to her. Mrs. Balsham will cover Ash Class for this leave and

she has already established positive relationships with the children and staff in school as well as working closely with Mrs Smith to ensure a smooth transition for our pupils.

Our Amazing Learning Environments

Once again, the pupils' work and the adults' commitment to show case this, to create the best possible effect, is truly outstanding! I am very proud of the effort and high standard of work, about Advent,

displayed in our hall. Well done to all our pupils and staff for their excellent efforts!

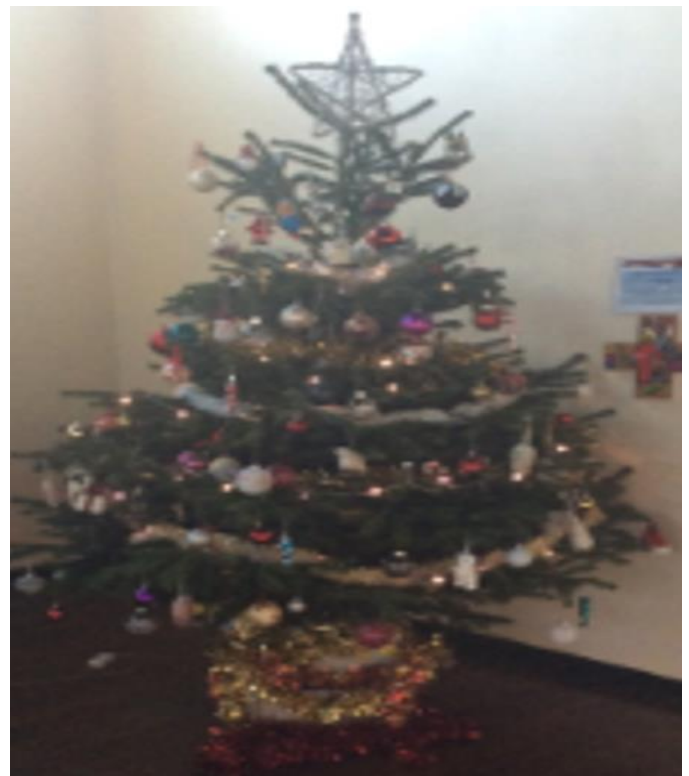


Blessing of the Advent Wreaths Liturgy

Thank you to Fr. Jones and our Faith Leaders for leading us in a Liturgy of Blessing of the Advent Wreaths last Friday.



On Monday the children decorated the school's tree with baubles. This is certainly helping us focus on Christ, the Light of the World, guiding us and showing us His way. They did an amazing job!



BCWCAT Intellectual Day

As part of the Trust intellectual day, the year 4 children in Lime Class completed multiplication tables check activity on iPads. The children aimed high for top marks!



This is our Year 4 times table champion for the Trust Intellectual day. A massive well done to you Pawel!



Beech Class practising their spellings for intellectual day.



Year 6 children completed their problem-solving activity as part of the Intellectual Wellbeing Day.



Holly Class Mass

A wonderful class Mass at church on Tuesday 5 December, with Holly class, the readers were excellent, and Cassidy served beautifully with Fr. Jones.



Oak Class – Parents Meeting

Parents joined Mrs Teal & Miss Parker on Tuesday morning to learn about the Year 2 curriculum and how

Optional SATs will be implemented next May. Thank you, parents, for your continued support.



Lime Class

Lime Class did well at playing the first and second lines of the Jingle Bells tune on their flutes.



Lime Class explored how different switches work in circuits in science lesson on Monday.



Weather



Please send your child/children prepared for our ever-changing weather conditions. Children must have a coat, preferably with a hood, every day, and suitable outdoor shoes. All children must bring a water bottle to school, this will help keep them hydrated during the day. **Please clearly mark your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E. kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items.**



Keeping Children Safe

Attendance and Punctuality sits in Safeguarding.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer, Molly Searle, met with me (Miss Parker) Tuesday, 30/11/23. She will be working closely with our school family to ensure that parents/carers fulfil their legal duty to ensure

their child has good attendance and punctuality. Poor attendance and punctuality negatively impact learning, personal development, and friendships. Ms Searle will monitor school records for poor attendance and persistent late arrival. We must ALL work in partnership to champion the needs of our pupils, to be on time, is to be ready and an important life skill for the world of work.

The Local Authority Attendance Officer will attend meetings with parents/carers for Attendance, whose children meet Persistent Absence (PA) threshold. Ms Searle will also contact parents whose children are close to falling below PA, to alert them and help them improve this quickly to avoid any further action. Please ask me (Miss Parker) for further information should you have any questions. Thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality.

Contact details for parents/carers.

