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Newsletter - Spring | 2025

Thank you

As 2024 draws to a close I would like to say a huge thank you to the full school community for your continued support. 12 months ago I wrote to the school community introducing myself as your new Headteacher. I have no idea where the last 12 months have gone! After only a short time here William Cassidi already feels like home to me. We are all part of the William Cassidi family and by working together we can ensure your children reach their full potential and create precious primary memories, which will last a lifetime. Our door is always open. Within the last 12 months we have refreshed our school vision, motto and values:

- Vision - Life in all Fullness
- Motto - With all your heart
- Values - Love, Respect, Service, Resilience and Courage

Essentially, we are a school built on love. Children and adults flourish in a loving environment. Thank you for choosing us and entrusting us with your child's education.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to the volunteers who have helped us in school within the past 12 months. Particularly the volunteers who have visited school consistently and offered time each week to support in classes: Mrs Hopkins, Miss Hook, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Bell, Mrs Taylor North, Mrs Scott and Mrs Shipley. We have had a number of parents/carers also support with educational visits. Thank you for donating your time. We really appreciate it! A huge thank you also to Jack's mum who organised a raffle to raise funds towards a school project linked to CCTV installation. Jack's mum raised £165.00 towards this future project.

Charitable Fundraising

'Love' and 'Service' are two of our five core values. As a school we decided to engage with some fundraising to support a range of charities - mainly local. Collectively we have: provided 285kg of Harvest donations to Billingham and Stockton foodbank, raised £92.20 for Children in Need, raised £184.58 for the Royal British Legion and finally raised £2021.00 for Teeside MIND. Thank you.

Community Facing

We enjoyed opening our doors to the local community during the Christmas Fayre. During the fayre we raised £652.00. During the Christmas raffle we raised £247.00. The raffle was drawn in the KS1 performance. The winning prize of a hamper was claimed by a member of the KS1 audience. 2nd prize was number 458 (blue ticket). Third prize was 630 (green ticket). Prizes are available to collect from the school office. All funds raised will directly benefit the children as we organise and subsidise a wider range of educational visits in the new year. Our vision is for all children to live their lives in all fullness and this includes experiencing a broad range of educational experiences both on and off site. We are also opening our doors one morning per week (Thursday 9:00 - 10:15) for a community playgroup (birth - 3). The first session will take place on Thursday 27th March. The playgroups will run term time only. Further information will be shared in the new year.

Mrs Lister and Mrs Woods

We are sad to be losing Mrs Lister and Mrs Woods at the end of the term. Mrs Lister currently works in school one day per week in Y4 and has made the decision to fully retire. Mr Hakes and Mrs Campbell will be working in Y4 from January and have already informed Y4 parents (via eschools) and started the transition process with Y4 children. Mrs Woods has worked as a lunch time



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supervisor in school and has contributed a lot to the wider life of the school. We are very grateful for all of their hard work over the years and wish them well with their future adventures.

Considerate Parking

Please can we ask all parents/carers who use a car for school transport to park in the free car park by St John's Church. We have had a number of parking complaints recently from local residents. We hope these recent incidents have been isolated. We would encourage all local residents to actively report any parking offenses to civic enforcement on 01642 393939.

Key Dates for you Diary

20 th December	Final day of term. Christmas Jumper Day (optional)
6 th January	School closed to pupils. Staff training day.
7 th January	School re-opens to pupils. Spring term begins.
8 th January	Y4 pupils begin an eleven week course of learning to play the Taiko drums. Tees Valley Music Service will be delivering these sessions onsite.
13 th January	Y3/4 pupils will begin Friendship Group Workshops - delivered on-site by the school support service. French sessions will recommence for KS2 pupils - visiting linguist. Onsite. Extra-curricular Spanish Club will recommence for pupils in KS2. New sign up sheets will be provided the first week of the new term.
15 th January	Deadline for primary applications to be submitted to the LA (Reception 2025 cohort) Extra-curricular Y6 SATs booster club commences. Y6 pupils. Reception pupils to attend an EYFS multi-sports festival. Offsite during the school day.
16 th January	Y5 pupils to visit Darchem Engineering PM. Careers Focus. Extra-curricular Gym club commences Y1 - Y6.
20 th January	Y5 pupils begin a two week swimming course each afternoon. Splash Leisure Centre.
23 rd January	Y6 pupils to visit Darchem Engineering PM. Careers Focus.
29 th January	Super learning day - Chinese New Year.
3 ^{1st} January	Parent consultation booking forms open via eschools.
3 rd February	Y3 pupils commence a two week swimming course each afternoon. Splash Leisure Centre.
5 th February	Teeside MIND are delivering a 'Time to Talk' wellbeing workshop.
6 th February	Y1 - Y3 Judo taster session. Onsite. AM. Y1 Family worship. Y1 parents/carers invited. 2:30pm in the school hall.
7 th February	Y4 - Y6 Judo taster session. Onsite. AM.
10 th February	Reception and Y1 Football session coached by Stockton Town FC. Onsite. AM.
11 th February	Super learning day - safer internet day.
13 th February	Y2 family worship. Y2 parents/carers invited. 2:30pm in the school hall.
20 th February	Y3 Family worship. Y3 parents/carers invited. 2:30pm in the school hall.
2 ^{1st} February	Super learning day - Prayer Space Day. Final day of Spring term one. Half-term commences Monday 24 th February.
1 st March	Offer day for secondary admissions.
3 rd March	Spring term two commences. Parent consultations on 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th March.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs J Campbell