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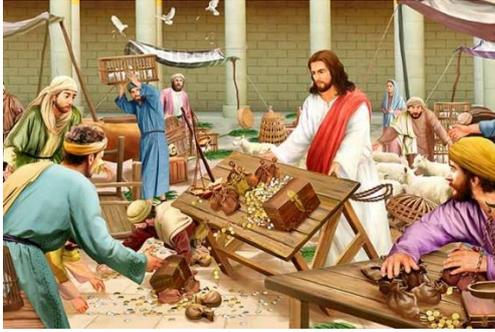


St. William's Weekly News Round 01 March 2024

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3rd Sunday of Lent, John 2:13-25 Jesus cleanses the Temple.



In this weekend's Gospel, God wants us to love and serve Him with all our hearts and minds and to recognise His holiness and sacredness in the world around us. Sometimes we are distracted by worldly things, and this leads us away from God's presence. Sometimes we are selfish, greedy and do things for ourselves rather than for God. Lent is a time when we can look at our lives and see whether our hearts need to be 'cleansed', and whether what is important to us is important to God too. Jesus saw into the hearts of the merchants and traders and knew that they were there because of their love of money and not their love of God; they were not there to help the people to worship God but to take advantage of them and make themselves rich. The Jewish leaders test Jesus asking Him to show them a sign to justify His actions and He responds, 'Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up'. Jesus was talking about the temple of His own body. He is the new temple, where God is present and living among us. This temple was raised in glory after three days in the tomb and is the place where human beings can draw close to the presence and glory of God. We too are temples of God because He is present and living within our hearts.

Loving Father,
Let our lives give praise and glory to your holy name.
And make us fit to be called your sons and daughters.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Church Information:

Sacramental Preparation Information

First Holy Communion Preparation course details for those preparing for their First Holy Communion. Father Jones has put the following details in the Parish Newsletter.

Session 1 – Friday 19 April at 4.15pm at St Matthew's School

Session 2 – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William's School.

Session 3 – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

Session 4 – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

Session 5 – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

Session 6 – Saturday 1 June at 10am in St. William's Church to practice for the Holy Communion

All those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will do so at the 11am Solemn Mass in St Williams's Church on Sunday 2 June which is the solemnity of **The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi.**

Sunday, 10 March Mothering Sunday and School Family Mass at St. William's Church 11am

You are warmly invited to attend a special Mass where our pupils will lead the readings and offertory procession.

Pupils please come and wear your school uniform with pride and there will be an extra treat for all those, present in church, in our families who 'mother us' – Mums, Grandmas, Aunties and maybe a Dad who is Mum too!

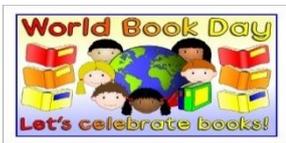


St Lukes – Christmas Toy Appeal

As you may remember, our Mini Vinnies and School Council decided to raise money for the Bradford Toy Library based at St. Luke’s hospital during Advent. On Monday, Ms Rae and Ms Neal came to our school assembly and explained to children what their appeal is for (aka BIDS). The children presented them with the Money raised £240.30.



World Book Day on Thursday, 7 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!**

Lenten Fundraising - Sponsored Walk



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development Your child(ren) brought home a sponsor form in their book bag last Friday, as they will take

part in Cafod’s ‘Big Walk for Lent’ on Wednesday 20 March 2024. All proceeds will go towards helping those in war torn countries.

We will continue with the Almsgiving, fundraising activities during Lent. Thank you all for your generous support with this very important cause!

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

CLASS	DATE	WHERE	EVENT
ASH	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	How many sweets in a jar? 20p a go
OAK	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Guess how many cubes in the jar? 20p a go
BEECH	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Treasure Hunt - 20p a go
LIME	1 Week Only Commencing 18/03/24	Under Shed	Biscuit Sale - 50p a biscuit
HOLLY	Ongoing during Lent	Throughout School	Name the Easter animal - 20p a go
Whole School	Ongoing	Throughout School	Easter Raffle 20p each or £1 for a Strip

LENTEN FUNDRAISING Easter Egg Raffle 20p a ticket £1 for a strip



Lime Class Mass

Fantastic reading from the children in Lime Class at mass on Tuesday.



