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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 28th March 2017



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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'



Mrs Rowan led whole school worship yesterday. Laila-Mae read last Sunday's Gospel where we heard how Jesus brought healing and light into the life of a man who was born blind. The man could see the world around him after Jesus healed him, but the most important thing was that he believed in God after this special miracle. He was blind and then he could see the light.

Mrs Rowan went on to talk about how we are all different but as special as each other, and because this is National Autism Week we watched a short video on what autism is and how it can affect both children and adults.

If you would like further information about autism, have a look at the following website:

<http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week/film.aspx?gclid=CKyhivu19tICFU2eGwodHiEAba>
























As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded to pray, to fast and to give and to always remember that Jesus is the light for us all to see.

Our Statement to Live By this week is the final one in the theme "Know that limitations are also opportunities for growth and make the most of our abilities"

"I know what humility means"

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Rowan or Mrs Haines

Every week we look to celebrate being outstanding every day. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Merit Worship Leaderboard		
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
FS2:		
Year 1:	Jolly Jennings	  
Year 2:	Duckworth's Deckhands	 
Year 3:	Martin's Mi Hearties	      
Year 4:	Trotter's Treasure Trove	 
Year 5:	Speake's Scurvy Scallywags	   
Year 6:	Langham's Landlubbers	  

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



A massive well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions with 100% attendance last week. Also well done to Years 3 and 5 who were very close behind with over 99%.

Can we please remind parents to contact school before 8.40 am if your child is going to be absent. If you then do not respond to our texts or telephone calls, a home visit will be necessary for safeguarding reasons. Children that we cannot contact are classed as missing and we have a duty of care to report it to outside agencies.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 20.03.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	92.19	96.82
Year 1	100.00	97.08
Year 2	98.67	97.35
Year 3	99.03	97.45
Year 4	94.64	96.80
Year 5	99.31	97.74
Year 6	97.50	95.55
Average	97.33%	96.97%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our merit winners last week: Kai Menic, Lexi Taglione, Isabelle Lupton, Ruby Bairstow, Amy Garth, Madison Hancock, Catherine Bingley and Samuel Wakefield

Congratulations to Caleb Hemmans who achieved the special **Reading Award** for: Flying with his reading! Well done Caleb.

Mr Copley's **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Hanna Ostrowieka for: being an absolute superstar every single day in school.

Congratulations to Christian Li Castri-Flesher who has achieved his 200 metres in swimming.

Olivia Stephenson-Clay has got her first 2 gymnastics badges after only going for 5 weeks. Well done Olivia you are doing fantastic.

Good luck to Italia Crompton in Y3 in her dance show at Yeadon Town Hall this weekend. Break a leg Italia, as they say.



If your child has been exploring their special gifts outside of school, then please send the office an email so that we can celebrate this in our newsletter:

On Thursday, Year 1 had their class worship and it was a special one about their mothers and Jesus' mother Mary. The children wrote why they thought their mothers were special and spoke about how we should always thank them. Year 1 also discussed how we need to say a special thank you to Jesus' mother Mary and the role she played at the 'Wedding at Cana' to show how Jesus helped his mother. At the end Year 1 sang 'Mama' from the Spice girls whilst a power point of pictures of them and their mums were playing. Year 1 would again like to say thank you to their Mums and all that they do.



Breakfast Club

Unfortunately we have to raise the cost of Breakfast Club in order for it to continue. We have not increased the cost of attendance at the club since it first started over 10 years ago, but running costs of the club have increased. Therefore the cost of coming to breakfast club will be £2.00. This appears to be a big increase but the opening time of the club has changed to 7.45 am, giving an extra 15 minutes of out of school care. We believe that with the increase in price this still gives good value for money. This new price will be effective from the 24th April when we return after the Easter break.



On Tuesday 4th April at 9.00 am here in school, we are holding a music concert where children in FS2 to Year 5 will be showcasing what they have learnt in music this term. They will be performing and adding a few extras and the school choir will be performing too. Parents are invited to come and watch the children show their musical talents.

School Milk

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and would like to take school milk next term, you need to fill in the slip below and return to the school office. If your child would like school milk next term, you now need to order it from our milk supplier Fresh Pastures at www.schoolmilk.co.uk Refer to our newsletter dated 14.03.17. for further information. If you did not receive a leaflet explaining the procedure, there are some available from the school office.



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Name of Child(ren): Class:

My child is in receipt of free school meals and would like milk for the summer term.

Signed: Date:

A reminder that school dinners cost £1.65 per day or £8.00 per week.

School Calendar Spring Term 2017			
Lenten Worship 8.20 am every day in school during Lent			
Monday 27 th March – Thursday 30 th March – Book Fair in school			
Tuesday 28 March	9.00 am	Y1	Statement to Live By Worship
	1.00 pm	FHC children	Meeting 7 in school
	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Ys 1 to 6	Parent consultations
Wednesday 29 March	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Ys 1 to 6	Parent consultations
	6.00 pm	FS1 parents	New FS1 parents welcome meeting
Thursday 30 March	10.00 – 11.00 am	New FS1	Drop in session for new FS1 children
Tuesday 4 April	9.00 am	Y6	Statement to Live By worship
	1.00 pm	FHC children	Meeting 8 in school
Thursday 6 April	9.00 am	Y2	Class Worship
	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	All	'I walked for the Good Shepherd'
Friday 7 April	9.00 am	All	Merit Worship
	9.00 am	Y1	Visit to Harewood House
	4.30 – 7.15 pm	All	Easter school disco
Tuesday 11 April	9.00 am	Y2	Statement to Live By worship
	School closes for the Easter holidays		
Monday 24 April	School reopens		



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

School Disco and Quiz Night



Tickets for for the Easter School Disco on Friday 7th April are on sale this week. There will be two discos, one for FS2 to Year 2: 4.30 – 5.45 and Year 3 to Year 6: 6.00 – 7.15 pm. Tickets cost £3.00 each which includes crisps and a drink. Glow sticks and sweets are available to buy to a maximum of £1. FS2 parents are asked to stay with their children at the disco.

Back by popular demand is our Quiz Night on Friday 28th April. This is always a fun night. Tickets are £4.00 each and include supper. Please fill in the slip below and return to the school office.

Please support our Parent Council who do a fantastic job in raising money. All families benefit from their efforts as they subsidise the cost of transport for school trips as well as contributing to other things in school.

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Name of Child(ren): Class:

I would like to order tickets for the Easter Disco and enlose £.....

Signed: Date:

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Name of Child: Class:

I would like to order tickets for the Quiz Night and enlose £

Signed: Date: