

# ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As this is the last newsletter before the half term break we would like to wish all the children an enjoyable time off when we break up next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip**

All the children had a fantastic time on their recent three day residential trip at Robinwood Activity Centre. They took part in a wide variety of activities during their time there, challenging themselves throughout. A special thank you must go to Mrs Nevin, Mr Davies and Mrs O'Hanlon and Miss Bunclark who organised the trip and looked after the children during their stay.

## **Children's Mental Health Week**

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, through their PSHE lessons the children will be discussing their own well-being and looking at ways to support themselves and their class mates. BullyBusters will also be coming into school on Tuesday to deliver a Well-Being Assembly to all the junior classes whilst also providing an Internet Safety talk to Year 6.

## **Year 6 Indoor Athletics Competition**

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the Indoor Athletics Competition at Chesterfield High School last Friday. All the children put in a tremendous amount of effort and were rewarded with a very respectable mid-table finish. Well done everyone!!

## **Spring Term Parents Evenings**

Parent's evenings for this term will take place next week on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 4.00 to 6.30 pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30 – 5.30 pm. Bookings are now closed on School Spider. If you haven't booked a slot & need to please contact the school office. Please note that each meeting is for 10 minutes only. If you need longer than this, please request a separate appointment at another time. We also do not have any facilities for children & the meetings are better conducted without children present. We would therefore ask that you do not bring children to the meeting with you. Many thanks for your support with this.

## **Book Fair**

Our annual Book Fair should be set up in the foyer by the School Office from next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February & all next week. Please call in to take a look & buy some books for your child/children. We have £1 off vouchers for all children & lots of books are at discounted prices. We also should have a card reader so that payment can be made by card. All commission from the Book Fair goes towards new books for school so please support this worthy cause. Thank you in advance.

## **School Attendance**

The School Attendance & Punctuality Policy can be found on the School Website. Please see below class attendance for this week. Our target is 96%. Well done to Year 5 & 6.

Rec	94.7%	Y1	94%	Y2	95.9%	Y3	94.8%	Y4	92.3%	Y5	98.7%	Y6	100%	All school	96%
3 lates		17 lates		2 lates		7 lates		4 lates		8 lates		2 lates		43 lates	



**Together Everyone Achieves More**

A reminder that parents need to contact school by 9am on the day of absence to advise why their child is not in school. If they are unwell details of their symptoms is required. We have a dedicated answer machine on Option 1 when ringing school. If we do not hear from you & cannot contact you, then we may have to ask Sefton Council's Educational Welfare Officer to call out to your home address.

### **Doctors, Dentist & Hospital Appointment**

A reminder to try to make routine Doctors & Dental Appointments outside of school hours. For late morning appointments please bring your child into school & come back to collect them for their appointment wherever this is possible. For all appointments in school hours we need to see the appointment letter, text or card.

### **Holiday Requests**

All requests for absence must be made in writing at least 7 days in advance. We have forms available at the school office. Holiday fines (5 days & over or combined over a 10 week period) are now £80 per child rising to £160 if not paid within 21 days, if not paid the fine will go to court. For second & third episodes of absence, fines start at a higher amount or go straight to court. These are new procedures that started from September 2024 introduced by the government.

### **Football News**

Good luck to the Year 5 and under football team who play Valewood Primary School in the next round of the Fay Cup on Thursday.

### **World Book Day**

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, is World Book Day. Children will be allowed to bring their favourite book to school &, if they want to, dress up as a character from that book. The children will be doing various activities in their classes linked to World Book Day. The dressing up is optional, children who don't want to dress up just come into school in their uniform as usual.

### **Healthy Habits**

Healthy Habits have been in school since January delivering workshops to children in Year3 and 4. In addition to this they will also be working with children in Reception and the Year 2 classes next week.

### **Pastoral Care Lead**

Mr Davies is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to him about any concerns you have around your child in class and then he can speak to the class teacher. You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.

### **Nursery Places**

We have a limited number of places still available so if you have children of nursery age or know of friends/family who are looking for places and are new to the area then please get in touch to arrange a visit to our fantastic facility.

### **School PE Kits**

Children should wear their school PE kit to school on their allocated days. Children who are going swimming are to also wear their PE kits on that particular day. The school PE kit is a plain white t-shirt with purple PE shorts and trainers. Children can also wear their school jumper or cardigan, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings in the winter. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

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### **Phones/Smart Watches**

Just a quick reminder that any children who bring Phones/Smart Watches into school must hand them into their class teachers at the beginning of the day and these will be returned to them at home time.

### **Free Breakfast Club – Reception to Year 6**

Our Free Breakfast Club continues to be extremely popular. It runs every morning in the school hall from 7.45 am, however the cut off time for when food can be served is 8.25 am with the doors closing at 8.35 am. This free facility is available to children from Reception upwards so please do come along.

### **School Spider - All communications & online payments**



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Our school communication system is School Spider. It is important that you download the School Spider app so you do not miss out on information. The system also allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app, in advance. To download, go to the app store on your phone & search School Spider, search for our school & follow the instructions to set up an account. You need to use the same email address that school have for you.

### **After School Club**

We wanted to let you know that we have places available at our After School Club. The club runs from 3.15pm to 5.45pm daily in Term Time. The cost is £6 for the first hour & £12 for the full session. Bookings can be made on our School Spider app.

### **Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches**

We have noticed a number of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars as part of their snack/packed lunch. As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternatives.

### **Pre-loved Uniform**

If you have any uniform your child has grown out of and no longer needs please can you pass it into the school office. We particularly need school jumpers/cardigans & PE kit. You are welcome to come along and help yourselves to any items of uniform you need from our pre-loved uniform table in the foyer by the school office.

### **No Dogs**

A reminder that we do not allow dogs on the school site.

### **Book Swap**

A reminder we have a free book swap located in the foyer by our office! A book swap is an easy and fun way to swap books you no longer need for books you want to read! Please come along to see the books on offer and join in- don't forget to bring something to swap! Book Swap Rules 1. You can leave as many books as you like but please only take one book home at a time. 2. Make sure that the book(s) you are leaving are your own. 3. Make sure your book(s) are appropriate, clean and in good condition. 4. Make sure that you leave the shelf tidy and keep your swapped book in good condition. 5. Bring your book back once you have read it and swap it for another.

Kind regards

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Headteacher



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