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

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'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

This Sunday's Gospel reading was about the Wedding at Cana when Jesus turned water into wine. We discussed how this act was a miracle and not simply a magic trick. We also discussed how this was Jesus' first miracle and the reason he performed this was not only to bring joy to others, but also to show his divinity. We ended by setting our mission, which this week is to bring joy to other people by making them laugh with a joke!



Last week, Year 6 led the whole school in a beautiful class worship all about taking care of our world, God's wonderful creation. Thank you to Year 6 for reminding us of the different ways, both big and small, that we can look after our world. This week, on Thursday 24th January at 9am, Year 5 will lead us in their class worship and parents/carers of Year 5 children are invited to come and share in this.

Year 6 will be walking up to church this Wednesday morning to share their class Mass with the parishioners at the 9:30am Mass. Parents/Carers are very welcome to join them.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Breen, who last Monday gave birth to a beautiful, healthy baby girl, Heidi Rose. Mum and baby are doing very well!

Congratulations to Mrs Duckworth who is expecting a baby in June!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Our attendance champions last week are Year 5 with 98.06% attendance. Last week the overall attendance was very low, due mainly to sickness bugs and viral infections.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 14.1.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.67	95.90
Year 1	92.90	95.96
Year 2	96.67	97.43
Year 3	95.71	97.27
Year 4	97.74	97.31
Year 5	98.06	97.62
Year 6	95.56	97.61
Average	96.18%	97.01%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Subhan Tariq, Isabella Jakubiak, Ava Rebelo, Esther Uko, Lewie Gaffey, Joshua Hinchcliffe, Sorchia Eloi, Ella Horan and Theo Armitage.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Layla Waugh for: being a delight around school, having beautiful manners and excelling in reading and writing.

The Big Cat Merit went to Lincoln Stanley for his phonics and trying really hard in guided reading.

Y2 Performance Poetry

Well done and thank you to Year 2 for the brilliant rendition of the poem 'The Great Fire of London' by Paul Perro. The difference since September in the children's confidence and projection of their voices was wonderful to see.



On Friday 1st February, Year 6 will be performing their chosen poem at the beginning of merit worship at 8:55am and all Year 6 parents/Carers are welcome to come and watch.



Last week Miss Dearden, Rose, Ryley, Samuel and Ruby went to Bradford Innovation Centre to learn more about film literacy. At the centre they learned lots of new camera shots and how to use them in films. They made four different short films and are now film literacy experts and leaders. Well done

Chatterbox Corner

A big well done and thank you to our first parent 'Chatterbox' - Mrs Varley. The children were fascinated as they watched and chatted about crochet.



Foundation Stage Maths Workshops

Thank you to the Foundation Stage parents who attended the Maths workshop this morning. We hope you found it useful. We look forward to welcoming more parents after school this afternoon.

Lunchtime Multi Skills Club



Miss White, our Year 3 Class Teacher, started a lunchtime multi-skills club for Year 1 and Year 2 children yesterday. Those children, whose names were picked out of the hat, should have received notification that their child has been chosen. Please ensure that children bring appropriate footwear each Monday.

Holiday Requests

If you need to request time off during term time for a holiday or any other occasion, please could you let school know in advance by filling in an Absence Request Form available from the school office or the website. Please do not email in your request. Also children have a habit of telling their friends and teachers when they are going away, so please do not ring school stating that your child is absent due to sickness. Honesty is the best policy.

After School Clubs

Next week at St Francis After School Club, the activities will include making scented pomanders, stencilling, jewellery making, balloon people and outside activities. This week we have been doing stencilling, glass painting, marbling and clay work. We also have lots of toys and activities out daily. Here is a photo of crazy golf. To book a place at our After School Club please fill in a booking form available from the school office or our website.



BD2 Club one-off closure

Parents/carers who use the BD2 club at Grove House for after school childcare, please note: The club will be closed on Thursday, 7th February due to the school being used as a polling station for a district election. If you would like to book your child into St Francis After School Club on this day, please book using the booking form available from the office or on our website.

Breakfast Club for Nursery Children

Our breakfast club for FS1 children started this week. Mrs Heppleston is looking after the younger children but so far we have had very low numbers. The cost for breakfast club is £1.50 to attend and £2.00 to attend and have breakfast which is paid through Parent Pay. We can only take up to 8 children at this stage so if you require a place please book via the school office.

The new **school meals menus** are coming home today with this newsletter. Please note that there has been an increase in the cost of the school meals to £1.80 and not £1.70 as stated on the leaflet. Children in Years FS2 – Y2 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals which is different to benefits related free school meals. Please do still claim for your free school meals if you are entitled to them, as this could also entitle you to reduced costs of school trips and items of school uniform. Please consider the menu carefully as there has been a lot of changes to the meals we are serving.

Plea for toy cars! Foundation Stage are in need of matchbox style toy cars in good condition for their indoor provision. If anybody has any going spare, we would be very grateful of the donation.



Red Box Project

Red Box is a charity which helps women and young girls who find it difficult to afford sanitary products to have access to them. The box is housed in school and is full of sanitary wear for girls to help themselves to when necessary. They are not limited to what they can take and it is also available for adults to access. Please ask at the office for more details.



Bradford Music and Arts Service are holding **Fantasy Themed Art Days** on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February at Fairfax Learning and Development Centre, Flockton Road, BD4 7RY. The day includes: Fantasy Art Hunting, Goblin Portraits, Unicorn Paintings and Clay Dragons. To book a place telephone 0174 434970 for a booking form or go online at: <https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/half-term-art-club/>

The cost for the day is £15.

St Bede’s and St Joseph’s College are holding a 12 week football development course at their site in Highgate, Heaton starting on 31st January. Children from FS2 – Y6 are welcome. For further details call into the office.

To access the newsletter from St Bede’s and St Joseph’s College go to: <https://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>

We also have information available from the office about things happening in the Thorpe Edge Community and a coffee morning on Friday 15th February offering support for parents of children with autism.



School Calendar

(Please note these could be subject to change)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Wednesday 23 rd January	9.30 am	Y6	Mass in Church
Thursday 24 th January	9.00 am	Y5	Class Worship
Tuesday 29 th January	1.30 pm	Y6	Visit to Mosque
Wednesday 30 th January	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and Play sessions
	9.30 am	Y3	Mass in Church
Thursday 31 st January	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and Play sessions
	9.00 am	Y4	Class Worship
Friday 1 st February	8.55 am	Y6	Performance Poetry
Monday 4 th February	AM	Y5	Hindu temple visit
Tuesday 5 th February	All day	All	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6 th February	9.30 am	Y4	Mass in Church
Thursday 7 th February	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
	1.15 pm	Y3	Pedestrian Training
Monday 11 th February	All day	Y4	Roman visit to York
Thursday 14 th February	9.00 am	Ys 1&2	Class Worship
Friday 15 th February	8.55 am	Y1	Performance Poetry
Friday 15 th February	1.00 pm	Ys 5&6	Online Safety Workshop with West Yorkshire Police
	Break up for Half Term		
Monday 25 th February	School re-opens after Half Term		

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