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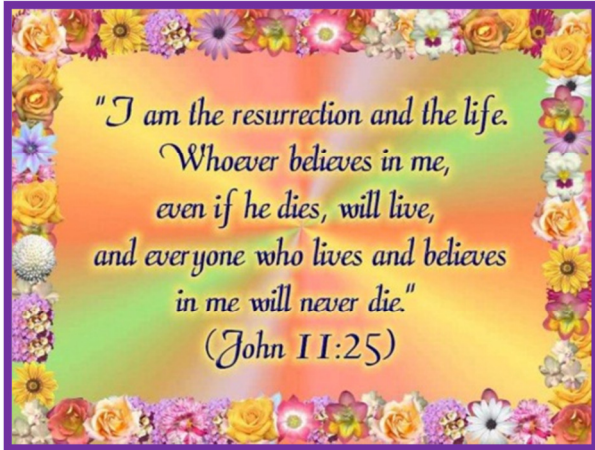
YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 4th April 2017



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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'



Mrs Haines led worship yesterday on the miracle of Jesus' close friend, Lazarus. Lazarus was very sick and sadly died, but due to his sisters' faith in Jesus and Jesus' belief in God, Jesus was able to bring the man back to life. We reflected on this miracle as a clear sign to us all that through Jesus' death and resurrection, he gives us the promise to eternal life with God. We likened this to a seed, which, just like when we die, gets buried under soil. But the seed then grows and finds new life as a flower; just like we look forward to a new life with God.

During Holy Week a Lenten Labyrinth will be set up in the Small Hall. The Labyrinth is a prayer journey that offers us a space to reflect to recognise that God is with us at every turn and is full of love for us. Parents are invited to take part in the Labyrinth between 2.00 and 3.00 pm on Monday and Tuesday next week. Parishioners are invited to join us between 11.00 and 12.00 on Monday. This will be led by Miss Trotter and the RE Team.

On Thursday the whole school will be participating in a sponsored walk around the school grounds in aid of the Good Shepherd appeal. Please support your child by helping them to collect sponsors. Please do not send children alone, knocking on doors for sponsors. Catholic Care do a wonderful job in our Diocese and this is our way of supporting them in their vocational work.



The SVP and our Minnie Vinnies are holding a toy sale on Thursday 4th May. Everyone is welcome and tea and coffee will be available. If you have any toys to donate they will be much appreciated. Many thanks.

Our Statement to Live By this week is the first one in the theme "Grow towards human wholeness in body, mind and spirit, and learn to keep themselves and others safe."

"I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from."

To raise money for Kathryn Mercy Home and Good Shepherd, Year 1 are going to be making Easter buns and having a Film and Popcorn Day next Monday. Please bring a £1 in support of these good causes.



Well done to Year 4 last week with their Talent Contest to raise money for the Kathryn Mercy Home.

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%



Well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions this week.

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 27.03.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.81	96.86
Year 1	97.83	97.11
Year 2	96.67	97.32
Year 3	97.74	97.46
Year 4	95.36	96.75
Year 5	96.55	97.70
Year 6	96.43	95.58
Average	96.92	96.96
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

Children in Years 1 to 6 line up outside at 8.40 am. A member of staff will then escort the children safely into school. For health and safety reasons please don't follow your child into school. If you need to see a teacher at this time please call into the office.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Ashton Haigh-Greaves, Owen Sutcliffe, Oliver Potter, Joseph Fleming, Imogen Shackler, Olivia Jarockyj, Theo Eloi and Jenna Stillings.

Congratulations to Joshua Oxley who achieved the special Reading Award for: being such an enthusiastic reader. Josh always has a book tucked under his arm!

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Silver Wardell for: outstanding work in maths and standing out around school for all the right reasons. Thank you and well done.

Congratulations to Jaden and Femi-Lee Whittingham who have achieved the ASA Duckling Award 1 certificate for their swimming. Well done boys.



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:



Calling all Minecraft enthusiasts! If you are aged between 6 and 11 years old, then join the Bradford Curriculum Innovation team for one of our half day Minecraft fun meets. The meets are being held on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April at The Innovation Centre, Peckover Street, Little Germany, Bradford. Sessions are priced at £8.00 per child. To find out more and book your place visit: tinyurl.com/Minecraftbfd0417

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a book from our Book Fair last week. We raised a staggering £848, which means we earned £508 in return. We are hugely grateful and can't wait to spend the money on more new books for school.

Following 'Reading Rocks Week' earlier this term, we have now purchased around 350 new books for our school library. Mrs Gallucci and the Y5 librarians have been working hard to upload them on to our computerised system and they are now ready to be borrowed by our excited readers!



As you are aware, Reading is the number one priority on our school development plan, so we have been researching different strategies and approaches to reading which will inspire our children to read and also help them to make the most progress in their reading ability. In KS1, we have just invested £4000 into a new home-school reading scheme called 'Collins Big Cat', which the children are currently being assessed on. Please look out for more detailed information on this after the Easter holidays. In KS2, we have been preparing a whole new approach to home-school reading books called 'Accelerated Reader' which Y5 and Y6 are currently being set up on, with a view to having Y3 and Y4 up and running by the Easter holidays. Again, more detailed information will be sent out after the Easter holidays. This is a huge period of change for St Francis regarding reading, so we ask you to please bear with us as we implement the changes and, as always, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Haines (Assistant Head/English Leader) or Miss Jennings (Reading and Phonics Leader) if you have any questions.

National Walking Month is back this May and this year Living Streets is challenging you to **#Try20** – that is walk for 20 minutes every day. The charity for everyday walking would like you to think about how **walkable** your local streets are too.

Living Streets think that for more of us to feel the benefits of **walking everyday journeys**, our cities, towns and villages need to be **fit for walking**. Whether that means pavements free of clutter, adequate lighting, and a good smattering of pedestrian crossings or green spaces – they want you to consider what makes a good walking environment.



The charity believes walking is the solution to some of our biggest problems. This simple act helps us to all be **healthier and feel happier**, while brightening the environment and boosting local economies. Up to the mayoral and local elections in May, Living Streets is going to be encouraging leaders in some of the UK's biggest cities to make walking a priority to improve the health and happiness of everyone living and working there.

National Walking Month will also play host to **Walk to School Week (15-19 May)** and Living Streets' annual fundraising event; **Happy Shoesday (16 May)**.

For more information visit: www.livingstreets.org.uk/nwm

School Calendar Spring Term 2017			
Lenten Worship 8.20 am every day in school during Lent			
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		

We raised £218 for Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Well done everyone.



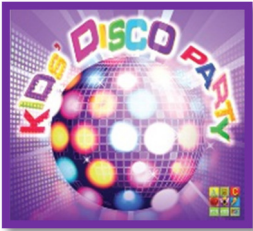
If you would like to receive the Tuesday News by email before you please go on to our website: www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk – our school – newsletters – latest and there you will be able to subscribe by entering your name and email address. It’s that simple. You will then get the newsletter around lunchtime on Tuesday. You will not receive any other emails by doing this other than the newsletter once a week.





PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

School Disco and Quiz Night



Tickets for for the Easter School Disco this Friday 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. Payment can be made at the door on the night. 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:

✂ _____

Name of Child: Class:

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

Signed: Date: