

St William's Catholic Academy

9th November 2021

The second half of the Autumn term is always a busy time for school. With so much taking place, please make a note of important dates listed in this newsletter for upcoming events.

Poppy Appeal

St William's is once again supporting the Royal British Legion in it's annual Poppy Appeal. Children from year 6 will be continuing to visit classes for the remainder of this week to allow all children to contribute to this worthy cause by donating money for poppies and poppy related memorabilia. We will be remembering those who have lost their lives on active service and their families in assemblies commemorating remembrance day.



Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on this Thursday (11th November) to take photos of individual children and siblings. We are pleased to be able to invite younger siblings who have not yet started school to come in to be part of their older siblings photos. If you would like to bring a younger child in for their photo, please could you email admin@stwilliams.bhcet.org.uk and provide us with your child's name, who their sibling(s) are and which class they are in. All photos with younger siblings will take place first so please could you come to school for 8:30 if you intend to take advantage of this.

Children in Need

The School Council have arranged a 'Glow Stick Disco' to help raise money for Children in Need this year taking place on **Friday 19th November**. Children can come to school in non-uniform (suggested £1 donation). As well as the disco there will be a Pudsey cake raffle and refreshments for sale.



New Starters

We had a good turnout for our recent open events for children who will be starting in Nursery and Reception in September 2021. The deadline for admissions to primary schools for September is January 15th so please ensure any applications are complete prior to this date (please mention this to friends and family) to ensure you don't lose out on a place.



Flu Vaccines

Children from Reception to Year 6 have been invited to receive their flu vaccines on Monday 6th December. You will have received information regarding flu vaccines home recently. Please ensure you complete the necessary consent form at <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent> using our school code of 114259 if you wish for your child to receive their flu vaccine,.

Sports Update

Congratulations to our year 5 and 6 tag rugby team who competed in the Tag Rugby Festival before half term. The main focus set by the festival organisers was 'teamwork' and 'respect', our children were outstanding in both areas, gaining praise and recognition from match officials. Making it to the final of our league and winning it was the icing on the cake.



Upcoming Sporting events for the second half of the Autumn term include:

Wednesday 10th November	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics	Newton Aycliffe leisure centre
Thursday 18th November	KS1 Multi Skills	Spennymoor Leisure Centre
Thursday 2nd December	Boccia	Spennymoor Leisure Centre
Thursday 11 th Nov – Thursday 2 nd December	Key Stage 2 Netball League	Newton Aycliffe leisure centre

Christmas Events

Please find below a list of calendar dates of events taking place in the lead up to Christmas:

- **Monday 6th December – Early Years Christmas Nativity**
- **Tuesday 7th December – Class 2 / 3 Christmas Performance**
- **Wednesday 8th December Class 4 / 5 Christmas Performance**

Due to concerns around rising Coronavirus cases, Christmas performances will be recorded and available to view on Facebook and the school website. We are hoping to be able to livestream these events on the day and will release further details in due course. We know this decision will be upsetting for some families but we think we still need to remain cautious for this Christmas period.

- **Thursday 9th December – Whole School Mass**
- **Monday 13th December – Early Years Christmas Party**
- **Tuesday 14th December – Class 2 / 3 Christmas Party**
- **Wednesday 15th December – Class 4 / 5 Christmas Party**

Children can come to school dressed in Christmas party clothes on the day of their party.

- **Thursday 16th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day.**

