

# St Francis Catholic Primary School

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

Your Tuesday News 29th January 2019

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

Yesterday we had a special assembly led by Cobalt Brass from the Music and Arts Service. The children were treated to musical renditions on different brass instruments from popular movies such as Moana, The Greatest Showman and Harry Potter. Thank you to the musicians for sharing their talents with us and giving us such a great start to our week!



Last week, Year 6 celebrated their class mass in church with our parishioners. This Wednesday, 30th January, Y3 will be walking up to church to do the same. Parents/carers are very welcome to join them in church at 9:30am.

Thank you to Year 5, who led a beautiful class worship last week on inspirational people. We were reminded of such influential figures as Mother Theresa and Martin Luther King, but it was also humbling to hear how some of our pupils find members in their own families just as inspirational. This Thursday, 31st January, Year 4 will be leading us in their class worship at 9am in the large hall. As always, Year 4 parents/carers are warmly invited to share in this.

## **Gianna Project**

You will remember that throughout Advent, we collected donations of useful items for new born babies and expectant mums as part of the Gianna project. The project has since been in touch with us to tell us how overwhelmed they were by the amount of items we collected and how grateful they were. All the items have now been passed on to families the project supports. Thank you for all your generosity.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.

## **Sacraments dates**

### **First Reconciliation (Year 3)**

Session 1 – 12<sup>th</sup> February

Session 2 – 26<sup>th</sup> February

Session 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> March

Session 4 – 19<sup>th</sup> March

First Reconciliation Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### **First Holy Communion (Year 4)**

Session 1 – 12<sup>th</sup> March

Session 2 – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Session 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> April

Session 4 – 30<sup>th</sup> April

Session 5 and rehearsal – 7<sup>th</sup> May

First Holy Communion – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

All sessions must be attended and are on a Tuesday at 6.00 pm in Church.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions this week with 99.35%. Year 3 were a close second with a still impressive 99.29%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 21.1.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	95.67	95.89
Year 1	99.35	96.15
Year 2	95.33	97.31
Year 3	99.29	97.38
Year 4	97.74	97.34
Year 5	98.71	97.68
Year 6	97.78	97.62
Average	97.69%	97.05%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Freyja Dowling-Rhodes, Colby Firth, Femi-Lee Whittingham, Eden Hancock, Ashton Haigh-Greaves, Joshua Wilkinson, Rose Binns and Daisy Ellis.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Mia Walker for applying herself so well in everything and being such an enthusiastic and positive Reading Buddy.

The Big Cat Merit went to Lily-May Cousins for her brilliant enthusiasm towards guided reading. Lily-May has risen to the challenge of chapter books. Well done Lily-May.

Also Lily-May gained her half green belt in kickboxing at Warrior this week with a fantastic score of 80%. Well done Lily-May.



Both Christian and Niko in year 6 have achieved their yellow belt grading in Karate this weekend. Congratulations to both boys, a big well done

## Performance Poetry

This Friday at the beginning of Merit Worship, Year 6 will be performing their chosen poem as part of our Performance Poetry programme. All Year 6 parents/carers are very welcome to come and support their child in this.

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## EYFS Parents Maths Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who attended these workshops run by Mrs Horne, our Maths Leader. It was great to have such a big turn out at both workshops. We hope you found them useful in supporting your child with their Maths learning.

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Reminder to parents of children in the BD2 Club: 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, please fill out a booking form available from our website or the office.

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**Reading Award**

We are delighted to inform you that we have very recently been awarded the One Education Bronze Reading Award. This award is in recognition of all the commitment and knowledge shown by our pupils, staff, parents and governors in building a successful reading curriculum. The award shows how our school has focused on providing children with the skills, the passion, and the enthusiasm for reading. We hope that our journey of creating a reading culture doesn't end with this award and that it continues to grow, develop and inspire children to keep on reading for the whole of their lives.



**Library Visits**

Yesterday, Year 1 visited Eccleshill Library, where they listened to a story, took back their books and chose another book to bring back to school to read for pleasure. This morning, Year 2 did the same. We hope the children enjoyed their trip to the library and more importantly enjoy reading their books.

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**Forest School**

Year 4 have been enjoying some brilliant activities so far this term at Forest School. Here are a few pictures of them den building and roasting marshmallows over an open fire.



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**St Francis After School Club**

This week activities in After School Club include making scented pomanders, stencilling, jewellery making, balloon people. Next week, beginning 4th February, activities will include stamping, oil pastels, making fruit kebabs and painting as well as all the games and toys which are available daily and outdoor play weather permitting. Here is a taste of what we did last week.



We have made the decision to make our **After School Club PERMANENT** from now on. At the moment, in After School Club, we are reasonably flexible in booking children in at short notice. However, for organisational reasons, we would prefer you to book the children in by the Friday of the previous week, so that we can organise resources for activities and food and drink accordingly.

**Breakfast Club**

We are now taking FS1 children in Breakfast Club. We are limited for numbers so a booking system is necessary. If you require a place please phone the office to book your child in.

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**St Bede’ and St Joseph’s Multi Sports Camp**

The next multi sports camp will be Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th February. If you would like to book your child onto the camp please email [shussain@sbsj.co.uk](mailto:shussain@sbsj.co.uk)

Please click on the link to access all the newsletters from SBSJ <https://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>

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Please note the school office is closed on Friday morning between 8.15 and 8.40 am.

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**School Calendar**

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

Date	Time	Class	Event
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
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	8.55 am	Y6	Performance Poetry
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
	9.00 am	FS2	Library visit
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Ys 1&2	Class Worship
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	8.55 am	Y1	Performance Poetry
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	1.00 pm	Ys 5&6	Online Safety Workshop with West Yorkshire Police
	Break up for Half Term		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens after Half Term		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and Play sessions
	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in Church
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8.20 am	All	Lenten Prayers
		All	World Book Day
	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and Play sessions

**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**