



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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## **NEWSLETTER NO: 15 FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very warm welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! I hope you have all had a restful and happy Christmas with your children and families but it is always so lovely to see the children returning to school after a holiday. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for all the kind gifts, cards and messages that were received in school at the end of term. The staffroom table was full of biscuits and cakes and we all felt very lucky and very grateful, if also a few kilograms heavier!

The children have begun Term 3 keen and eager in their learning. Please continue to support them in all their homework and keep up the reading at home too! It all makes such a difference!

### **Admission to St. William of Perth School Reception Classes in September 2017**

The closing date for primary level admissions is 16th January, 2017

Please see the school website for details of the school's admission policy and procedures, or contact the school office for a paper copy. However, in addition, parents **MUST** apply to the Local Authority. This can be done online at

[www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](http://www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions) Please note: to qualify for a place at 4 years of age, a child must have his or her fifth birthday between 1 September, 2012 and 31 August, 2013.

### **Uniform**

#### **Earrings, Hair and Uniform reminder**

Our uniform and being smart is very important. We ask for your support in ensuring that the uniform policy is adhered to.

**Earrings:** We do discourage ear piercing during the academic year as the children are unable to participate in any PE activities until they are able to remove them independently. This is a legal requirement under Health and Safety. It is much better if they are pierced at the beginning of the summer holiday.

A reminder that any earrings worn should be **plain gold or silver studs** i.e. not diamantes or different shapes.

**Hair:** Girls with shoulder length hair and longer should tie their hair back from the face. Please remember that hair bands should be plain black or blue or in the school colours to match summer dresses later in the year.

Boys' hair should be smart, not cover the eyes and hinder learning, be kept short and no longer than the collar. Trim lines and other extremes of fashion are not allowed.

Please ensure **all hats are in plain school colours or is a school hat** i.e. **not** furry animal ears, fancy muffs, ear muffs etc.... School hats are available from the school office at a cost of £4.70 each.

We are very short of tights, socks and both girl's and boy's underwear of every size in our spare clothing box. If you have any unwanted items at home that you no longer need, please send them in to us.





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**P.E. Kits:** A few children missed out on their lessons this week due to not having their kit in school. If you have not already done so, please ensure that your child brings their labelled School P.E. kit to school on Monday, thank you.

**Year 5 Swimming:** The first of 10 swimming sessions for children in Year 5 takes place on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents are reminded to return their consent forms to the school office and children are reminded to bring their swimming kit. Children without consent will not be allowed to take part.

**Panto:** Alternate Shadows proudly presents – **Cinderella** to be performed here at St. William of Perth on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 3pm.** Cost: Children £2.50 Adults £5.00 Family Ticket £10 (2 Adults and up to 2 children). This is an original, fund raising pantomime, suitable for the whole family. Why not bring your friends along too! Tickets can be purchased on the door and will also be available from the school office. Please send in your ticket requests and full payment to the school office, (cheques made payable to St. William of Perth). Tickets will be returned via your child's book bag.

**Music Tuition:** The Spring term payment of £20.00 per child is now due for those children who are receiving tuition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year from Mrs Love.

**Clubs:** See the attached Club timetable for full details.

**Parking:** You should all have received a copy of our new Road Safety home School agreement yesterday. Please search your child's book bag if you have not seen it!

Sadly, we finished the end of term with so many complaints from our neighbours about their driveways being blocked at the start and the end of the school day. It may be for only a few minutes but it should not be happening at all. We wish to continue good relations with our neighbours and I therefore request that we have a fresh start now in January. Please leave a few minutes earlier, park further away and walk. **The car park of St. John Fisher Church will be unavailable next week whilst renovation work takes place.**

Please keep in your prayers those members of our school community who have lost loved ones over the Christmas holiday.

Finally, congratulations to Teddy – Y4 and his family on the birth of his new baby sister, Violet. We look forward to meeting her very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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**Inset Days for the rest of 2017:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Dates for your diary – please put this on your fridge!**

## SPRING TERM

Year R Class Assembly  
 Year 5 Swimming starts  
 Mass led by Years 3 and 6  
 PTA Meeting  
 Alternate Shadows Pantomime  
 Science Week  
 Astrodome – Whole School  
 Year 6 visit Chatham Synagogue  
 Eco Workshop – Whole School  
 Year 5 Class Assembly  
 Year 5 visit St. Justus Church  
 Family Mass  
 Celebration Assembly  
**Last Day of Term 3**  
 School Holiday  
**First Day of Term 4**  
 Year 3 to visit the Gurdwara  
 Ash Wednesday Mass Led by Years 4 and 5  
 Year 1 Class Assembly  
 Family Mass  
 Road Safety Workshops  
 Year 2 Class Assembly  
 Red Nose Day  
 NHS Health Screening Year R  
 Passion Play led by Years 3 and 4  
 Celebration Assembly  
 Passion Play led by Years 3 and 4  
 Y5 MMH Overnight Trip  
 Stations of the Cross led by Year 6  
**Last Day of Term 4**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 9.10 am  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 10 am  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January School Hall - 2 pm  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January School Hall 3 pm **Tickets Now on sale**  
 W/C Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January £2.00 per child  
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 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 9.10 am  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February £2.00 per child  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9 am  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2.20 pm  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February £2.00 per child  
 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10 am  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.10 am  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9 am  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.10 am  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March Charity Fund Raiser  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Selected children only)  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2pm  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.20 pm  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7 pm  
 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - returning 3 pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.10 am  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March