



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### Everybody is looking for you!

"Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach the Good News to everyone!" (Mark 1:29-39)



The readings this weekend focus on how nobody's life is free from suffering and how Jesus reveals God's love and His readiness to heal our ills and relieve our pain in whatever way He can. In the Gospel reading, Jesus slipped away from the people to spend time in prayer, giving thanks to God for all He had done and to ask for guidance & strength to do God's work here, on earth. Renewed in prayer, Jesus is strengthened to go far and wide to spread the Good News to everyone. Pope Francis has made 2024 a year of prayer, in readiness for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Let us take 'time out' regularly, to pray to God so that we too can be given the help we need to overcome the challenges we face in our daily lives.

**Loving Father,  
You know and love us so well. Hear our prayers  
and allow Your healing love to transform our lives.  
Amen**

### Church Information

First Holy Communion Preparation The course for those preparing for their First Holy Communion will begin shortly after Easter at a date still to be decided. All those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will do so at the **11am Solemn Mass at St. William's Church on Sunday 2 June 2024** – which is the solemnity of **The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi**.

### Family Mass

A wonderful family Mass last Sunday 28 January 2024, with Isla-Grace, Dennis, King and Bella leading us in readings and bidding prayers. Well done children!



Cassidy served on the altar beautifully and Ishioma and Vivienne processed reverently with the offertory gifts. Thank you to all those who attended.



### Parents' Consultations – 5 & 7 February 2024



Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's work and discuss their achievements and targets for further progress.

### An Invitation to a Musical Performance.

Next **Monday 5 February 2024** parents of pupils in



Beech and Lime (and Holly Y5's) are invited to come and observe the hardwork the children put in to

their flute lesson with Miss Pickard. Please **arrive from 9:50am** for the start at **10am**. You will be very impressed with the children's progress and learning!

### Holly Class Mass

Holly Class led a beautiful class Mass in Church on Tuesday, we had excellent readers and Cassidy served on the altar reverently, well done!



### Oak Class

Oak Class created vibrant artwork in the style of John Ndambo this week.



Great art morning with Mr Bullock; professional artist, in Oak class on Tuesday. They linked their drawings to their geography, Oceans.



### Holly Class

Holly Class are thoroughly enjoying their water safety sessions as part of their swimming lessons, they have made outstanding progress!



Holly Class worked practically multiplying decimals by 10,100 and 1000.



### Afterschool Clubs

New forms for the After-School Clubs for Spring 2023 will be sent home in book bags from next Wednesday – remember these are on a first come, first served basis and those on reserve lists will have priority when the completed form is returned. Please note, no guarantees for sibling places.

### 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 be aware that if there is a closure due to snow and ice conditions this will be shared on Bradford Schools Online website, Class Dojo and Pulse Radio. Please clearly label your child(ren)'s uniform/P.E.kit with their name, this will help to eliminate lost items – thank you for your support with this matter.

### Keeping Children Safe

#### 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.

**Please also be aware that parents should never collect their child during the school day because of childcare issues or for the child to attend appointments that are for a parent or sibling. As part of attendance procedures, we must record children missing during the school day.**

**Thank you for your support with this matter.**

**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, in town shopping, 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 matter.

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>

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:  
**Anthony, Korneliusz, Sylviane, Lochlan, Peace, Shine, Sebastian, Sarina, Delvin and Keyaan.**

**Hot Chocolate Friday:**

**Ewa, Tymon, Miracle, Juraj, Isla-Grace, Jeremiah, Jaden, Alan, Faith and Vania.**

**Virtue Certificates this week:**

**Kiyan, Semilore, Ethan, Enoch, Oskar, Ramina, Danielle, Hadassah, Cassidy and Enoch.**

**Golden Table Tuesday:**

**Kora, Marcella, Zidan, Pawel and Enoch**

**'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'**

**Kiyan, Shawna, Juraj, Miracle, Jeremiah, Isla-Grace, Hakeem, Lola-Mae, Romana and Vania**



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,  
 happy birthday dear  
**Peace, Darina and Mario**  
 Happy birthday to you!  
 Hope you have a special day.

**Breakfast Club**



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:**

05/02	11.30 Chess Tournament at SBSJ (Invited pupils only)
05/02	Parent Consultation Evening
06/02	Safer Internet Day
06/02	Oak Class Homework Topic to be returned

06/02	Beech Class Homework Topic to be returned
06/02	Lime Class Homework Topic to be returned
06/02	Ash Class Art Morning with Tony Bullock
07/02	Parents Consultation Evening
08/02	08.45 – 09.05 Parents Reading Workshop with Ash Class
09/02	School Closes at 3.15pm and Re-Opens Monday 19 February 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 05/02/24.**

St William's Catholic Primary School		WEEK 3				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	
<b>MAINS</b>	Sticky Chicken Mass n Cheese Molai Pasta Bolognese Soye Mince Bolognese	Mixed Beef & Onion Pie Cheese & Potato Pan	Broiled Sausage Hot Chicken Ball Broiled Quorn Sausage	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Vegetarian Chili & Noodles	Southern Fried Quorn Burger	
<b>SIDES</b>	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Mixed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Roast Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	
<b>OTHER OPTIONS</b>	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Decorated Fruit Jelly Freshly Prepared Fruit	Hot Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Crumble Yoghurt Freshly Prepared Fruit	Wobbly Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Shortbread Freshly Prepared Fruit	

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

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**Have a lovely weekend,**  
**See you all on**  
**Monday 5 February 2024**  
**at 8.45am.**



**Remember, it's COOL to be in SCHOOL!**