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NEWSLETTER NO 9: Friday 5th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a refreshing half term and enjoyed spending time as a family.

All Saints Mass

Thank you to Father Neil for celebrating our All Saints Mass feast day this Wednesday. November is the month of the holy souls and we remember our loved ones who have passed away.

NSPCC Tag Day

Thank you to Mrs Ward for leading our NSPCC stay safe, speak out assembly this week. Thank you to all the families for your donation to help this charity in their important work. A letter has been sent home via ParentMail. Our TAG DAY yesterday raised £175 in support of the NSPCC.

Parent Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent evenings this week. It was wonderful to be able to share with parents the children's learning and also to be able to meet in person. We hope that you found these consultations useful.

Muddy Madness

We are delighted to confirm that the amount raised totals an amazing £2093! Thank you all for support and generosity.

PTA Bags2School

Thank you to all who donated unwanted items of clothing / shoes etc. This will raise much needed funds for the school.

MYG Basketball

Well done to Shalom, Saniya, Zuzanna, Matthew, Kekeli, Jake and Tommy – Year 6, who represented the school yesterday at the basketball competition. The team had an enjoyable time and tried their best throughout the day. They have shown excellent teamwork skills and were complimented on their excellent behaviour.

Catch Up Sessions

Will resume on Monday 8th November.

Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 swimming lessons continue each Tuesday. 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.

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.

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.

Poppy Appeal – In support of the Royal British Legion. Paper poppies and assorted merchandise is now available leading up to Armistice Day on the 11th November. Information has been sent home via ParentMail. Merchandise is available to purchase directly from the school office or via the 'Poppy Appeal shop' that will visit every class each day. We thank you for your support.

Love In A Box leaflets have been sent home. We are delighted to have received several donations 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.**

Children in Need – Friday 19th November – we will be holding a cake sale on the 12th November in support of this charity.





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PTA Tag Day – Friday 19th November. In support of the Christmas Market, we will hold a non-uniform day. In return, we ask that children donate an item(s) to the Christmas Market. A separate letter with details of suggested donations can be found at the end of the newsletter.

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

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

Pupil Premium Funding

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for pupil premium. The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England. It is designed to help disadvantaged pupils of all abilities perform better, and close the gap between them and their peers. Please see the letter at the end of this newsletter for full details.

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.

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.

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

Please be aware that secondary school admissions **closed at 5 pm Thursday 31st October.**

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

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.mscc.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>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Blue

Walking Boot Great walking on Wednesday this week. Years 6. Keep walking!

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

Y R Aliyah, Y 1 Olivia, Y 2 Nana, Y 3 Alanna, Y 4 Jagoda, Y 5 Laine, Y 6 Jack.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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DIARY DATES – Subject to Change

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October		
Monday 8 th	Catch Up Lessons resume	
Monday 15 th -18 th	Book Fair	
Thursday 11 th	Armistice Day – Poppy Appeal leading up to this day	
Friday 12 th	Cake Sale in support of Children in Need (19.11.21)	3pm onwards – Cycle compound
Tuesday 16 th	Love In A Box – Christmas Shoe Box	Donation deadline
Friday 19 th	Children in Need – non school uniform day	
	PTA Tag Day – in support of Christmas Market	Donations as advised
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	





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- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)

Registering could also raise extra funding for our school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

Registration is now required to be completed on line and has a quicker response to the old paper system. You will need to register at https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200164/school_information/354/free_school_meals/1

click on Apply for Free School Meals and then follow the instructions.

Apply for free school meals

To make an application for free school meals you must apply online. Paper applications are no longer available. You will need to provide:

- your name
- your date of birth
- contact details
- your national insurance number or national asylum seekers number
- child's name
- child's date of birth
- school your child is attending or will attend

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Reviews and changes in circumstance

You must update your details using our online free school meal system if there are any changes to your circumstances or school, so we can make sure your child still receives their free school meals.

Regular reviews will be carried out once per month and contact will be made if your entitlement changes or if any further information is required.

If you are struggling financially, even if you are not eligible for pupil premium funding, please do not suffer in silence. Please come and speak to me, Mrs Eastwood or any member of staff that you feel comfortable with. Conversations will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Yours sincerely

J Willis

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St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School PTA Christmas Market - Friday 26th November – 3.30 pm

**In support of this year's PTA Christmas Market
we are holding a Tag Day on Friday 19th November**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school on the 19th November.

In return, we would be grateful to receive donations that would then be used to make class hampers.

Each class has been allocated a colour theme. Suggested donations are Chocolate / biscuits / sweets / toiletries / candles / wine etc. in the class colour theme. However, any donation of your choice would be most appreciated.

- ❖ Year R – Purple
- ❖ Year 1 – Orange
- ❖ Year 2 – Blue
- ❖ Year 3 – Green
- ❖ Year 4 – Yellow
- ❖ Year 5 – Red
- ❖ Year 6 – Any of the above



May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

**On behalf of the PTA
Mrs Jes Mitchell**

