

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENT/CARER

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS WOLANSKI'S CLASS 1Wo who have won our Magnificent Attendance Trophy for their excellent attendance last week. **Haven't they done well.** They will receive extra play this week and will receive points for our termly attendance competition the winning class of which receives a special prize. It is tremendously important that every child comes to school as often as possible so please do all you can to ensure your child never misses even one school day unnecessarily.

OUR CATHOLIC CHOIR SINGERS. A big well done to those pupils who are members of our Bradford Catholic Schools Choirs. They are **Thomas Halewood, Chloe Link and Kayleigh Maguire** who are in Junior Choir and **Frances Halewood** who is in the Senior Choir. They all sang beautifully and were a great credit to their parents and our school.

GOVERNORS WRITING COMPETITION. Last Thursday our School Governors gathered to judge the entries for this terms competition and the winners they chose are:-

BEST WRITER OF THE TERM

Aimee Hirst, Megan Markey, Kodi Horan, Shanique Usher, Benjamin Idusogie, Mateusz Kolodziejczyk, Natalia Lipowska, Dominik Milewski, Kevin Wac, Antoni Rykaluk, Oliwia Fraszczak, Jack Drew, Samuel Lach, Sophia Robson, Arina Azarevicz.

MOST IMPROVED WRITER OF THE TERM

Liam Kay, Oliver Page, Ruby Ward, Lisa Briggs, Riley Nelson, Brygida Flasińska, Jacob Berus, Harry Hare, Alanah McCoy, Maria Krugielka, Ady-Lee Lowther, Kayden Farrell, Evie Woodhead, Keavylea Depledge, Jessica Wac, Daisy Warriner.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS who will each receive a special certificate. Their names will also go into our end of term draw for very special prizes.

WOULD PARENTS HELP US PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR PUPILS BY:-

1. **NOT SMOKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS** or in view of our children.
2. **NOT PARKING IN THE SCHOOL DRIVE** as by doing so some are causing congestion and making it more difficult for other drivers to see children who maybe in the roadway.

READING AT HOME. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD READS AT HOME EACH EVENING AND WEEKEND. The major things you can do to help your child make good progress at school are to ensure that he/she reads at home every evening and weekend and comes to school every day school is open. 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 ensure that the record sent home to show this is signed and returned to school.

2016/17 HOLIDAY LIST. The holiday list for September 2016 to July 2017 is attached. Please note that all the half term breaks are at least one full week, Spring Bank is two and the summer holidays are six. Please take your children on holiday during these holiday periods and not in school time. **Taking children out of school in term time can have severe detrimental consequences for their education progress.**

**ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS HOLIDAY DATES 2016/17**

OPEN Wednesday 7th September
CLOSE Friday 21st October

OPEN Wednesday 2nd November
CLOSE Thursday 22nd December

OPEN Tuesday 3rd January
CLOSE Thursday 16th February

OPEN Monday 27th February
CLOSE Wednesday 12th April

OPEN Monday 24th April

CLOSED ON MONDAY 1st MAY (MAY DAY) FOR THIS DAY ONLY

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK MON 9TH MAY WHEN ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL TO DO SATS

CLOSE Friday 26th May

OPEN Monday 12th June
CLOSE Friday 21st July

WHEN ARRANGING HOLIDAYS PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THEM IN TERM TIME AS IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR PARENTS TO DO THIS OR FOR SCHOOL TO AUTHORISE. To avoid the Local Authority taking legal action against you please contact the school office as early as possible if you find that because of mitigating circumstances you need to take your child out of school for a holiday/visit during term time. **SADLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A CHEAP HOLIDAY DEAL DURING TERM TIME IS NOT A MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE.**

MAIN SCHOOL OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES. Gates to Breakfast Club (in our halls) and the Nursery/Eden open at 8am at which time the Breakfast Club staff come on duty to supervise Breakfast Club. Please do not send your child/children to School before this time unless you stay with them outside the gates to supervise them. Entry to Breakfast Club is free but pupils who attend do have to bring payment for the low cost items on sale (60p should suffice).

MAIN GATES AND MAIN SCHOOL DOORS open at 8.45am and all pupils must be changed and in class by 8.55am. Please take your child to the door nearest his/her class **and not to the Main Entrance doors by the Office.**

LESSONS IN MAIN SCHOOL FINISH AT 3PM WHEN THE BELL GOES. The children then get changed and so will leave via their cloakroom door a little after this. If your child takes his/her time to get changed **please encourage him/her to change more quickly.**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB RUNS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM UNTIL 4.30PM. Main school pupils may attend and will be cared for until 4.30pm **providing they are booked in with the Office** by 12noon beforehand and a fee of £2.50 per night or £10 per week is paid. (£3 per night if paid day after). Charges must be paid beforehand or when collected and **NO CHILD WHOSE FEES REMAIN UNPAID AT THE END OF THE SESSION MAY ATTEND AGAIN UNTIL THE OUTSTANDING FEES HAVE BEEN PAID.** Reception children may only attend when they are well settled in at school.

SUNDAY MASS PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE LIFE OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY. For this reason we ask the parents of our Catholic children to ensure they take their children to **Mass each Sunday.** Mass times are:

St Columba's	Saturday evening	5.30 pm
	Sunday morning	11.15 am
St Peter's	Sunday morning	9.30 am