



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 5: Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy week. The term is going very quickly it is hard to believe that we are now at the end of our fifth week since returning in September. Tomorrow is world mental health day, a reminder of the importance of kindness and compassion towards all especially in today's climate.

Greenacre Virtual Sports hall Competition

This week our Year 5 and 6 classes took part in primary virtual sports hall athletics. They had a wonderful time setting personal bests in a variety of athletic activities.

Social distancing outside of school

We would just like to take this opportunity of reminding you about the importance of social distancing outside our school. We have noticed that as the term has gone on that it is becoming more congested in Canon Close.

Can we remind Parents that we encourage the use of a one-way system where once you have collected your child / children that you cross over to the other side of Canon Close when leaving, as this means that there is less congestion and parents are less likely to encounter oncoming parents. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping keep our school community safe.

Medway Tests

Take place in school on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October.

Parents Evenings Information

We will be issuing a mini written report explaining about children's progress and attainment. In addition, parents can request a phone consultation to be arranged.

Hot Meals Restarting

From Monday 19th October our school and Contract Dining Company will be restarting our hot meals service. Please be aware, all meals are to be paid for via the contactless ParentPay app system. The school office can provide you with your child's activation codes should they have been misplaced. We have sent out the menu for your information as an attachment to the newsletter via ParentMail. A copy is also available from the school foyer.

Home School Agreements and Data Collection Sheet

Every child has been given a Home School Agreement and Data Collection Sheet. We would ask that they are read, signed and returned to your child's teacher on Monday please.

New Intake Tours – Reception Class 2021

The tours take place after school on a Tuesday and our limited to 4 parents per tour in order to maintain safety. Please note that prospective parents are asked to wear a mask and only one parent per household may attend. Should you know anyone who is interested in their child joining our reception class in 2021 we ask that they contact the office to book onto one of our tours.

Primary and Secondary Admissions 2021 / 22

Applications for secondary schools are now open and close at 5pm on Monday 30th November. Please check the Medway Council website or individual schools for information concerning admission criteria and open days. Applications for those children who will be 4 before 31st August 2021 are now open and close on Friday 15th January at 5pm. School tours will be available after school from October for prospective parents for our new Year R class.

Tuesday morning SEN appointments

Should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related issues please speak with the office and they will arrange an appointment for a Tuesday morning after 9:30am. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Ward directly on sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk. Phone consultations are preferable.

Outstanding Monies

We would be most grateful that, whenever possible, payment for school uniform, trips, school fund etc. is made by cheque rather than cash. Cheques are to be drawn to St. William of Perth RCP School, thank you.





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Safeguarding

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

We would like to draw your attention to the following website that has lots of excellent resources to help keep your child safe online: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> The site is produced by the NSPCC and provides lots of parental resources and guides for apps, games and social media sites.

Annual Nasal Flu Spray Immunisation

This year the Immunisation team is offering **ALL** children of St. William of Perth the nasal flu spray on Wednesday 25th November. Full details have been sent home to every family via ParentMail. Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/immms-consent-form/> To access the consent form you will need to enter our school URN: 118775.

The online consent form will close at midnight on the 20th November.

Charity News

Harvest Collection We are accepting any donations of canned / dry goods to help support the following charities: Caring Hands in the Community and the Medway Foodbank. Donations can be left at the school office at your convenience or sent in with your child/children. We ask that donations are received on or before Friday 16th October, thank you for your support.

Mustard Seed Relief Missions - Love in a Box annual shoe box appeal. Every child has been given a leaflet today for your information and use (if you choose to support this charity collection). In addition to adding useful items such as toothbrush/toothpaste/soap/flannel etc., we encourage the children to donate a small toy(s) of their own that they no longer play with. Wrapped boxes (please wrap the base and lid separately) are to be returned to school by Friday 6th November.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Poppies will be on sale from Monday 12th October. In addition to paper 'stick on' poppies available to buy for a donation of your choice, we also have a limited supply of: Zip pull ribbons – suggested donation 50p, reflector poppies – suggested donation 50p, silicon wristbands – suggested donation £1.00, snap bands – suggested donation £1.50 and enamel pin badges – suggested donation £2.00. Should you wish your child to purchase any of these items, please send your request into school in a clearly named and labelled, sealed envelope, stating your purchase choice(s). All items will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Unless stated otherwise on the envelope, we shall assume that no change is needed and all monies sent into school, labelled 'Poppy Sale' are to be donated to the Royal British Legion appeal.

PTA Bag2School Our next PTA charity bag collection will be held on Tuesday 3rd November. Please place your securely tied bag of unwanted clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, bedding, curtains and towels within the cycle/scooter compound at the side of the school car park by 9am on the 3rd November. Extra bags are welcome, there is no limit (feel free to use black sacks etc.). *"The more they weigh, the more they pay"*. All monies raised will be donated to the PTA.

If you have any outgrown items of school uniform that remain in good 're-saleable' condition, please feel free to leave them with the school office at your convenience. Our 'nearly new' school clothes are sold at 50p per item and are available through PTA uniform sales throughout the year and also on request from the school office.

If you have any unwanted toys / soft toys please consider donating them to the PTA for any future toy sales, again, they can be left at the school office at your convenience.

PTA Cake Sale will be held on Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm from the cycle/scooter compound at the side of the school car park. All monies raised will be donated to the PTA.

Children in Need Friday 13th November – **TAG DAY**. For a donation of £1.00 per child, we would like to invite the children to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 13th November in support of Children in Need. It would be lovely to see them dressed as brightly as possible, Children in Need themed clothing is more than welcome but please do not feel the need to purchase extra items from the shops (unless you want to), home decorated clothing can be fun too!





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Praise Celebrations for the week!

Merit Award: Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate. Y R Nyah, Y 1 Tayte, Y 2 Kristof, Y 3 Rosalie, Y 4 Pippa, Y 5 Brillia and Y 6 Harry P.

House Points

Team house winner this week: Red.

INSET DAY - FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER **CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL**

Finally, we would like to congratulate Mr Wilkins on his supreme effort of running the 'Virtual London Marathon' in atrocious weather conditions last Sunday. *"Thank you to all who offered their support in the various forms on Sunday. I am thrilled to have raised £3115 for Children with Cancer UK. I can now look forward to running the official run next year".*

Enjoy your weekend

Yours sincerely,

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DIARY DATES		
October		
Monday 12 th	Royal British Legion Poppy Sale begins	Donation of your choice
Tuesday 13 th	Medway Test	Year 6
Wednesday 14 th	Medway Test	Year 6
Friday 16 th	Harvest food collection deadline	
Monday 19 th	Hot Meals Restart – Contract Dining Company	All Year Groups
Friday 23 rd	INSET DAY	CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
LAST DAY OF TERM 1		
November		
Monday 2 nd	First day of term 2	Children to wear winter uniform
Tuesday 3 rd	Bag2School PTA collection	9am cycle/scooter compound
Thursday 5 th	PTA Cake Sale	2.30pm
Friday 6 th	Love in a Box Christmas Shoe Box Appeal	Return box to school
Friday 13 th	Children in Need TAG DAY The brighter the better	£1.00 per child
Friday 20 th	Nasal Flu Spray Immunisation DEADLINE to reply	Reply by Midnight
Wednesday 25 th	Nasal Flu Spray Immunisation day	All Years