Please make sure that if you change your phone number you inform school staff. Following safeguarding recommendations, we need at least 2 accurate contact details in the event of an emergency; accidents do happen and there are times when we are not able to contact a parent because they have not kept us informed. Thank you.

Attendance and punctuality are a huge part of keeping children safe and it is the law for schools to know why and where children are if they are not in school: schools must report children absent from school, including parts of the day, not just absent days. As a result, systems for attendance are robust and all parents have a responsibility to inform school of their child's absence – make sure you TELEPHONE Mrs Gadd 1st thing in the morning if your child is absent. Home visits are part of our Attendance procedures to check and do not be alarmed if safeguarding staff appear at your door. As a parent you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends regularly. The details of parents with children who have unauthorised absence (including those who have taken unauthorised leave during term time) will be passed to Bradford Council, who could consider issuing a Penalty Notice or starting legal action. When a child meets Educational Neglect threshold then a referral to Children's Social Care can be made.

Arriving on time is an essential life skill and for safeguarding reasons we must lock the school gates at 8:55am – if you are arriving at that time you will have to go to the main entrance. Equally, as a school we respect parents need children to be ready for home-time at 3:15pm to collect family members from other schools or colleges; we aim to be ready to hand the children to you at that time at the end of the day and not delay you.

Did you know....		
If in a school year, a child is late every day by....	A child would have lost approximately....	or they would have missed approximately....
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Late pick-up charges

There is a late collection charge £1, per child, for every 5 mins you are late; sadly, some parents have been persistently late and without good reason; taking the view that it is okay for school staff to take responsibility for children after the school day. Unfortunately, we do not offer childcare after 3:15pm and many staff finish at the same time the pupils leave. Congested traffic, a late taxi, forgetting the time, having a hair colour on at the hairdressers are not acceptable reasons to be late for your child. We are understanding, if there are exceptional reasons and it is not usual for you to be late and we appreciate a phone call from you if you are going to be late, it re-assures the child as well. After school teaching staff have meetings, work to do following the school day and in preparation for the next day. Thank you for your support with this.

Have you logged on to the National Online Safety website to help protect your child online?

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Parents, PLEASE monitor what child(ren) use(s) and who they have contact with online; to ensure we keep children safe and protected when they are using the internet.

Check out the tips and advice for parents to keep yourself in the know! Here are some useful websites for further information to keep children safe online:

<https://www.onlinesafetyuk.com>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+, combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's a plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adults have now been introduced on some versions of this service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT
While Disney+ is predominantly family-friendly, there are some titles that may not be suitable for all children. These may include older movies, TV shows and documentaries that contain violence, sexual content, or strong language. Parents should check the age rating and content advisory information for each title before watching.

BINGE WATCHING
With the option to watch entire seasons of TV shows or movies in one go, it's easy to get caught up in binge watching. This can lead to children watching content that is not suitable for their age group, or watching content that is not appropriate for their age group.

PHISHING EMAILS
Be especially cautious if you receive emails that claim to be from Disney+. These emails may be phishing attempts designed to steal your personal information. Always check the email address and do not click on any links or provide any personal information.

ENCRUACHING ADVERTS
Disney+ has introduced a new advertising platform. Disney+ ads are targeted to specific age groups and interests. Parents should check the age rating and content advisory information for each ad before watching.

ACCESSING ADULTS PROFILES
If a child doesn't see a film or TV show they want to watch, they can access it via the Disney+ app. Parents should check the age rating and content advisory information for each title before watching.

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS
Parents can adjust the content settings on their Disney+ account. This allows parents to restrict the content that their child can watch based on their age group.

ADD PIN PROTECTION
Disney+ offers a PIN protection feature that allows parents to lock their Disney+ account. This prevents children from accessing the account without a PIN.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY
Parents can turn off the auto-play feature on their Disney+ account. This prevents children from watching content that is not suitable for their age group.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY
Disney+ is a great way for families to enjoy Disney content together. Parents should check the age rating and content advisory information for each title before watching.

Meet Our Expert
NOS (National Online Safety) is a charity that provides advice and support to help children and young people stay safe online. For more information, visit nationalonlinesafety.com.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source of this guide: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

More useful websites:
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> ,
<https://childnet.com>,
<https://www.internetmatters.org>

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



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners:
Kornelijus, Dexter, Harper, Ethan, Zoe, Oracle, Danish,
Mia, Ranaya and Ayra.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Kora, Ukom, Kaima, Alexis, Connor, Riley, Daniella,
Bella, Suzanna and Vania.

