



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

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'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

As this week is Holy Week, we are focussing our morning worships each day on the events that took place during this very important time in the church's calendar. Yesterday, we learned about Palm Sunday and the significance of Jesus choosing a donkey to ride into Jerusalem to show himself as an equal to everyone else. Today, we learned about what happened at the Last Supper and the significance of the words Jesus said as he broke the bread and shared the wine and how this is remembered at Mass. Tomorrow, we will explore the difficulties and suffering Jesus went through on his journey to being crucified on the cross. We will walk the Stations of the cross together as a whole school and reflect and pray together at each station.



Holy Week

Thank you to the children and families who have joined us on a Thursday morning for our Lenten prayers. We are really pleased you have found the time to have a quiet moment of prayer and reflection during this important season of Lent and hope you have enjoyed this time.



Well done to our Mini Vinnies, who have worked tirelessly throughout Lent to prepare and deliver different worships with each class and also, most recently, setting up our Lenten Labyrinth in the small hall. Please note, the labyrinth is available for parents, carers and families to take part in tomorrow morning between 10:30 -11.00 am.

Thank you for all the support you have given to the children for each fundraising activity throughout Lent. Well done and thank you to the Student Council who have organised all these events. We are still counting up all the money, but we will inform you of the final grand total raised after the holidays.

We wish you all a very happy and holy Eastertide and enjoy some well earned rest and quality time with your children and families.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

More Baby news!

Congratulations to Mrs Horne who is expecting a baby boy in August!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 3 who just beat Year 1 by .29% to be our attendance champions for last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 18.04.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.42	96.56
Year 1	99.35	96.54
Year 2	95.81	97.36
Year 3	99.64	97.49
Year 4	93.23	96.81
Year 5	97.74	97.41
Year 6	97.14	97.54
Average	97.19%	97.10%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Isla Hardaker, Oscar Lightfoot, Felicity-May Devine, Imogen Bakes, Tulisa Durkin, Maisie Hardaker, Alfie Garth, Maisy-Lily Earle and Eden Firth.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was present to Ryley Shaw and Olivia Jarockyj for being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

The Big Cat Merit went to Natasha Feszler for her love of reading at home and at school.

Super well done to Reception Class children who performed their wonderful Super Hero poem last week at the beginning of Merit Worship. It was not obvious at all that this was the first time the children had performed in front of such a big audience in the large hall as the children were so full of confidence and they all looked fantastic in their superhero outfits. They were wonderful! (I have a photo)

#	Pupil
1.	Rhys Leak 
2.	Finley Carroll 
3.	Zach Blyth 



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 2	175,477,207
2.	Year 4	138,957,068
3.	Year 5	117,611,051
4.	Year 3	47,552,681
5.	Year 6	42,136,866
6.	Year 1	30,054,087

A big well done to Rhys and Alfie Leak for their amazing swimming. Rhys got his 15 metre badge while Alfie got his Stanley 2. Keep up the good work boys!

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Huge congratulations and well done to Year 5 and Year 6 children plus many members of staff who took part in the sponsored row last Friday. We are still collecting in all the money so we will let you know after the holidays how much we managed to raise for Night Stop and Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice. It was a fantastic day and great team effort and we managed to hit our target of rowing 100,000m (100km)! If you would like to support our staff team in fundraising

for these two charities while training to take part in the Dragon Boat Festival at Robert's Park, please go to our Just Giving page <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/FranksBanterBoat/>



Super Heroes were everywhere in EYFS last Friday even in the Chatterbox Corner!

Miss Burgess brought in some of her Batman collection and the children loved it.



Key Stage 1 are learning about the Cottingley Fairies so we made fairies to try and convince people that fairies are real! First we drew them on some card. Then we cut them out and decorated them with tissue paper. After that we took our fairies into the peace garden and re-enacted what Frances and Elsie did by taking photographs.

Do you think the fairies look real? By Year 2.



Thank you to the families who took the books from the book stands after school last week and also to those who donated to school fund. We have decided to donate the rest of these old books to the BRI, meaning we have freed up some much needed space in our school library for more new quality texts for all ages.

Please remember to check your books at home as we still have outstanding books from Eccleshill Library and our school library. Please see our previous newsletters for details of the outstanding books.

Magic Breakfast

We are excited to have received some funding to provide breakfast for every child in school. This will start after the Easter holiday where each child will have access to a bagel as they come into school on a morning. There will be a 'bagel station' in the amphitheatre and one outside Year 1 classroom. Children and parents are welcome to help themselves to a toasted buttered bagel.



Breakfast Club

We are altering the way we charge for breakfast club. After Easter the cost will be £2 per child to come to breakfast club for everyone. There will still be the same range of food and juice available for the children, and all children who come to breakfast club will have the option of having a choice of breakfast. We think you will agree that £2 for one hour childcare is still good value.

After School Club

As we informed you earlier this term, some children from Grove House Primary School will be joining many of our St Francis children at our After School Club after Easter. Activities planned in for after Easter will consist of outdoor activities and activities where the children can join together and begin to get to know our new members.

Ensure that you book your place by the end of the week before, as we may not be able to accept last minutes bookings after Easter.