Beech Class

On Tuesday afternoon, we mummified our friend in Beech class as part of our history learning.



Lime Class

Lime Class have been learning to play the ‘f’ note on their flutes in their lesson on Monday.



Lime Class used iPads to research the famous scientist Isaac Newton and his discovery of gravity in science.



Lime Class worked really well at using a Bible to look up Bible references for their RE activity.



Holly Class

Holly Class using their whole class reading text, The Final Year, to answer retrieval and comprehension questions.



Coding Afterschool Club

Amazing coding skills from the children in coding club, we created our own rock band!



Samba Bamba

Provided an educational, inspirational and fun day of music and percussion involving the entire school. Thank you Mr Costello for coming and performing, our children loved every minute of it.



Themed Lunch

Thank you Emma and the team for preparing an excellent Treasure Island lunch fit for a pirate! The children loved it.



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:
Fabian, Amelia, Nina, Mario, Daniel, Claire, David, Ralfs, Shalom and Ife

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Michael, Doretta, Ethan, Jethro, Monika, Riley, Kathrine, Hadassah, Kayla and Esther

Virtue Certificates this week:

Destiny-Rae, Tymon, Ethan, Jibrael, Rumaisah, Hakeem, Pawel, Jeremiah, Elise and Nicola

Golden Table Tuesday:

Ewa, Ethan, Riley, Kathrine and Sahil

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Mia, Adriana, Victoria, Ethan, Oracle, Claire, David, Arzo, Enoch, Win and Hashim.



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
 happy birthday dear
McKenna
 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:

04/03	Ash Class – Fluoride Varnishing Application Session
04/03	Easter Egg Raffle begins 20p each or £1 a strip
07/03	World Book Day come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book.
10/03	11am Family Mass – Mothering Sunday All Welcome
19/03	SATs information parents meeting 2.45pm
19/03	EYFS/KS1 St. Joseph's Liturgy
19/03	KS2 Sacrament of Reconciliation in school Chapel
20/03	Sponsored Walk – Good Shepherd Appeal
25/03	Holy Week
25/03	Oak Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Beech Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Lime Class Homework Project to be returned
26/03	Whole School Mass at St. William's Church
27/03	Holly Class Homework Project to be returned
28/03	School Closes at 3.15pm and re-opens on Tuesday 9 April
19/04	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 1 – Friday 19 April at 4.15pm at St Matthew's School
26/04	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 2 – Friday 26 April at 4.15pm at St. William's School.
03/05	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 3 – Friday 3 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall
17/05	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 4 – Friday 17 May at 4.15pm at St. William's Church Hall

24/05	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 5 – Friday 24 May at 4.15pm at St. William’s Church Hall
01/06	Sacramental Preparation Course Session 6 – Saturday 1 June at 10am in St. William’s Church to practice for the Holy Communion
02/06	All those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion will do so at the 11am Solemn Mass in St Williams’s Church on Sunday 2 June which is the solemnity of The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi.

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 Friday Swimming
Holly Class Friday’s

Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 04/03/24.

St William's Catholic Primary School		WEEK 1				
		MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
MAINS		Sausage in a Bun Hot Chicken Meatballs & Rice Quorn Sausage in a Roll	Pasta Bolognese Arrabiata Pasta	Roast of the Day Halal Roast Chicken Breast Cheese & Broccoli Quiche	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mexican Burrito	Fish Fingers Veg Dippers
SIDES		New Potatoes Assorted Individual Salads Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Baked Beans Assorted Individual Salads	Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges Savouries Assorted Individual Salads
OTHER OPTIONS		Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pinnis Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pinnis Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Pinnis Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Sandwiches
DESSERTS		Lemon Shortcake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Apple Cake Freshly Prepared Fruit	Volcano Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Oat Cookie 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 4 March 2024
at 8.45am.



Remember, it’s COOL to be in SCHOOL!