

St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Remembrance Assembly: Thank you to the children of St. Francis' class who led us in prayer and reflection as we approach Remembrance Sunday. The assembly was beautifully moving and reflected the depth of the children's learning. To commemorate Remembrance Day and in support of the Poppy Appeal, we have been selling poppies and the children throughout the School observed the two minute silence at 11am. Thank you to everyone who has helped to support this worthwhile charity.

Book Fair: Thank you for a fantastic turnout at our book fair this week. You helped us raise £365 to spend on books for our classrooms. Your support was fantastic! Names of those who attended will be put in a raffle for a chance to win a book. These winners will be announced at Monday's assembly – Mrs Kinslow.

PTA Meeting & AGM: We have such a lovely school and so many wonderful and supportive parents. Many of our recent PTA members have been active for many years and some have moved on as their children move to their next schools. These members have worked hard to fund resources and equipment as well as ensure that established school traditions (that the children love) have continued to flourish and grow. Yearly events like the Mother and Father Day shops, school discos, presents for Christmas and Easter as well as fundraising through our Summer Fun Day. On Wednesday, we held our first PTA meeting of the year and our AGM – usually a busy and active event. Sadly, we had four parents in attendance and three apologies so we do not have a PTA Committee this year. The school will hold a tea/coffee afternoon on **Thursday 19th January 2017 at 2pm**. We would love to see as many of you there as possible to save our PTA.

Year 3 Class Assembly: Parents of children in St. Patrick's class are warmly invited to join us on Friday 18th November at 9.10am, as their children lead us in prayer.

Children in Need: A fun, fundraising day will be held on Friday 18th November. The School Council have chosen to support this charity with a 'Bring and Buy' sale and a spotty themed Tag Day. For a fine of £1, children are invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 18th, the spottier the better! Decorate an old tee shirt with spots / spotty face paint / draw coloured spots on dad's old shirt or tie or just wear some spotty socks! Anything goes – do not feel you need to go and buy a special outfit for this day!

Do you have a used toy / teddy / book / jigsaw puzzle that your family have outgrown? If so, your donation to the 'Bring and Buy' sale can be brought into school from Monday. Items will be on sale to the children in the afternoon, also a small raffle will be held. Children are invited to bring a maximum of £2 to spend at the sale.

Maths Games: Children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 have the opportunity to take home maths games to enhance their Maths skills through play. If you would like your child to bring a game home each week, please collect a form from the school office.

Bonus Ball: Spare numbers remain available. Please contact the school office if you are interested in joining in with this fund raiser.

First Holy Communion: Parents of any child in Year 3 or above who would like to take part in the First Holy Communion taking place in June 2017 are asked to speak with Fr. Antony after any Mass before the last Sunday of November. **There are now forms available at the back of the church for you to collect and return to Fr Antony in person.**



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Medway Food Bank: Our collection of Advent calendars is growing by the day. Thank you so much for your continued support. If you would like to donate a chocolate Advent calendar, please leave it at the school office by Friday 18th November, in order that they can be donated to the Foodbank in time for distribution to the local community for Advent.

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 Please note: Children born between September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are due to start school in September 2017.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

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Inset Days for the rest of 2016 – 2017: Tuesday 3rd January, Friday 26th May, Monday 5th June.

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

Advent Calendar – Medway Food Bank	DEADLINE	Friday 18 th November
Year 3 Class Assembly	9.10 am	Friday 18 th November
Children In Need		Friday 18 th November Donation of £1 per child
Year R Class Assembly	9.10 am	Friday 25 th November
Year 6 Class Trip Museum of Kent Life		Friday 2 nd December Payment due 16.11.16
Family Mass	9 am	Sunday 4 th December
Infant Nativity	2 pm	Tuesday 6 th December
Infant Nativity	6 pm	Wednesday 7 th December
Year 5 Christmas Carol Concert	2pm	Thursday 8 th December at Rochester Cathedral
Pantomime – Whole School Trip		Friday 9 th December £10 per child Payment overdue
Junior Advent Carol Service	7 pm	Monday 19 th December
Celebration Assembly	2.20pm	Tuesday 20 th December
Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper Day		Wednesday 21 st December
Last Day of Term 2 – school ends at	<u>2pm</u>	Wednesday 21 st December

SPRING TERM

First Day of Term 3 – INSET DAY
Children Return to School

Tuesday 3rd January **Children Not in School**
Wednesday 4th January



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Why?

Artillery guns their rhythms beat,
Accompanied by marching feet.
Those new run forward into war,
While veterans, at escape, claw.
Theirs is a will to kill the beast,
A cry, a plead, a hope, for peace.
In silence, scream the newly dead,
Their uniforms now splattered red.
That lust for war, that odd sensation,
Has killed off many generations.
In the filth, blood and grime,
The war-poets form their rhymes.
It alters many destinies,
Turns people into refugees,
So why do we still practise it,
How is it still seen fit?
Just because you took offence, you started war.
This makes no sense!
To spend lives like money on food,
And not be seen as foolish or rude!
I may never understand,
What could form rage so grand!
And in the corpses eyes I see,
His anxious, silent family,
Who wait for the inevitable knock,
Counting minutes on the clock,
Until that dreaded sound is heard,
And their hearts worst fears, confirmed.

Why?

Liam - Year 6

