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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'



Mr Copley led our whole school worship yesterday. We heard Kieran read Sunday's Gospel reading where Jesus was trying to help His disciples to understand that he is The Good Shepherd. Jesus said "***I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.***"

We talked about how we could follow Jesus in the same way that sheep follow a shepherd by listening for their leader to 'call' them.

Mr Copley told us a story about how he once saw hundreds of sheep coming down a hillside in Wensleydale with two farmers (or shepherds). He watched them as they got to two gates at the bottom

of the field. One of the farmers whistled and amazingly half the sheep turned to go through a gate. Shortly afterwards the other farmer whistled in a slightly different way and his sheep followed him straight ahead. I'm sure you can imagine it was an incredible sight to see the sheep recognising their leader and following them!

Our mission was to follow The Good Shepherd in our lives by looking after one another and to listen and follow those who lead us and help us.

Mr Copley also told us that we have our very own 'Good Shepherd' in Bradford. Bradford City manager Stuart McCall who has successfully guided and led his 'sheep' (players) to Wembley after securing a place in the League One Play-off Final! ***Come on City!***



We ended our worship by asking God to look after all our Year 6 children and staff this week.

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

"I understand what trust 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

VACANCY – September 2017

We have a vacancy for a temporary full time support assistant, mainly in Early Years, here in school. The post will start in September for one year. If you are interested in the position, please collect an information pack from the school office.

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:	Pirate Starship	
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 5 who are our champions with 100% attendance last 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 01.05.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	91.41	96.48
Year 1	95.69	97.14
Year 2	99.58	97.32
Year 3	98.39	97.37
Year 4	95.09	96.88
Year 5	100.0	97.64
Year 6	97.77	95.64
Average	96.84	96.92
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Millie McTasney, Summer Ali, Olivia Hryniewiecka, Christian Li Castri-Flesher, Lily Bairstow and Olivia Queeney.

Mr Copley's **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Rose Walker for: being an absolute star at lunchtimes, helping with the younger children and being a shining example. Thank you Rose.

Congratulations to Oliver Potter who achieved the special **Reading Award** for: excellent, enthusiastic reading every day. Well done Oliver.

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:

We're EXCITED to be welcoming GB Athlete James Denny to school on Wednesday 17 May.

James Denny will be leading some energetic fitness circuits with the children and hosting an assembly with a Q & A session to help inspire the children into more sport and exercise.

We're asking the school community to help by sponsoring the children to complete the fitness circuits in order to raise money for St Francis Catholic Primary School to buy more sports equipment.

There are two easy ways to sponsor the children: using a paper sponsorship form that your child will have brought home (more spare copies in the office), or just as easy, it takes a few minutes to create an online fundraising page for your child at www.sportsforschools.org/event/BD604

The children are already excited - we hope you'll be feeling the buzz as well!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Due to parental concern over the increase in Breakfast Club contributions, the Governing Body made the decision that the cost of attendance at Breakfast Club will be £1.50 per child. The cost of breakfast remains the same. The Governors agreed, and we think you will agree, that this is a reasonable cost for out of school child care.

School Money

More parents are now paying online through School Money. This is the easiest and most secure way to pay for school trips, breakfast club etc. If you make a payment online for a school trip you do not need to send in a permission slip to school, as you have already given your consent online, when paying for the trip.

SATs

We wish all our Year 6 pupils good luck as they continue to take their SATs this week. They have been enjoying a pre SATs breakfast before school. Nearly over, just the maths to go now. Thank you for all your continuing support.

Year 2 parents, please note, that the Year 2 children will be completing their SATs assessments over the next two weeks. Please ensure, where possible, that all children are in school. Again thank you all for your support.

After School Club on Thursday for this term will be multi sports for KS2. If your child would like to attend could you send in the permission slip below. The club runs from 3.15 – 4.15 pm.



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Name of Child: Class:

I give permission for my child to attend the Multi Sports after school club on Thursdays. I will ensure they are collected from school at 4.15 pm.

Signed: Date:

School Calendar Summer Term 2017			
Monday 8 th May	9.00 am	Y6	SATs week
Wednesday 10 th May	Am / pm	FS1	Stay and Play sessions
Thursday 11 th May	Am	FS2	Stay and Play session
Friday 12 th May	9.00 am	All	Merit Worship
	All day	All	Sports kit own clothes day
Tuesday 16 th May	9.00 am	Y1	Educational visit to Royal Armouries
Thursday 18 th May	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
Friday 19 th May	9.00 am	Y4	Educational visit to Eden Camp
Sunday 21 st May	12.30 pm	FHC	First Holy Communion Sunday
Tuesday 23 rd May	3.30 pm	FHC	Parents party for First Holy Communion
Thursday 25 th May	9.00 am	Y1	Class Worship
Friday 26 th May	9.00 am	All	Merit Worship
	School closes for Spring Bank holiday		
Monday 12 th June	School reopens after Spring Bank holiday		
	9.30 am	Y6	Leavers photo
Wednesday 14 th June	9.00 am	Years 5 & 6	Educational visit to Yorkshire Water
Thursday 15 th June	9.00 am	Y4	Class worship
Friday 16 th June	9.00 am	All	Merit Worship
	9.00 am	Y4	Educational visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tuesday 20 th June	6.00 pm	New FS1	Welcome meeting for parents new to FS1
Wednesday 21 st June	9.00 am	Y5	Visit to SBSJ
	6.00 pm	New FS2	Welcome meeting for families new to FS2
Thursday 22 nd June	9.00 am	Y6	Class worship
Friday 23 rd June	9.00 am	All	Merit Worship
Saturday 24 th June	Pm	All	Summer Fair (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 28 th June	Am / pm	FS	Outdoor workshop
Thursday 29 th June	10.00 – 12.00	FS2 – Y6	Special visit to the theatre
Thursday 29 th June	9.00 am	Y5	Class worship
Friday 30 th June	9.00 am	All	Merit worship
Wednesday 5 th July	Am	All	Transition day – all classes to move up
	3.45 – 4.45		Transition meeting 1 for parents
	5.45 – 6.45		Transition meeting 2 for parents
Friday 7 th July	9.00 am	All	Merit worship
Tuesday 11 th July	2.00 pm & 6.00 pm	Y6	Y6 Production
Wednesday 12 th July	3.30 – 7.00 pm	FS1/FS2	Parent consultations
Thursday 13 th July	9.00 am	All	Final merit worship
	10.00 am	Y6	Road Safety transition talk
	3.30 – 5.00 pm	FS1/FS2	Parent consultations
Friday 14 th July	All day	All	Sports Day
	4.30 – 5.45 pm	FS2 – Y2	Parent Council School disco
	6.00 – 7.15 pm	Y3 – Y6	
Monday 17 th July	10.30 am	All	Leavers Mass
Wednesday 19 th July	10.00 am	Y6	St Clare's production
Friday 21 st July	2.00 pm	All	Leavers Liturgy
	School closes for the summer holidays		

Preparations are well under way for the children's First Holy Communion which is on Sunday 21st May. Thank you to Fr. Anthony, Mrs Heppleston and Miss Martin for all their commitment to the programme. Let's hope for good weather on the day.

As a special end of year treat for the children, we are taking FS2 to Year 6 children to the theatre in June (we are trying to keep it a secret shhhhh!). The trip will take place on Thursday 29th June.