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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 23rd 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 which was devoted to Mary our Mother. May and October are the two months in the church's year where it is important that we celebrate Mary and reflect on how important she is as Jesus' mother. We discussed the five joyful mysteries and how Catholics often choose to reflect upon these when praying the rosary.

Mrs Haines (with the help of Charlie and Joshua in Year 1), showed some giant rosary beads and demonstrated how to pray with them. We finished by honouring Mary with flowers; one member from each class presented Mary with a flower and Maddison, our eldest child in the school, had the important job of crowning Mary with a crown of flowers. We all prayed the Hail Mary together.



Congratulations to all our children who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. The sun shone brightly for them, may God Bless them.

Our school was represented at Leeds Cathedral last week where we presented a cheque to Bishop Marcus for £750 for the Good Shepherd Appeal. Many thanks to all our families who have supported our charity fundraising over the past few months.



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

"I try to accept forgiveness from others."

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:	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 winner last week was Year 1. Well done Year 1.

It's pleasing to see lots of green last week. Every class in school was above 97% attendance. Well done everyone.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 15.05.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.13	96.62
Year 1	99.31	97.30
Year 2	98.33	97.40
Year 3	98.39	97.44
Year 4	97.86	96.91
Year 5	98.57	97.73
Year 6	97.14	95.83
Average	98.24	97.03
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Casey Nolan, Noel Mullarkey, Katie Lightfoot, Olivia Jarockyj, Kieran Randles and Haadiya Fawad

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Cora Mullarkey for: her outstanding contribution in Class, for being a lovely friend to others and for excellent leadership.



Congratulations to Joseph Rubery who has completed his 50m swimming badge.

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:

Holiday Sports Camps

St Bede's and St Joseph's are holding a Multi Sports Holiday Camp on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th May 9.00 – 3.00 pm. Students must bring their own snacks and drinks. For further information or to book a place, email shussain@sbsj.co.uk

School Sports Coaching are holding a Multi Sports Holiday Camp at St Brendan's Primary School on Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June. Booking forms are available from the office or for further information email adam@schoolsportscoaching.org.uk

Also coming home with the newsletter is a flyer for Bradford City Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Woodhouse Grove on 1st and 2nd June.



Brownlee Junior Triathlon at Bradford Grammar School, Monday 22nd May 2017.

Year 6 participated in a junior triathlon, in which they had to swim 75m, cycle 800m and run 300m. All children showed perseverance and sporting spirit as they raced across the finish line. Everybody enjoyed receiving their medals and goodie bags!

Eden Camp, Friday 19th May 2017. Year 6 were very excited to visit Eden Camp museum, and explore the immersive experiences of World War Two. We experienced life on a military submarine, an air raid during the Blitz and got to know more about life on the Home Front during the war. We were also treated to a 'music hall puppet show' and we loved singing along to George Formby and Vera Lynn. Even though it rained all day, we still had a grand day out!



*** Year 6 - please note it will be Leavers photograph on the first day back after the half term holiday.**

Please see below for the holidays for the academic year 2017/2018

School Holiday List 2017 / 2018

- September start: Tuesday 5th September 2017 (Foundation start date may be later)
- Autumn half term: Break up on Friday 20th October, return Tuesday 31st October
- Christmas: Break up on Tuesday 19th December, return Wednesday 3rd January 2018
- Spring half term: Break up on Friday 9th February, return Monday 19th February
- Easter: Break up on Wednesday 28th March, return on Monday 9th April
- May Day: Closed on Monday 7th May
- Spring Bank: Break up on Friday 25th May, return Monday 11th June
- Summer break: Break up on Friday 20th July 2018



We are having another collection for the Starlight Children's charity which helps families of terminally ill children. You will be receiving a bag this week, so if you are be changing from winter to summer clothes, please try and fill a bag over the holiday with any old clothing you may have. Bags should be returned to school by Friday 16th June.

School Calendar Summer Term 2017			
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			
School reopens after Spring Bank holiday			
Monday 12 th June	9.30 am	Y6	Leavers photo
Wednesday 14 th June	9.00 am	Years 5 & 6	Educational visit to Yorkshire Showground
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
	9.00 am – 4.00 pm	Years 2 & 4	Visit to Whitby
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			

Breakfast Fun Club



Take a look at a display Breakfast Club have made this week. Could this be a reflection of what we are to experience next week when we are on holiday? Let's hope the forecast of a heatwave is true.

Happy Holiday to all our families.

School reopens on Monday 12th June.
