

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENT/CARER

BAPTISM MEETING TOMORROW SATURDAY 1.00PM ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH.

If you would like your child to be baptised please come along to this baptism meeting for parents which will be at **1.00PM THIS SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY IN ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH.** At this meeting the arrangements for baptism will be outlined and the dates available for baptisms will be made available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS McWALTERS'S CLASS 4M who have won our Magnificent Attendance Trophy for their excellent attendance last week. **Haven't they done well.**

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE JUBILEE DOOR AT ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL 10.30am to 1.00pm on Saturday 5th March. During this Year of Mercy Pope Frances encourages us to go on a short pilgrimage to one of the "Jubilee Doors of Mercy" which have been established in each Diocese. Travelling to a Jubilee Door and passing through it is a gesture showing that we are leaving the past behind and beginning afresh. I do hope you will go on this pilgrimage which will start at 10.30am with confessions at St Anne's followed by prayer and contemplation and Mass at 12.00noon.

ARE YOU A PARENT WITH A YOUNG PRE-SCHOOL CHILD/CHILDREN? If so and you would like to meet with other parents with toddlers please come to this club which meets every Tuesday 9.00am to 11.00am in our Conference Room. Refreshments are available and toys for the children and our Parent Involvement Worker will be in attendance to answer any queries you may have about the school and education and related matters. If you are free do come along.

READING AT HOME. ENSURING THAT YOUR CHILD READS AT HOME EACH EVENING AND WEEKEND IS (after ensuring your child's good attendance) the major thing you can do to help your child make good progress at school. At the end of each school day your child will come home with material to read that evening or weekend. Some children will be able to do this on their own and others will need you or another family member to read with or to them. Please ensure this reading work is done and the record sent home to show this signed.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION. If you did not attend the First Communion Meeting for parents on 7th January and want your child to make his/her First Communion this year please contact Mrs Sharp in the school office in person or by phone (01274) 681961. Children will be considered for preparation if they are in year 3 and above. The deadline for applications for this year is Thursday 11th February.

BAD WEATHER INFORMATION - ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFORMING PARENTS IF SCHOOL HAS TO CLOSE OR NOT OPEN. SCHOOL WILL ALWAYS OPEN AND STAY OPEN UNLESS IT IS BROADCAST ON RADIO PULSE THAT OUR SCHOOL HAS CLOSED OR WILL NOT OPEN TODAY. THIS INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE text and emailed to you, if we have your mobile and email address and it will also be put on our website www.stcolumbas.bradford.sch.uk and Bradford Council Schools Online website. **SO IF IT'S NOT BROADCAST WE ARE CLOSED WE WILL BE OPEN.** If you would like to be put on our texting and emailing list please contact the school office in person or on 01274 681961.

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