

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though we don't break up in main school until next Friday 17th July at 2pm (Nursery Thursday 16th July) this is the last newsletter of this academic year. Therefore, and on behalf of everyone here at St William of York, I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout. It has been another extremely busy and successful year. I would like to compliment the children on how well they have applied themselves throughout the year and also to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful staff for everything they do to help, care for and nurture the children here at SWOY. It is also an extremely sad time of the year as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they prepare for High School. We wish them all the very best for their futures and look forward to hearing how they are getting on in the next stage of their education.

Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Congratulations to our Year 2 Class who have managed to do the double this year! They had the best attendance and punctuality across all classes throughout the school. As their reward they will be going to the Waterloo Plaza Cinema next Tuesday morning to watch Toy Story 5. Well done everyone!

Merseyside Chess Finals

Well done to all those children who took part in the Merseyside Chess Finals at St Georges Hall last week. All the children played magnificently and were a credit to the school. A big thank you also to Miss Shellien who was responsible for organising our participation in the event.

Girls Football News

Our girls played in the Cup Final last week and despite a valiant effort they ended up losing 1 – 0 to St Edmunds. They played really well and were unlucky as they dominated the game against a very physical team. They then played in the Champions League Tournament this week. The tournament is for those teams who finished either first or second in their respective leagues. Again the girls played really well and put in a tremendous amount of effort and ended up coming 2nd overall. Well done to all the girls on a very good season. Thanks also to Miss G Convery and Miss S Convery for managing the team.

School Reports

The children will be taking home with them today their end of year school reports. If there is anything in the report which you would like to discuss with the class teacher then please contact the school office in the first instance.

Y3 Violins

Thank you to all those parents/carers from Y3 who came along to watch the Class 3 children perform a number of their violin pieces this morning. The children have really embraced learning this particular instrument and thanks must go to Mr Naylor who has taught them throughout the year.

Year 6 Leavers Party

Children from year 6 will be having their leaver's party in the school hall next Wednesday from 6 – 8 pm.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year 6 will be performing their leaver's assembly for their parents/carers next Friday the 17th July at 9.15 am in the school hall with doors opening at 9.00 am.



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Liverpool Museum Trip

Years 4 and 6 will be visiting the museum next Tuesday, 14th July, as part of their topic work in History.

Reception – Farmer Teds Trip

Children from Reception will be visiting Farmer Teds next Wednesday 15th July for their end of year trip. It promises to be a really enjoyable occasion so fingers crossed for some good weather!

Staffing

Mr De La Morena will be leaving us at the end of this term following over 14 years of service to St William of York. He has been integral part of school life here at SWOY, his own children even attended here, and I wanted to thank him on behalf everyone for all his hard work, dedication and commitment and wish him all the very best for the future. He will be greatly missed!!! We have appointed a new Caretaker, his name is Mr Kelly. You may already have seen him with Mr De La Morena around the school and at the gates. I'm sure you will all make him feel very welcome.

We are currently finalising the staffing structure for September in terms of support staff, however please see below the teachers who will be in each year group. (The children have already spent a number of mornings with their prospective new teachers in preparation for September).

Nursery – Mrs Bryning
Reception – Mrs Stalker
Year 1 – Mrs Smith
Year 2 – Miss Gill
Year 3 – Miss Convery/Mrs Hall
Year 4 – Miss Shellien
Year 5 – Miss Fearon
Year 6 – Mrs Nevin

Summer Reading Challenge - Visit your local library and sign up to the Challenge

Please see the information below on how to sign up for this summer's reading challenge:

1. Sign up – visit your local Library and speak to the staff to start your challenge
2. Read 6 books – For every 2 books you will collect prizes
3. Finish – You will receive a certificate in school

School Uniform/ PE Kits

As the summer break is usually the time when parents/carers sort uniform for September, can I remind parents that **trainers** are not part of the school uniform, even black ones, and that black shoes are to be worn. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. Children will start back in their normal uniform: Jumpers/cardigans/shirt and tie. In terms of PE kits please can you make sure that children have a plain white t-shirt/white school t-shirt with the purple shorts. Black tracksuit bottoms/sports leggings can be worn over in the colder months. Our uniform suppliers are Monkhouse, College Road Crosby or Primadonna, 48 Carr Meadow Hey, L30 2NZ

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.

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.

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.

School Spider - All communications & online payments

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



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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.

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.

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.

Sunday Mass

Mass at St William of York Church is every Sunday at 9.30am. There is a Children's church so that parents can attend mass as normal and the children are then returned to their parents, just before communion. When you arrive at church just wait at the back of the church with your children who will be welcomed into the Children's Church group. The group has lots of fun, children who currently attend really enjoy the sessions.

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.

Important Dates

School and the nursery will reopen after the summer break on **Wednesday 2nd September** at the normal time of 8.45 am.

Kind regards

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Mr. M. Murphy
Headteacher



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