



Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

Yesterday, in worship, we discussed our school rules and the original rules that God gave us to live our lives by – The Ten Commandments. The children had lots of ideas about rules they follow in school, at home and in society.



1. Care for each other
2. Kind hands
3. Work as a team
4. Don't be rude
5. Don't run in the corridors
6. Smart appearance
7. Show respect
8. Follow fire alarm rules
9. Accept consequences of our actions

We then listened to a reading from Mark's Gospel which was shared in church on Sunday, in which Jesus was questioned about the greatest commandment of all. His advice, which the children picked out, was to love God with all our heart, soul and mind as well as loving our neighbours as ourselves. This led us to think about what that would then mean every day in our school and thinking about W.W.J.D (What would Jesus do?) When given different situations that could occur around school, the children confidently applied the two Great Commandments and imagined what Jesus would do. We ended by praying together and setting out our mission for the week: when faced with a choice can we think 'What would Jesus do?' before acting.

Last week, the KS2 children walked up to church to celebrate Mass for the Feast Day of All Saints. It was a lovely Mass and a nice opportunity for the children to participate in worship along with our parishioners. On Wednesday this week, Year 4 children will be walking up to church to celebrate their class mass in church.

God Bless, Mr Copley, Mrs Haines and Miss Burgess

**If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess or Mrs Laptew**

Armistice 100



As part of our commemoration plans for Armistice 100, we will be sharing a special liturgy together on Friday at 9am in the large hall and all our parents and families are warmly invited to join us. As we do every year, throughout November, we are giving the opportunity for our children to bring in any photos of loved ones they have lost. This year, we will place these photographs on our light-up willow tree which will act as a Tree of Remembrance and will be part of our focal point during the liturgy.

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



**Congratulations to Years 3 with a 100% attendance last week. Year 2 were just pipped at the post, but you also were impressive with over 99%**

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 29.10.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	95.00	95.87
Year 1	94.35	97.41
Year 2	99.17	98.07
Year 3	100.00	98.31
Year 4	95.97	97.89
Year 5	98.39	98.22
Year 6	97.22	98.08
Average	97.15%	97.69%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: MahrahaZa Khan, Fabian Naylor, Louisa Hobson, Spencer-James Devine, Hanna Ostrowiecka, Connor McCullen, Mia Walker and Madison Hancock.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines Headteacher's Award was presented to Ruby Barry for reaching every challenge with brilliant enthusiasm with a smile on her face. She is a great example to others.

The Collins Big Cat reading award was presented to Abigail Dawson for making huge improvements to her reading. Abigail is working hard at home and making great progress.

Alice has received her duckling level 2 at swimming this weekend and is very proud.



Performance Poetry

At this week's Merit Worship, which is taking place on Thursday 8th November at 8:55am, Y6 will be performing their performance poetry piece. All Y6 parents and families are welcome to join us for this and afterwards are invited to either stay for the rest of Merit Worship or leave straight after the performance if they have other commitments.

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**The After School Club** on Thursday this half term will be tag rugby for Key Stage 2. If your child would like to go, please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office. It runs from 3.15 – 4.15 pm.

Reading Rocks

Thank you to all the KS1 parents who came to the Parent Reading workshops yesterday. It was great to see so many keen and interested parents enthusiastic to support their children in reading. We hope you found it useful. The KS2 Parent workshops will take place on Tuesday 13th November, again at 9am and 5:30pm. This time, we are asking you to sign up to whichever session you prefer with our parents booking system. This will help us to plan and prepare staff and resources. You will receive a text asking you to choose which session you prefer.



Babbling Books!

We are now live! You can listen to Mrs Laptew, our Office Manager, reading an excerpt from 'Grandpa's Great Escape' by David Walliams on our school website: <http://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/> This book is aimed towards KS2 children. Please encourage your children to listen perhaps when they get home or at bedtime. We look forward to hearing their responses.

Family Ten Book Reading Challenge

Please look out for the Family Ten Book Reading Challenge coming home this week with your child. There is a separate challenge for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 children. The idea is that the children are challenged to read ten books which fit different criteria in order to continue to grow the children's interest and love of reading. The deadline for the challenge is Thursday 13th December. The entries will be put into a hat and a winner will be drawn and announced at Merit Worship on Friday 14th December and will receive a PRIZE!

Choir News



Our ever-growing school choir will be performing in the Pulse Radio's Festive Pitch Battle at the Broadway Centre in Bradford this Saturday 10th November. We will be up against 5 other schools and we will be judged by some members of the Broadway staff and the one and only Billy Pearce! If you would like to come down to support our choir, they will be performing at 3:15pm with the winners announced later in the afternoon.

Children in Need

Children in Need takes place on Friday 16th November. This year the theme is 'Do Your Thing'. To support this very worthy cause, we are asking the children to come dressed in an outfit which reflects their interests and hobbies. This could be anything from a football kit to a horse riding outfit. The choice is theirs!



Forest School



This half term, Y3 children are attending Forest School sessions at Peel Park Primary School. These sessions take place every Thursday afternoon. Please note, it is highly important that the children come to school each Thursday with the appropriate footwear and clothing. Please make sure your child is prepared.



# School Calendar (there dates could be subject to change)



Date	Time	Class	Event
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 am	Y4	Mass in Church
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	FS2 – Y5	Flu immunisations
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	20 x Y5	Visit to John Lewis - Enabling Enterprise
	8.55 am	All	Merit Worship
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 & 5.30	KS2	Parent Reading Worskshops
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	FS2 – Y5	Flu immunisation
	9.00 am	Y2	Class Worship
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Novbember	All day	Y5	Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00 am	Y1	Class Worship
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00 pm	New FS	Parents welcome meeting
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 am	New FS	Drop in session
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PM	All	Parish Christmas Fair in school
<b>Advent Worship in School at 8.20 am throughout Advent</b>			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.30 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by Confession
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	All	Advent Mass in School
	Evening	Choir	Light up a Life Service at Bfd Cathedral for Martin House
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
	12.00	All	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Break up for Christmas</b>		



## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

### Christmas Raffle

Tickets are 5 for £1.00 and will be on sale in the playground after school throughout November. If you are unable to buy them in the playground you can fill in the slip below and hand into the school office and your tickets will be sent home to you.

### Christmas Movie Night

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Parent Council are having a Christmas Movie Night. Children will come and watching a Movie (as yet to be decided) straight after school. This will be open to all children and will cost £5 per child which will include hotdog, popcorn and a drink. Further details to follow.

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Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ **Christmas raffle tickets** and enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My child would like to take part in **Tag Rugby** on Thursdays after school and will be collected at 4.15 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_