



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 8: Thursday 21st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of Term 1! The first term has gone by so quickly. Over the last two weeks the children have been working hard on their end of term assessments. The children have also been undertaking a number of learning activities linked to black history month and diversity. Please do ask them about their learning in this important area of our curriculum.

Harvest Mass

Thank you to Fr. Neil who led our Harvest Mass on Wednesday of this week.

It is wonderful to part of such a generous community! Your kind and very generous donations have been collected on behalf of Medway Food Bank who in turn will support the local community.

Muddy Madness

We have had a fantastic response and are very grateful for all the donations via sponsorship forms received so far.

It is not too late to donate! The total amount raised will be announced after the Autumn break.

Year 5 Class Trip

As part of their History and Art topic, St. George's class visited The Museum of Kent Life today for an ancient Greece themed day. We look forward to hearing their news.

MYG Hockey Well done to Ruby-Rose, Lucy, Brillia, Gracie-Mai, Jack, Omer, Robin and Jacob - Y6 who represented the school at the Mini Youth Games Hockey competition at Holcombe Hockey Club today. They have shown excellent teamwork skills and were complimented on their excellent behaviour.

Celebration Assembly

In terms 1-5, six children from each year group receive a celebratory certificate from their class teacher in acknowledgement of their achievements, which is presented to them in front of their peers at our celebration assembly. It always brings us great joy to share your children's achievements and Monday's Celebration Assembly was no exception. Well done to all children who received a special certificate.

Parent Evenings

For this academic year will be on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November 2021 when you will be able to meet individually with class teachers. Parents are asked to make arrangements for the care of their children on this evening. Children may not be left on school premises unattended. Notification of your allotted meeting time via your eldest (or only) child's book bag was sent home yesterday.

PLEASE NOTE: MYG Club and Choir Club WILL NOT take place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November due to Parents Evening.

PTA Bags2School - Wednesday 3rd November 2021. Families are invited to donate unwanted items of clothing / shoes etc. Please see the attached flyer for further information. We ask that your donations are placed within a closed plastic bag (bin bags/recycling bags/carrier bags etc.) and left within our cycle compound by 9 am on Wednesday 3rd November.

PLEASE NOTE: We ask that scooters and cycles are left at home on the 3rd November.

Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 swimming lessons continue on Tuesday 2nd November. Please make sure children come appropriately dressed and have a coat and umbrella as we will be attending the sessions even if the weather is inclement.

NSPCC Tag Day

Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for a fee of £1.00 per child on Thursday 4th November.

Catch Up Sessions

Will resume on Monday 8th November.





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Charity Events

We are very proud of our children and their understanding of others needs both in our school and the wider community. As such, we would like to support various charities throughout this academic year. To help you budget for any charitable donations; may we take this opportunity to let you know of our plans so far.

Love In A Box leaflets have been sent home. We are delighted to have received the first donation in support of our Christmas Box appeal on behalf of the Mustard Seed Relief Mission. Items such as toys, toiletries and confectionary are collected in a festive wrapped shoe box which are delivered to children by the charity. **The final day to make your Christmas Shoe Box donation is Tuesday 16th November.**

PTA Bags2School - Wednesday 3rd November 2021 and Wednesday 20th April 2022 –Families are invited to donate unwanted items of clothing / shoes etc. All money raised is donated to the school PTA.

Poppy Appeal – In support of the Royal British Legion. Paper poppies and assorted merchandise will be on sale leading up to Armistice Day on the 11th November.

NSPCC Tag Day – Thursday 4th November - **£1.00 per child**

Children in Need – Friday 12th November further details nearer the date.

PTA Christmas Market – Friday 26th November further details nearer the date.

Contract Dining

Terms 2, 3 and 4. Please find the attached menu for your information.

Whole School Pantomime

Thank you to those parents who have already made their payment of £16.41 per child via ParentPay (deadline to pay 3rd December). For catering purposes, we ask that your completed parental consent form is returned to the school office on or before, but no later than 22nd November, thank you.

Admissions – Primary Schools 2022/2023

The Medway admissions is now open for primary school applications 2022 / 2023. You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. Please be aware that applying to St. William of Perth and other Catholic schools you also need to complete a Catholic supplementary information form. This can be found on our school website on the admissions page. Deadline to apply is 15th January 2022.

<https://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk/Admissions>

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

New Parent Tours

Parental tours for perspective new parents have now started. These will take place after school in small groups. Please contact the office to book onto a tour.

Secondary School 2022 Admissions

You can apply for a secondary school place if your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011. Application dates for secondary school 2022 admissions opened on 9 am Monday 6th September and **close 5 pm Thursday 31st October.**

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1061/applying_for_a_secondary_school_place

School Fund

Thank you to the parents who have made their family contribution of £15.50 We ask that the contribution is made via ParentPay. These are much needed funds which help supplement resources within our school.

Outstanding Monies

We would be most grateful that, whenever possible, payment for school uniform is made by cheque rather than cash. Cheques are to be drawn to St. William of Perth RCP School, thank you. School Fund, School trips (on request), are to be paid via your child's ParentPay account please.

ParentPay

We are aware of a number of parents who have yet to activate their child/children's ParentPay account. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Wednesday 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 Wednesday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Ward directly on sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk . Phone consultations are preferable.

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/>





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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>

INSET DAY Friday 22nd October 2021 - CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL

We look forward to seeing the children return to school on the first day of Term 2, Monday 1st November – dressed in their Winter uniform.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Elisha, Esther and their family on the safe arrival of their new baby sister.

Enjoy the school break.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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DIARY DATES – Subject to Change

October		
Friday 22 nd	Final day of Term 1 (INSET DAY – No children in school)	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term	
November		
Monday 1 st	Start of term 2 – Children Return To School	Winter Uniform
Tuesday 2 nd	Parent / Teacher Meetings	By appointment
	MYG Club - cancelled	
Wednesday 3 rd	Bags2School – donate unwanted clothing etc.	9am Cycle compound
	Cycles / Scooters to be left at home please	
	Parent / Teacher Meetings	By appointment
	Choir Club - cancelled	
Thursday 4 th	NSPCC – Charity non-school uniform Tag Day	£1 per child
Monday 8 th	Catch Up Lessons resume	
Friday 12 th	Children In Need	Details to follow
Monday 15 th -18 th	Book Fair	
Thursday 11 th	Armistice Day – Poppy Appeal leading up to this day	
Tuesday 16 th	Love In A Box – Christmas Shoe Box	Donation deadline
Friday 19 th	PTA Tag Day – in support of Christmas Market	Details to follow
Wednesday 24 th	Whole School Flu Immunisation	
Thursday 25 th	WW II Day – Museum of Kent Life – Class trip	
Friday 26 th	PTA – Christmas Market	School Field 3.30 pm
Saturday 27 th	Rochester High St – Christmas Lights switch on	
December		
Friday 3 rd	Choir Club Christmas Concert	7 pm
Monday 6 th	Final Catch up Session for Term 2	
Tuesday 7 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity TBC	2 pm
Wednesday 8 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity TBC	6 pm
Friday 10 th	Whole School Pantomime Trip	
Monday 13 th	KS2 Advent Carol Service TBC	7 pm
Wednesday 15 th	School Christmas Dinner Day	

