



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 17: FRIDAY 14th JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 1 Class Assembly

Well done to Year 1 who led our assembly this morning. Their assembly focused on the importance of our families and gave thanks for all they do for us. The children explained their learning about the gospel story of Jesus visiting the temple.

ELSA

Next week our school ELSA (Emotional literacy support assistant) will be begin providing this provision within the school.

Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 swimming restarted this Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a coat as the children will be attending even if the weather is inclement.

MYG

Medway Youth Games will restart on Tuesday 18th January for Year 6 pupils.

Catch up lessons

Catch up lessons will restart on Monday 24th January with new groupings. Those identified for this provision will be contacted next week. **NO CATCH-UP LESSONS THIS COMING MONDAY 17th JANUARY**

Year 4 Class Trip - Guildhall Museum Rochester

Next week Year 4 will be visiting the Guildhall Museum on Thursday 20th January as part of their learning.

Contract Dining-Change to Menu

Further to information sent home via ParentMail earlier this week:

Thursday 20th January Movie Day menu.

Tuesday 18th and Tuesday 25th January – in support of Veganuary, a vegan menu will be offered to the children.

Please note that on the 18th and 25th January, Jacket potatoes and the baguette bar will not be available to the children.

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. Our high expectations for presentation contribute to the high standards of behaviour that our school is renowned for.

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: Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back from the face, not cover the eyes and hinder learning. Please remember that hair bands should be plain black or blue or in the school colours. Tram lines and other extremes of fashion are not allowed.

Due to current government guidelines with regard to class ventilation; those children that are feeling the cold within class are encouraged to wear extra clothing beneath their school uniform. In addition to the school sweatshirts and cardigans, children are also invited to wear a school fleece bearing the school logo, available to purchase directly from our school uniform supplier, Brigade Clothing which can be viewed and ordered via the following link:

http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents Please note that the fleece will include the embroidered school logo and is to be worn over, not in place of a sweatshirt / cardigan. It is recommended that you order a size larger than normal to account for it being worn over school uniform.

Until further notice, all other items of school uniform will remain available to purchase from the school office.





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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 knitted hats are available from the school office and are currently charged at £4.70 each.

Admission to St. William of Perth School Reception Classes in September 2022

The closing date for primary level admissions is **TOMORROW 15th January, 2022 at 5pm.**

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 https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place/3

Please note: Children born between September 2017 and 31st August 2018 are due to start school in September 2022.

Late Arrival at school

May we remind all parents / carers, that when arriving at school after 8.55 am registration, **children must be escorted to the school office to be signed into the school building**, thank you.

Safeguarding

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link: Report a child safeguarding concern | Concerned about a child | Medway Council You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24 hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.msrb.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

E-Safety Think u Know is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It provides lots of guidance on E- safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.

Douglas Y R, Willow Y 1, Lillia Y 2, Alice Y 3, Enzo Y 4, Lena Y 5, Ethan Y 6.

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
January 2022		
Saturday 15 th	Local Authority Admissions Deadline September Intake - Year R	5pm
Tuesday 18 th	Year 6 Medway Youth Games after school club to resume	
Thursday 20 th	Year 4 Class Trip - Guildhall Museum Rochester	
Monday 24 th	Year 5 Class Trip – St. Justus Church	
February 2022		
Tuesday 1 st	Year 3 Class Trip – Medway Gurdwara	
Thursday 3 rd	Harry Potter Book Night – Years 3 – 6 only	4.15-5.45pm
Monday 7 th	Diversity Week – details to follow	
Friday 11 th	Last day of Term 3	

