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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

Yesterday, we were pleased to welcome Julia from the Zephaniah Trust, who is a Christian charity based in Bradford, specialising in working with schools. They support Christian musicians and artists who work with schools, churches and community groups to 'take light into dark corners'. Julia taught our children some catchy Christian songs with strong messages about following in Jesus' way and to love God with all your heart. She also shared a story with us which taught us about how people may make mistakes and choose to do the wrong thing, but forgiveness and giving a second chance should prevail.



This morning, Miss Martin led us in our Statement to Live By worship which was "I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from". She also set our mission for the week, which is to 'show that we appreciate the beauty and wonder of the world by recycling something this week'

Thank you to Year 3 who led us in a lovely worship last week all about Jesus the Teacher. The children reminded us of the standard Jesus set for all teachers and it was lovely to hear some of the reasons why our staff decided to go into teaching.

This Thursday, 14th February, Years 1 and 2 will be leading us in a joint class worship at 9.00 am in the large hall. All KS1 parents/carers are warmly invited to join us on this occasion.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Wow well done to Years 2 and 6 on achieving 100% attendance last week. Overall a big improvement on the week before. Years 1 and 4 you did really well as well with over 99%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 04.02.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.33	95.97
Year 1	99.03	96.31
Year 2	100.00	97.41
Year 3	98.21	97.38
Year 4	99.35	97.36
Year 5	94.84	97.57
Year 6	100.00	97.68
Average	98.39%	97.09%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Ellie Varley, Alice Upton, George Illingworth, Amelia Whitehead, Chloe Walker, Sienna Lancaster, Emma Alinson and Olivia Brandon.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Pippa Hudson for being an all round superstar. Pippa has such a wonderful attitude towards school life. Well done.

The Big Cat Merit went to Alfie Walton for reading his reading book every day and for showing great enthusiasm when reading with an adult.

Our TT Rockstars superstar last week as Flo Underwood.

Last Friday 16 children from years 3, 4 and 5 took part in a Tag Rugby Competition at Woodhouse Grove. The day was very rainy and muddy but the children came back to school with the Sportsmanship Award of the competition. Well done everyone who took part.



Having a sort out of your winter clothes ready for the summer over half term? Please donate any old clothing, coats, shoes, bags and belts to school, in any old carrier bag by Friday 1st March. All your donations will be shared between school and Starlight Children's Foundation who help towards supporting terminally ill children across the UK

Litter around school

A local resident has expressed his concern to school about the amount of litter on the streets around school. We have informed him that the litter he is referring to is not only from our school but also from other schools in the area and general passers by. Please could parents be considerate with their litter and also encourage your children to dispose of litter appropriately. Thank you for your support on this matter.



Last week Year 5 visited the Hindu Temple where they learnt how Hindu's worship and the signs and symbols which represent their faith. One interesting fact is that they worship one God but in many different forms.





FS2 had a lovely morning at Eccleshill Library yesterday. They heard a story and then explored lots of amazing books with their friends. The staff would love to see more children and we would encourage everyone to join.



World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March 2019. As we have done previously, we invite children to either come dressed in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story or come dressed as their favourite book character and bring that book along with them. We ask parents to support us in promoting a love of reading books by not allowing the children to come dressed as a character from a film.



We are very pleased with the improvements we have seen in our children's reading and the developing love of reading that they are experiencing. Keeeep reading!

Spelling Week

Our first week back after the half term holidays will be our very first 'Spelling Week'. Improving spelling in our school is one of our main school development priorities and this week will aim to raise the profile of spelling throughout the whole school and show children new and fun ways of learning how to spell. We have lots of interesting and exciting activities planned; one of which is a whole school Spelling Bee! Towards the end of this week, children will receive some spellings to practise over the half term holidays. These spellings are the word lists that the government deem statutory for each year group to know how to spell by the end of the year. They will also be available to practise on Spelling Shed too. We ask you to please support and encourage your child to practise these spellings in preparation.



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

NSPCC Green Day

Tomorrow representatives from the NSPCC will be visiting school to deliver some assemblies to the children on their programme, 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. This programme aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or on Childline. To find out more about this, you can visit their website:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe/>



After the half term holidays, NSPCC will return to run some workshops on the same programme with our KS2 children. They offer this service free of charge, but we would like to raise money for the NSPCC in return for this service. **Therefore, this Friday 15th February, we invite children to come to school dressed in as much green as possible, since this is the colour of the NSPCC logo.** For this privilege, we are asking families to pay a fine of at least £1. All the proceeds will be donated to the NSPCC; a very worthy cause.

After School Club



This week After School Club have been candle making, baking and learning the recorder.



Miss White and Mrs Read are preparing for a French themed week which will take place after half term. It's looking really fun.

Please remember to get your booking forms into the office by the Friday of the week before at the latest, in order that we can plan for catering and the activities. Thank you.

Our After School Club is now permanent.

- Please note that the office is closed on Friday mornings from 8.15 – 8.40
- Please follow this link for St Joseph's and St Bede's latest newsletter <https://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>
- Bradford City and St Joseph's and St Bedes are both hosting holiday sports camps this half term. Details on their websites or from the school office.

Half term

We break up on Friday and return on Monday 25th February.