Virtue Certificates this week:

David, Kiyan, Michael, Pola, Taiwo, Kacper, Hakeem,
Konrad, Ethan and Ranaya

Golden Table Tuesday:

Ewa, Pola, Raheem, Ralfs and Kayla.

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Janaya, McKenna, Harper, Brodie, Isabella, Connor,
Vivienne, Amelia, Romana and Vania.



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

Sofia

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

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club

From 8am

MONDAY – FRIDAY

50p per day

Great opportunity for your child(ren) to socialise with their friends before school.

Breakfast Club opens every day at 8am,
50p per child per day. A lovely way to start the day! Please arrive before 8.30am - **book in advance every Friday for a place the following week via a dojo message to Mrs Gadd, Mrs Fagan, or Miss Parker!**

Dates for your diary:

11 Dec	Beech Class Homework Project due in.
12 Dec	Oak Class Homework Project due in.
14 Dec	Ash Class Parents Reading Workshop

	08.45 – 09.00am
14 Dec	Carol Service at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 40 Pakington Street, Bradford, BD5 7LD all welcome time T.B.C.
15 Dec	Holly Class Homework Project due in.
18 Dec	Ash & Oak Nativity (PM) time 2pm.
19 Dec	KS2 Carol Service at St. William's Church 2pm – all welcome
19 Dec	Lime Class Homework Project due in.
20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day 50p per child or £1 per family & Christmas Lunch £2.10 pay at office or via parent pay & Class Parties
20 Dec	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-opens Thursday 4 January 2024

P.E. Kits / Lessons

Please keep P.E. kits in school during term time, they will be sent home at the end of each term for washing.



Ash Class Monday's,
Oak Class Friday's
Beech Class Wednesday's
Lime Class Thursday's
Holly Class Friday Swimming

Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 11/12/23.

St William's Catholic Primary School					
WEEK 1					
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	
MAINS	MAINS	MAINS	MAINS	MAINS	
Sausage in a Roll Hot Chicken Meatballs & Rice Quorn Sausage in a Roll	Pasta Bolognaise Arabian Pao Assorted Individual Salads	Roast of the Day Hot Roast Chicken Breast Cheese & Broccoli Quiche	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mexican Burrito	Fish Fingers Veg Stoppers	
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	
New Potatoes Assorted Individual Salads Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Fry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wagons Assorted Individual Salads	
OTHER OPTIONS	OTHER OPTIONS	OTHER OPTIONS	OTHER OPTIONS	OTHER OPTIONS	
Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pao Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pao Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pao Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	
DESSERTS	DESSERTS	DESSERTS	DESSERTS	DESSERTS	
Lemon Shortcake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Volcano Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Hot Cookie Freshly Prepared Fruit	



Suitable for...
For full allergen & nutritional information head to
<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>
or scan the QR code:



FM SERVICES



30th Oct, 20th Nov,
11th Dec, 1st Jan,
22nd Jan, 4th Mar

KS2

Beech, Lime and Holly Class

Carols and Readings



Tuesday 19 December 2023
2pm – St. William's Church –
All Welcome

KS1 Nativity

Ash and Oak Class

SHINE STAR SHINE!



Monday 18 December 2023
2pm - Main Hall
All Welcome

St. William's Christmas Hamper Prize Raffle

Tickets on Sale Monday 4 December

20p each or £1 for a strip of tickets

To be drawn on
Wednesday 20 December 2023

Good Luck Everyone



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 20 December 2023

50p per child or £1 per family

Wear your Christmas Jumper to school.



(May also wear non-uniform
Trousers or skirts)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 20 December 2023



£2.10

Pay at School Office or by
Parent Pay

ADVENT CHARITY EVENTS

*The Mini Vinnies and School Council have decided to raise
money for the Bradford Toy library based at
St Lukes Hospital during Advent.*



Ash Class—6 December - Bake sale 20p

Oak Class - Ongoing during Advent—Guess the
name of the Elf? 20p



Beech Class—5 December tickets go on sale for Elf
hunt 50p

Lime Class - 12 & 13 December—Biscuit & Juice
Sale 20p



Holly Class—6 & 7 December—Bake sale 50p each.



Parent/Carer Support Group

About Us:

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Next Parents Support Group details: Tuesday 19th December 2023
Topic: "Supporting your child: Healthy Lifestyle".

BRADFORD AND CRAVEN
trailblazer **NHS**

Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday
19th December



10:30am or
7:30pm



Held on Zoom
Please email the
address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC:
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be discussing the close relationship between physical and mental wellbeing, covering such topics as sleep, nutrition and keeping active. This topic will cover how to maintain overall wellbeing

✉ mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

**Have a lovely weekend,
See you all on**

**Monday 11 December 2023
at 8.45am.**

Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!