

# St Francis Catholic Primary School

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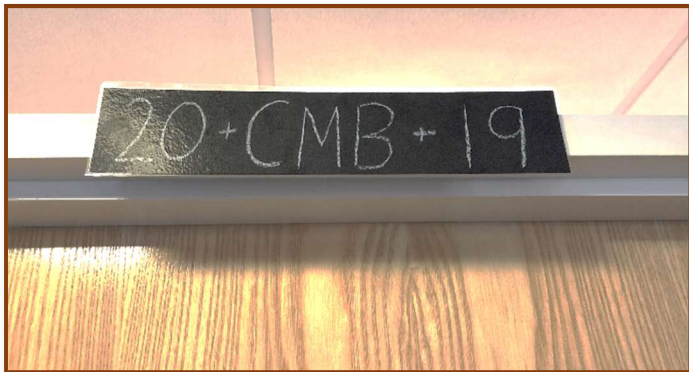
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Your Tuesday News 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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

## Worship

On Sunday, 6th January, the church celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany - when the Three Wise Men followed the star and visited the Christ child. Yesterday, in worship, we reminded ourselves of this very important event and discussed what gifts we would have brought to the baby Jesus. The children suggested love, trust, celebration, friendship and lots of other nice things.



As is tradition now at St Francis at the beginning of every new year, we have 'chalked the doors' of each classroom with the sign 20+C+M+B+19, which has two meanings; the first is that CMB represents the names of the Three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar; the second is that CMB stands for the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means may Christ bless this house. The 20 and 19 represent the new year and the

+ represents the cross. You will see these signs above every door in school. We ended by setting our mission of the week which is to live out the gifts we would bring to the baby Jesus.

Key Stage 2 are attending Mass in Church tomorrow at 9.30 am. All families are invited to join us.

We would like to wish all our families a very happy new year.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.

**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**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 3 who are our attendance champions for last week with a magnificent 100% (although it was only 2 days this is still a fantastic achievement).

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 31.12.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	91.67	95.63
Year 1	93.55	96.07
Year 2	98.33	97.53
Year 3	100	97.43
Year 4	90.32	97.30
Year 5	94.35	97.53
Year 6	91.67	97.64
Average	94.27%	97.01%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS



There was no merit worship before the Christmas holidays.

Young Voices

The choir have been working extremely hard to learn all the songs and dance moves for the big Young Voices event taking place this Friday, 11th January at Sheffield Arena. We wish them the best of luck and hope they have an amazing time!

Our choir managed to raise a massive £337.32 for Heart Research at Leeds Train Station when they sang in December. Well done to our Choir we are so proud of you.

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St Francis After School Club



Our new After School Club is now up and running. It is led by Miss White (who also runs Breakfast Club) and Mrs Read and is running Monday - Friday from 3:15pm-6pm at a cost of £7 per session and includes a healthy snack. If you would like to book your child on any of the sessions running during the week beginning Monday 14th January, please complete a booking form which can be found either on our website or can be obtained from the

school office. Alternatively, if you would like to book your child in regularly on a weekly basis, please contact the school office. Next week, Miss White and Mrs Read will be offering slime making, table football, table tennis and Wi Fit as well as the usual activities of painting, toys and games.



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Please note there will be no more Lego Club on Mondays from now on since we are now offering an After School Club.

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Forest School

This half term, children in Year 4 will be taking part in our Forest School programme at Peel Park Primary School every Thursday afternoon. We ask you please to ensure that children bring suitable warm and waterproof clothing, including wellies, with them to change into every Thursday. Thank you for your support.



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Chatterbox Corner



Mr Bullock shared his passion and interest in rats in our Chatterbox Corner in Foundation Stage just before the Christmas holidays. Mr Bullock did not bring in his real life collection of rats, but shared photos and lots of information with the intrigued children who asked lots of great questions!

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Please ensure your child comes to school with adequate clothing for the colder weather. We try to ensure that children get fresh air every day, so they need warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves every day. In particular, children in Foundation Stage can be outside for longer periods of time so it is essential to have warm clothing and accessories with them. Thank you for your continued support.

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NOTIFICATION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS PRICES

Bradford Council have informed us that in keeping with previous years, an Autumn term review of the school meal prices has been undertaken. The outcome of this review is that, from the 1st January 2019, the recommended school meal prices will be as follows:

For nursery children (F30) - £1.60                      For all other children - £1.80

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After School Sport Club

The Thursday After School Club run by Sports (UK) will be cricket for KS2 this term. If your child would like to attend, please fill in the permission slip below and return to school by Thursday. The session is from 3.15 – 4.15 pm.



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Name of Child(ren): ..... Class: .....

I give permission for my child(ren) to attend the Cricket After School Sports Club. I will make arrangements for my child to be picked up at 4.15 pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....



## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



A big Thank You from our Parent Council.

After a successful Movie Night event to round off the Christmas fundraising activities, we are pleased to announce we raised over £700 altogether with the raffles and Carol Concert. Thank you once again to all our supporters. The children will be the beneficiaries of all your generosity.

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## School Calendar

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

Date	Time	Class	Event
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	KS2	Mass of the Day in Church
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	8.55 am	All	Merit Worship
	PM	Choir	Young Voices
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	3 .30 pm	Y2	SATs meeting for Parents
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in Church
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Y6	Class Worship
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.00 & 3.15	EYFS	Parent workshop for Maths
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30 am	Y6	Mass in Church
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Y5	Class Worship
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and Play sessions
	9.30 am	Y3	Mass in Church
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and Play sessions
	9.00 am	Y4	Class Worship
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	AM	Y5	Hindu temple visit
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	All	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Y4	Mass in Church
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
	1.15 pm	Y3	Pedestrian Training
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Y4	Roman visit to York
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Ys 1&2	Class Worship
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	1.00 pm	Ys 5&6	Online Safety Workshop with Police
	Break up for Half Term		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens after Half Term		