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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

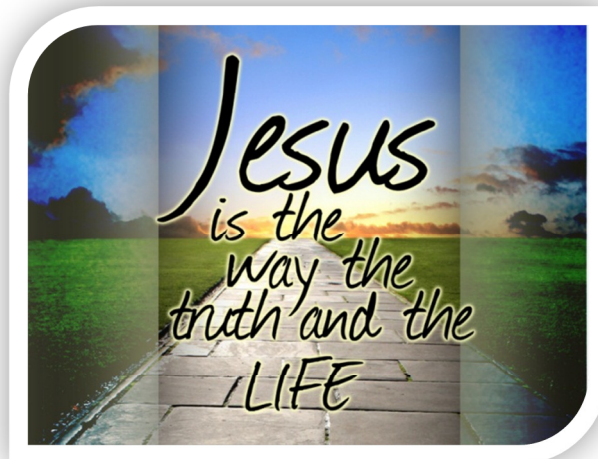
Tuesday 16th May 2017



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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Mrs Haines led worship yesterday. We learned how Jesus is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. He acts as a road map or sat nav for us, to help us stay on the right path and make good decisions. We reflected on how Jesus is always there to show us the way, in both the good times and the dark times.



We pray for all our Year 3 children who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday in church. We will keep our fingers crossed for lovely sunny weather! May God smile upon them all on their very special day.

Our Statement to Live By this week is the first one in the theme "Experience a reconciling community"




























"I try to forgive people when they hurt me"



The Kathryn's Mercy Trust (UK), is the British charity that supports the work of Rev J. Jeyapaul with Dalit children and families in Devakottai, Tamil Nadu, South India. In Devakottai, housing for many is basic, without electricity, running water or sewerage. Without education, children can only follow their parents' footsteps, leaving school at the age of 9 to work in the field. At St Francis we are sponsoring a young girl named Tharani. Tharani attends Joan's

Grace Home (a project of Kathryn's Mercy Home Trust) which gives children education. Thanks to the generosity of our families, we are going to be able to sponsor another child as well as Tharani.

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%



Our attendance winners last week were Years 1 and 6 with 100%. Well done to Years 2, 3 and 5 for achieving 99 and 98%.

The attendance last week was an improvement on previous weeks, but still we need to make an effort to get above our 97% target.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 08.05.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.38	96.57
Year 1	100.00	97.24
Year 2	98.67	97.36
Year 3	98.39	97.41
Year 4	96.79	96.88
Year 5	99.64	97.70
Year 6	100.00	95.79
Average	98.98%	96.99%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Billy Hedges, Francis Adapka, Joshua Longbottom, Phoebe Clapham, Ella Horan, Katie Travis, Millie Ellis and all Year 6.

Congratulations to Connor McCullen who achieved the special Reading Award for: making excellent progress in both reading and phonics. Well done Connor

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Lily Webster for: really excelling yourself and for fantastic achievement in English and Maths. Top work Lily !



Well done to Grace Butler who has achieved her Badge 2 in gymnastics.



Congratulations to Jaden Whittingham who has achieved his 5 metre swimming award.

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:

Parents:

Unfortunately, we are noticing parents using their mobile phones more and more inside the Foundation Stage unit. We urge you, in the interest of safeguarding our children, that mobile phones are put away when coming into Foundation Stage. We have a duty of care to protect the children whose permission we do not have to be photographed in school. We thank you and value your support in this matter.



Please, please, please do not park in the car park when dropping off and picking children up at the start and finish of the school sessions, this also includes FS1 children. There is a lot of vehicular movement at these times, making it unsafe for children to be in the car park.

Sports Fundraising:



On Friday, St Francis turned out in its finest sportswear for our PE fundraiser. We dressed in our best sports kit and many of us were excited to take part in an archery competition - it was tougher than it looked but with a little practice, we were soon hitting bullseyes left, right and centre! We raised a fantastic £342.80 and we all got very excited about our Team GB visit this week.

James Denny, an international diver from Leeds, will be in school on Wednesday afternoon and will lead us all in a fitness circuit, before telling us all about his life and career in a special assembly. Children are encouraged to raise sponsorship money for the fitness circuit, which will be added to our funds from Friday, and spent on buying some fantastic new sports equipment for us all to enjoy. All donations will be gratefully received!





Thank you to everyone for the fantastic effort that has been put into the fundraising we have been doing recently for the Good Shepherd and Kathryn Mercy Home. We have raised a total of £1,104.56 for both charities.

Once again many thanks for all your support for the children and the commitment the children have for helping others.

School Calendar Summer Term 2017			
Thursday 18 th May	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
Friday 19 th May	9.00 am	Y6	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	10.00 am	Y6	St Cuthbert's End of Year Production
	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			

Update on Alfie Joe Barraclough ICT and Media Suite.

The children may have told you that the ICT suite is now out of commission, this is due to the fact that we are now working on refurbishing the suite in memory of Alfie. This is going to be a funky area with a few surprises for you. Watch this space (there may be a pun there!)



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