



### First Holy Communion Meeting

Children in year 4 will have the opportunity to make their First Holy Communion this year. To receive First Holy communion children require a year of preparation to ensure that they will be sufficiently prepared for the sacrament. Parents of children in year 4 are invited to a meeting that will take place in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 5:00pm to learn more about the programme and the commitment needed from families. We will also share important information regarding dates of preparation classes, dates of when the celebration will take place and what children will need to wear.

### After School Offer

One of the consequences of the pandemic in school has been that we have been unable to offer your children the wide range of after school clubs and activities that we were able to in the past. It's really pleasing that staff at school have been keen to get extra curricular activities for children available once again and over the next two weeks we have a number of after school clubs beginning.

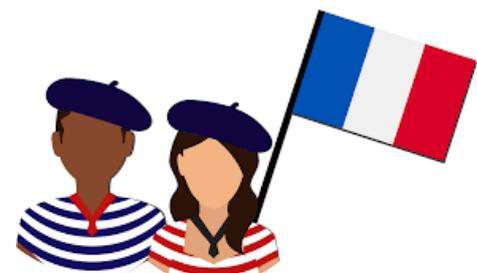


Monday 3:15-4:15 Starting 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Fun with Phonics	Mrs Crowther Mrs Felton Mrs Robinson	Year 1
Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15	Cookery	Mrs Siberry Mrs Griffiths	Year 2 & 3
Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15	Keeping Healthy	Mrs Goulden Mrs Wilson	Key stage 1
Thursday 3:15 – 4:15	Netball	Miss Sowerby Mrs Heale	Years 4 - 6

Further clubs will be available throughout the academic year. We want our clubs to appeal to the interests of children so if your child has a particular interest they would like to see as an after-school club, please ask them to talk to their school council class representative.

### French themed day

Mrs Crowther has organised a language focussed day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September linked to the European Day of Languages taking place on Sunday. As we teach French in St William's we will be having a French theme day where children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue. We will also be having a French themed lunch as well as language activities and competitions in classes.



## Rewards

At St William's we have always been proud of the behaviour of our children. We celebrate this every Friday in our celebration assemblies. Children can receive a 'star of the week' award for living out our school mission statement of working hard and inspiring others. Children also receive awards linked to the number house points they have received.

Starting this year children can also receive 'virtue certificates'. These certificates are for children who go above and beyond expectations in displaying one of our 8 trust virtues which are: Compassion, Confidence, Honesty, Justice, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility and Self-belief.



## Open Days

We have arranged two separate open days for parents of children starting school in September 2022. If you have family or friends whose children will be starting school next year, please pass the message on. We want to show new parents what a welcoming, hard working and outstanding school we have. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the staff, see the school environment, meet some of our children and even sample our school dinners. Open days are taking place on the following dates:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30



## Foodbank



There are many families in our local community who rely on the support available through Foodbanks. As a Catholic school we do our best to support charities and we want our children to help those around us less fortunate than ourselves. We have a foodbank donation point in school and we would like children to bring non perishable food donations to donate to the foodbank. Lets see how much we can give this Harvest time.

## Foundation Governors needed

We have a number of vacancies on our governing body for foundation governors. Are you a practicing Catholic who would like to support St William's as a member of our Governing Body or do you know anyone who would be interested in such a role?

Being a school governor or trustee is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. Ofsted has repeatedly noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management – which includes the governing board.

No prior experience is necessary and training will be available for anyone appointed to the role. If you are interested and would like to discuss the opportunity, please contact school to speak to Mr Tiplady for further information

