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

Your Tuesday News 26th March 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'



In worship on Monday, we discussed God's love. Together they looked at the parable of the fig tree that wouldn't grow any fruit. The gardener asked if the tree could be left for a year and given time to produce fruit. Jesus is like the gardener because he gives people second chances when they make mistakes. The tree takes good things out of the soil to grow. How we treat other people can also help them grow. We all have a responsibility to look after each other so that we can be at our best. The children

discussed things that they could do to help others and each time they thought of something, fruit was added to the bare tree in the hall.



Lenten prayers continue this week on Thursday at 8:30am. This week we will walk through stations 8 and 9 of the Stations of the Cross.

Thank you to our hardworking Mini Vinnies, who led a beautiful worship in Year 2 last Friday as part of their Lenten Worship programme. The children put a lot of thought and care into the planning of this and the Year 1 children really enjoyed it.

It was lovely to see all the children with their teddies last Friday and thank you for all the very kind donations for the Good Shepherd Appeal. We raised a total of £160. Tomorrow, we will be holding a Singathon as part of Music in March. All children throughout school from Nursery to Year 6 are taking part in this and we ask them to bring along a donation, however big or small, for the Good Shepherd Appeal.

On Friday, 5th April, as part of our weekly Lenten fundraising, children will be invited to take over staff roles at different points during the day. This includes all kinds of roles from teaching a lesson and cleaning the school to answering the phone and supervising break duty. On this day, since children will have the opportunity to carry out a number of staff roles at certain points in the day, they are invited to attend school dressed in the smartest clothes they have - no denim will be allowed since this is a strict rule for staff! They are also asked to bring along a donation, no matter how small or large, for the privilege of being able to do this, with all donations going towards the Good Shepherd Appeal.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 5 who are our attendance champions for last week with 98.06%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 18.03.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.35	96.46
Year 1	93.55	96.28
Year 2	96.45	97.52
Year 3	93.57	97.31
Year 4	96.13	97.03
Year 5	98.06	97.54
Year 6	97.14	97.70
Average	96.32%	97.12%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Scarlett Cockcroft, Isabel Symons, Hannah Berry, Joseph Symons, Evie Pickard, Oliver Potter, Jack Williams, Joseph Fleming and Emily Symons.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was present to Elizabeth Bingley for being such a well mannered, cheerful pupil who always sets a good example.




The Big Cat Merit went to Nancy Jones for her wonderful enthusiasm towards reading.

Our TT Rockstars award this week went to Femi-Lee for working brilliantly hard with his numbers.

This Friday, at the beginning of Merit Worship, Year 3 will perform their chosen poem as part of our Performance Poetry programme. All parents/Carers and families of Year 3 are very welcome to come and support the children in this.

This week Imogen Shackler achieved her Bronze badge in diving. She's been working very hard on perfecting her dives, so was very pleased when she passed.

Well done to everyone. The scores on Spelling Shed have massively increased this week.


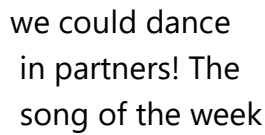
#	Pupil
1.	 Rhys Leak
2.	 Theo Lancaster
3.	 Finley Carroll



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 2	303,450,405
2.	Year 4	149,657,783
3.	Year 6	79,153,634
4.	Year 5	78,449,834
5.	Year 3	63,756,170
6.	Year 1	33,572,849

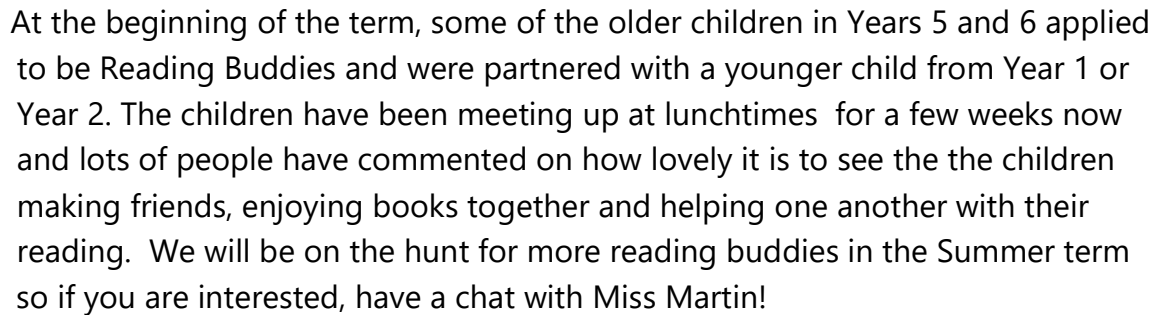
Thank you to all parents for promoting the learning of spelling at home and please continue to support your children with their learning.

Last week the children experienced a fantastic live Ceilidh band and what an experience it was for them! We were so lucky that The Wild Geese could spare some time to come and show the children some unusual instruments and play a style of music where



was a hit and the children were inspired to create some brilliant work through our reflection time in class. The staff band performed 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life' with Mrs Laptew leading the children's kazoo section! This week is our 'Singathon' on Wednesday to raise money for our Lenten charities. There will be continuous singing all morning, with songs chosen by the children. We look forward to this extravaganza!

Reading Buddies



For the past ten years, Explore Learning has been inspiring children to write, from the young authors in the making to those a little more reluctant. Last week, we welcomed Rachel from Explore Learning into



school to launch an exciting writing competition. This year, they are giving children a 'Chance to Change the World' with their imagination by writing a 500-word story. The children must write a story of no more than 500 words, which is based around the idea of making the world better. There are some exciting prizes up for grabs: 1st prize is a family trip to Disneyland, Paris and the winning child's school will win £500 worth of books. What's more, Alesha Dixon of Britain's Got Talent fame will be the official judge. The competition is open to children from Y1-Y6 and children should have already brought an entry form home. Please encourage your child to enter - the deadline to submit entries is Sunday 5th May. More information can be found on the following website:

After School Club News

This week the children are busy doing Mothering Sunday activities but we don't want to give too much away and spoil the surprises. Next week the children will be doing Easter activities and Miss White has lots of things planned.

As the weather is now looking better and the nights are lighter, After School Club is planning on working a lot outdoors in our garden area. They will be making wind chimes, bird feeders and food and they will try their hands at growing vegetables. Mr Chaplin has been busy making a mud kitchen/work station for the Club for when they are planting.

Volunteers required

We are seeking volunteers who can commit to coming into school on a regular basis to listen to our children in Reception Class read. Due to safeguarding regulations, we require volunteers to fill out a short application form to do this and we will need references in addition to this.

We also need volunteer(s) who can commit to at least one day per week (same day) or more to help Miss White, our After School Club Leader, in chaperoning the children from Grove House, who will be attending St Francis After School Club. The volunteer will be needed from 3:05pm - 3:15pm, just before school closes. Again, the same safeguarding procedures outlined above will apply. Please contact the office, if you are interested in either of these voluntary roles.

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The winner will be the school with the most people that both **like their Facebook Page** and then comment their schools name in the comment section on the official post.

Please could we ask that as many of our parents do this and pass on to their friends and family.

Winners will be announced in April.



Romeo and Juliet Crime Scene

On Tuesday last week Year 4 arrived in their classroom to discover a crime scene! The children had to use clues to work out what had happened.

Well done to our Y4 detectives for solving the crime.



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<http://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>

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

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