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

Your Tuesday News 26th February 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

We had a very special worship yesterday to introduce our Spelling Week 2019. Staff got together under new guises to have a go at a game of Countdown! After much hilarity and chaos, 'Lulu Laptew' ended up winning the game... despite the fact she was not a contestant but a member of 'Dictionary Corner'!!



Throughout the rest of this week, children from KS1 and KS2 will come together every morning to try and find words and crack a 'Countdown Conundrum' themselves. Every day, children throughout school will take part in short spelling games and activities appropriate to their age group and ability as well as taking part in the heats for the Spelling Bee final which will take place on Friday. Further to this, children will have the opportunity to play some spelling games at lunchtime out on the playground.

We ended our worship by sharing a reading from the Book of Proverbs together, which highlights the importance of working hard. Our mission this week is to try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope. A very fitting mission for Spelling Week!!



Thank you to KS1 children who came together just before the holidays to lead us in a beautiful worship all about St Valentine's Day. We learned all about the history of St Valentine and there wasn't a dry eye in the house when the children gave their valentine's cards to their parents/carers. What a lovely moment!!

SPELING COMPETITION

In this issue of the Tuesday News, there are TEN deliberate spelling mistakes. Find them all and fill out the entry form on the back. Return to the school office by 3:15pm on Thursday 28th February. Correct entries will be put in a hat, and a winner will be drawn and announced at the Spelling Bee final on Friday 1st March. Good luck!

Follow our Spelling Week fun on Twitter [@stfrancisbrad](https://twitter.com/stfrancisbrad) #stfspellingweek

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 2 who are our attendance champions for the last week in school.

It is a proven fact that the higher the pupil's attendance, the greater their achievement.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 11.2.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.67	96.10
Year 1	97.62	96.37
Year 2	99.00	97.49
Year 3	98.21	97.42
Year 4	94.19	97.21
Year 5	97.42	97.56
Year 6	97.04	97.64
Average	97.45%	97.11%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners before half term: Calum Metcalfe, George Allen, Lucas Harrison, Frankie Bairstow, Lucas Heppleston, Harvey Clegg, Samuel Hawker, Maya Zieba.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Kaitlen Horan for trying her best in everything she does and being a pleasure around school.

The Big Cat Merit went to Mason Nolan for using his phonics when reading and trying really hard in Guided Reading.



Lily-May and Lucas were both awarded their 10 metres swimming badge recently. Well done you two!

Thank you everyone for raising £190.27 for Children in Need. A great effort. Well done.



Over the weekend Rhys Leak in Year 2 was awarded a STA Swimming Recognition Award for his efforts and progress he is making in swimming. Alfie Leak in FS1 was awarded his STA Stanley Award 1.

Charlie Thomas competed in the UK Nationals at the weekend and came away with a well earned silver medal and bronze medal. Well done Charlie!



Performance Poetry

Well done and thank you to Year 1 who performed a brilliant version of 'Walking in the Zoo' at Merit Worship on the last day of term. Their confidence really shone through and after leading us in a beautiful worship the day before as well, the children showed what hard workers as well as great learners they are!

On Friday 8th March, Year 4 will perform their Chosen poem at the beginning of Merit Worship at 8:55am. As always, parents/Carers and families are warmly invited to come and watch.

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

Polite Reminder

As you are aware, we take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. We politely remind parents dropping children off at Breakfast Club, to ensure a safe handover from adult to adult. Thank you for your support in this matter.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in green to school on the last day of term and donated generously to the NSPCC. In total, we raised a wonderful £189. Thank you for all your donations. This Wednesday, 27th February, Year 5 and Year 6 children will take part in workshops as part of this initiative with representatives from NSPCC.





Back by popular demand... a month full of Music! On Friday, Music in March will commence. There will be a wide variety of musical opportunities for all children, including the return of our favourite: 'Live for 5'

We hope it will be as successful as Music in May last year!



Did you have a clear out of your winter clothes over the half term? If you did, please remember to drop your old clothing into the school office before Friday morning.

After School Club

This week the children will be doing water colours, making door hangers and fruit kebabs among other things. Below are some pictures of the children making Valentine's Day balloons, making clothes and dressing dolls and making headbands the week before half term.



Year 4 Visit to Danelaw

Before half term, Year 4 experienced a Roman day on their educational visit. The children dressed as soldiers and joined the Roman army. The children were trained and had the opportunity to experience what life would be like for a Roman soldier. They even attacked an angry Celt!





School Calendar

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

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 5 th March	All Day		Enabling Enterprise RSA
Wednesday 6 th March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and Play sessions
	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in Church
Thursday 7 th March	8.20 am	All	Lenten Prayers
	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and Play sessions
	8.55 am	FS2	Class Worship
		All	World Book Day – Children to come dressed in pyjamas or as their favourite book character with their book.
Friday 8 th March	8.55 am	Y4	Performance Poetry
Monday 11 th March	1.30 - 7 pm	FS1	Parent Consultations
	3.30 - 7 pm	FS2 Y1-Y6	
Tuesday 12 th March	10.15 am	FS2 & KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	11 am	KS2	Penitential service followed by confession
Wednesday 13 th March	3.30 - 5 pm	FS1	Parent Consultations
	3.30 - 5 pm	FS2 Y1-Y6	
Thursday 14 th March	8.20 am	All	Lenten Prayers
Monday 18 th March	6 pm		New FS1 Parents Meeting
Tuesday 19 th March	AM		New FS1 Drop In
Thursday 21 st March	8.20 am	All	Lenten Prayers
	9 am	All	National Young Writers' Award Assembly

SPELLING COMPETITION ANSWERS



Name: Class:

	Incorrect Word	Correct spelling
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