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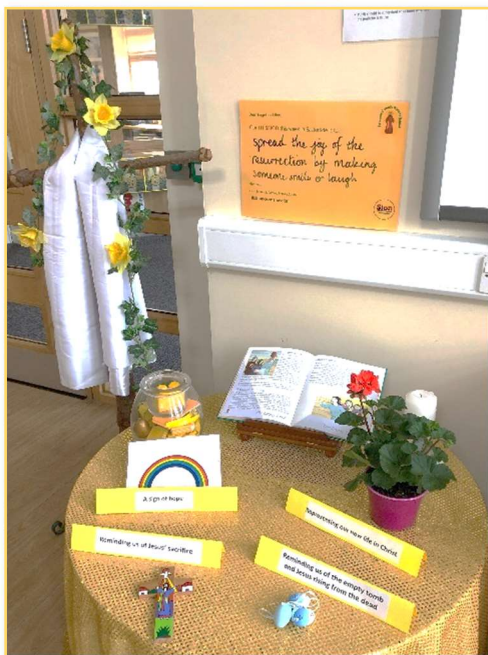
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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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



Yesterday, in worship, we reflected on the 15th station of the cross - the resurrection of Christ. We discussed how Jesus showed us a new life with God was possible for us all. For the first time, our Reception Class children joined the rest of the school for Monday morning worship and they did a wonderful job of working with the older children to set up the worship table for Eastertide.

Thank you so much to all our children and families for all your very generous donations during Lent for the Good Shepherd Appeal. The Easter Egg Decorating Competition, which was our final Lenten fundraiser, raised £47. The entries were extremely creative and some were just incredible! So much time and effort had been put into them so thank you very much to all the entrants. The winners, who won an Easter egg, were as follows: Abigail Naylor, Freyja Dowling-Rhodes, Isabelle Quinn, Billy Hedges, Pippa Hudson, Orla Hudson and Millie Quinn.

In total, throughout the whole of Lent, we raised a whopping £553.59, which is amazing! Congratulations and thank you to our hardworking School Council for all their efforts in organising these events. A cheque will be presented to the Bishop at Leeds Cathedral in May.

Thank you also to everyone who sponsored staff and Y5 and Y6 children for the sponsored row event. So far we have raised £650. If you still have some sponsor money it is not too late to bring it in. This money will be donated to Night Stop and Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice as part of the Bradford Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday 22nd June, in which we have entered a staff team. We have set ourselves a target of £1000, so some more fundraising ideas will be coming around again soon. In the meantime, we have set up a just giving page if you would like to kindly donate. Details are as follows: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/FranksBanterBoat/>

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

**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**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Only Year 4 achieved our 97% attendance target the week we broke up and are our current attendance champions.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 15.04.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	95.16	96.53
Year 1	94.62	96.50
Year 2	96.24	97.33
Year 3	95.83	97.45
Year 4	97.85	96.87
Year 5	95.16	97.36
Year 6	89.29	97.36
Average	94.87%	97.05%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS




On Friday 10th May, at the beginning of Merit Worship, our Year 1 children will be performing their chosen poem as part of our Performance Poetry Programme. Y1 parents and families are very welcome to come and support them.

On Tuesday 7th May at 2:15pm all the children in school will be showcasing their musical skills at a concert. Parents welcome to come and appreciate all the children have achieved.

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#	Group	Score
1.	Year 2	116,978,794
2.	Year 4	47,505,116
3.	Year 3	39,977,548
4.	Year 6	30,846,096
5.	Year 5	30,441,891
6.	Year 1	4,127,980



#	Pupil
1.	 Rhys Leak
2.	 Finley Carroll
3.	 Macy Chivers

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## Meet our Class Pet – Archie the hamster

Year 1 have welcomed their new class pet, Archie the hamster. He is just starting to settle in and the children will be looking after him during the week. They will feed him, make sure he has water and ensure his cage is clean and tidy. They will also give him a little treat of a small piece of apple, which is his favourite food.



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The latest online safety magazine, DITTO Edition 18 is now available. You can download directly by clicking the link below. Please note this may contain some content which may be upsetting.

