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

Your Tuesday News 27th November 2018

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

On Sunday 25th November, the church celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, which signifies the end of the church's year. In response to this, yesterday in worship we looked at the idea of being a king and what that usually means. The children talked about Kings having a special crown, sitting on thrones with lots of riches and servants. We then talked about Jesus being a King - the King of the universe, the King of our hearts and Jesus the King of peace. When asked to compare the two different types of kings, the children gave some deep and interesting comparisons - a normal king wears an expensive bejewelled crown, but Jesus wore a crown of thorns; a normal king sits on a throne, but Jesus was nailed to a cross; a normal king has servants to do everything for him, but Jesus acted as a servant to us all. We ended by reading Mark's Gospel account of when Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews and Jesus replied simply with, 'That's what you say I am.' Thank you to George in Y1 and Finlay in Y4 for volunteering to be the two different kings. We tried to take our example from Jesus the servant king when setting our mission for the week: 'To be a servant to others.'



## Advent



Next Sunday, 2nd December, is the first Sunday in Advent. During this very special time, there will be Advent prayers at 8:25am every morning in the small hall, led by a combination of both staff and children. All children, parents, families and parishioners are more than welcome to come along and share in these short, peaceful sessions.

Also during Advent, we will be sending home our travelling cribs for you to use as a prayer focus with your child/children. Please look out for these. They will be starting off in Foundation Stage and working their way up through the school. Any pictures or prayers that the children doing during their time with the travelling crib will be put on display.

Our annual Advent Mass will be led by Fr Anthony and will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am in the large hall. As always, we warmly invite parents, families and parishioners to share in this special occasion with us.

This Wednesday, children in Year 4 will be visiting the Gurdwara as part of our Other Faiths programme. The children will gain an insight into the Sikh faith. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

God Bless from Mr Copley, Mrs Haines and Miss Burgess

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 6 who are our attendance champions last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 19.11.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	94.00	95.62
Year 1	95.48	96.77
Year 2	98.33	97.89
Year 3	98.21	97.93
Year 4	97.74	97.56
Year 5	96.77	98.05
Year 6	99.26	98.17
Average	97.11%	97.42%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Jack Baldwin, James Pickard, Esme Firth, Lucas Harris, Theo Lancaster, Josh Longbottom, Gracie-Mae Barron, Elizabeth Reynard, Year 5, Kate Priestley.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was present to Amy Garth for: being a kind, thoughtful and wonderful friend

The Big Cat Reading Merit went to Hannah Berry for: amazing retrieval skills in guided reading

Our TT Rockstars Superstar is Joanne Reynard

Congratulations to Gracie and Imogen Bakes who were awarded a special prize from Mr Bullock in the Bradford Distric Council Schools design a Christmas Card competition.

This Friday, 30th November, at the beginning of Merit Worship, Year 5 will be performing their chosen poem as part of our Performance Poetry programme. All Year 5 parents and families are invited to come and watch this and are welcome to stay for the duration of Merit Worship or can leave straight after Y5's performance if there are other commitments.

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### Chatterbox Corner

Miss White, our Breakfast Club and Lunchtime Leader, was excited to be invited to Foundation Stage last week to sit in our 'Chatterbox Corner'. In her spare time, Miss White creates and decorates amazing cakes, so she took all her baking and decorating equipment with her and invited the children to come and chat with her about her fascinating hobby. There was lots of chatter and great questions. The children were enthralled and are looking forward to a baking session with you Miss White

If you have an interesting hobby or hidden talent that you would like to share with our youngest children to help inspire talk and conversation in the Foundation Stage, please get in touch with any of our Foundation Stage staff or call the office on 01274 638520. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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### Heart Radio 'Sleeps till Santa'!!

We are excited to tell you that our Head Boy, Christian and Head Girl, Katie have been recorded today introducing one of the 'Sleeps till Santa' songs in the countdown to Christmas. Listen out for them both on Heart Radio 97-104FM



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**Non Uniform Day –Parish Christmas Fayre**

We are holding a non-uniform day this Friday, 30th November. The fine will be chocolate which will be donated to the Parish Christmas Fayre. The Fayre will take place on Sunday, 2nd December from 1pm-3pm.

Coming home today is a free raffle ticket for every child given by the Parish. There are two winners of £10 each and the person must be present on Sunday to win the prize. Please try to come along and support it if you can.



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This Thursday, 29th November, Mrs Horne is holding a meeting for Y5 parents in preparation for the residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall which will take place once the Y5 children are in Y6. Please try to attend this as a lot of information is given out, including details on payment methods. If you are unable to attend, all the information will come home with the children and there will be another meeting nearer the time when we will

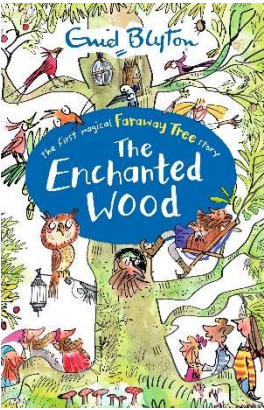
go over everything again.

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The weather has most definitely turned recently and it is getting increasingly colder. Please note that we try to give the children of all ages fresh air every day, so please ensure they come to school with an adequate coat, hat, scarf and gloves. For our Year 6 children, it is important for them to understand that their blazer is not a warm enough ‘coat’ and therefore they need a proper coat in addition to ensure they are warm enough. Thank you for your support on this matter.



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**Babbling Books**

This week’s Babbling Book comes from our very own Chief Librarian and advocate of Reading - Mrs Gallucci. She is reading an excerpt from Enid Blyton’s ‘The Enchanted Wood’ which is suitable for KS2 children. You can find it on our website <http://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/>

All past Babbling Books are still available to listen to on our website, archived under ‘Learning’ and ‘Reading Support’. Please do encourage your children to have a listen at home. We would love to hear their feedback.

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**Headlice**

There have been a few cases of headlice reported throughout school. We cannot stress enough how important it is to check your child’s hair regularly and be vigilant for any signs which your child may show e.g. itchy scalp. If you notice headlice please treat your child immediately. It is not necessary to keep them off school if you have to treat your child.



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**Forest School – Year 3**

Please ensure your children are suitably clothed for the outdoors when they go to Forest School. They will need warm outdoor clothing including hats and gloves.

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**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**

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## School Calendar

(Please note these dates and times could be subject to change)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PM	All	Parish Christmas Fair in school
<b>Advent Worship in School at 8.25 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
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.15 pm	All	Parent Council Carol Service
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>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>School re-opens</b>		

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## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has brought raffle tickets. The draw will take place on Thursday so the lucky winners can have their advent calendars in time of Advent.

### Christmas Movie Night

**Would you like an opportunity to do some last minute Christmas Shopping while your children are entertained and fed at school? If so send in your booking slip below with £5 per child and enjoy that extra 2 hours child free.**



Christmas Movie Night is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This will be at 3.15 straight after school and we anticipate it will be ended by 5.30 pm. Children will be escorted from class to the hall and will watch a Movie with a U or PG rating. This will be open to all children and will cost £5 per child which will include hotdog, popcorn and a drink. Please fill in the slip below to give your consent and purchase tickets. We would like to have an idea of numbers for catering.

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

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ **Christmas Movie Tickets at £5.00 each** and enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_

I give consent for my child(ren) to attend the Christmas Movie Night



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