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## Magic Breakfast

The bagel stations are both now up and running as you may have seen over the last two mornings. These bagels are provided by Bagel Nash free of charge to the National School Breakfast Programme. Please do encourage your child(ren) to avail of this wonderful **free** service. Parents are also welcome to partake of a bagel.

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Thank you to all the children and families who have returned books for Eccleshill Library. We still have some books outstanding. The details are below. Please do help your child to search high and low for them.

Book Title	Author	Book Title	Author
Fish	Honor Head	Fantastic Beasts and where to find them	J.K.Rowling
Dark Lord: The Teenage Years	Jamie Thomson	Horse Sense & Horse Power	Bonnie Bryant
Boom! 50 Fantastic Science Experiments to Try at Home	Chris Smith	Jet the Rescue Dog and Other Extraordinary Stories of Animals in Wartime	David Long
Wolf Boy	Andrew Fusek Peters	Falling skies	
In Darkling Wood	Emma Carroll	Kart Racer	Paul Mason
Brothers to the Death	Darren Shan	The Tentacles of Doom!	Andi Watson
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Kathryn the PE Fairy	Daisy Meadows
		At the Airport	Richard Spilsbury
The Phantom of the Opera	Joeming Dunn	The Legend of Frog	Guy Bass
Fire Witch	Matt Ralphs	Kitty the Tiger Fairy	Daisy Meadows
Champion Horse	Jane Smiley	My Adorable Puppy	Sarah Hawkins
Olivia's enchanted Summer	Lyn Gardner	Lydia the Reading Fairy	Daisy Meadows
Numbers	David Melling	How the Grinch Stole Christmas	Dr Seuss
Wild Horses	Sally Morgan	Cheat Code	Jeremy Lawson

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## After School Club

This week we welcome our new children from Grove House School. They all seem to have enjoyed their first days with us and have made new friends. This week the children will be playing outdoors and will have toys and games in the hall. Planned activities will resume next week.

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## Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? If so school has registered with Easyfundraising which means that you can shop at no extra cost online, while raising funds for school. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and find our cause – St Francis Catholic Primary School and start spending. You can book holidays, do your weekly online shopping or even shop for those little extras. You can also shop at Amazon through Easyfundraising.



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We have had information that GPs are reporting higher incidences of children having threadworms. Please can parents be vigilant and be aware of the signs and behaviours of children with threadworms. For more information go to the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

We ensure that children wash their hands after going to the toilet in school and we would ask that parents encourage children to do the same at home. Thank you.

**Parent Reading Survey** Thank you to all our parents/carers who filled out our reading survey during the March parent consultations. We always value your feedback and try to act on any issues as best we can. Please find the results of the survey below:

**1. Do you think reading is important?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
88	5	0	0	0

**2. Does your child enjoy reading?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
53	26	11	2	0

**3. Does your child enjoy reading their school book?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
33	42	14	6	0

**4. Does your child ever talk about what they are reading?**

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
26	40	21	4	0

**5. Do you, or another member of your family, listen to your child read?**

Mum	Dad	Siblings	Grandparents	Aunts/Uncles	Other family members
87	74	36	56	13	12

**6. How often do you, or another member of your family, listen to your child read?**

Every day	3-5 times/week	Once/week	Less often
27	39	16	5

**7. Do you think our school supports your child to read?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
52	34	4	1	0

We take on board comments made about how interested the children are in the books throughout school. In the last two years, we have invested a lot of money in the new Big Cat reading scheme in KS1, which hopefully has given the children access to more interesting stories, presented in a bright and colourful way. In KS2, we are constantly striving to invest money generated from the Book Fair and from other sources in a wide variety of books which cater for as many interests as possible, whilst also fulfilling the Accelerated Reader levels. We are very pleased that so many parents/carers feel supported by school in helping their children learn to read. We will continue to keep the profile of Reading high and encourage a love of Reading throughout school through the different awards we present at Merit Worship each week and we hope to continue supporting parents/carers with their child's reading through more parent workshops in the future. Thank you as always for all your valued feedback.