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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS on WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017



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

### **'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

On Monday, Mrs Haines led whole school worship. The children were encouraged to address the big question 'Who is God?' The children gave some extremely interesting answers, showing what deep thinkers they are.

Last Sunday, the church celebrated Trinity Sunday at Mass. We listened to Sunday's Gospel and reflected on how God appears in three different ways: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. The children were very knowledgeable about how we meet God in the Bible in all three ways. We ended by saying the Our Father together, as this was the prayer that God the Son, Jesus, taught us.



The children started their last half term of the year superbly and it was a pleasure to share our Monday morning worship with the children in FS2 for the first time. They listened and took part beautifully

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

**"I try to accept forgiveness from others"**

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Well done to the pupils from Years 5 and 6 who took part in the Brownlee Brother's Triathlon day at Bradford Grammar School. The pupils had a fantastic time and were great representatives of the school.

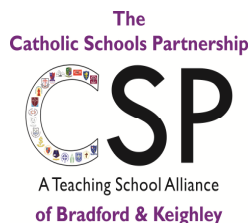
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We have some sad news today. Many of you will remember Mrs Pat Cunningham, who was a lunchtime supervisor here for many years, sadly she passed away this week. We would like you all to remember her, and her family, in your thoughts and prayers over the next few days. Funeral arrangements will be published in the Church Bulletin.

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**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**

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Dear Parents,

## RE: Staffing update

After seven years of working as Deputy Head, and more recently as Head of School at St Francis, Mrs Anne Rowan will be leaving St Francis Catholic Primary School towards the end of the summer term.

Mrs Rowan has been a truly inspirational and dedicated leader at St Francis. She has worked tirelessly to share her faith, and bring the Catholic faith to our whole school community, pastorally caring for children, supporting families and staff. She has been pivotal in improving and driving standards help get the school to where it is today, while also maintaining the smooth running of the school.

From September Mrs Rowan will be working on a part time basis as a 'Specialist Leader of Education' for the Catholic Schools Partnership Teaching Schools Alliance, supporting other schools.

We thank her for exploring and sharing her special gifts with us all these years and we wish her all the very best for the future.

The governors have appointed Mrs Andrea Haines as Head of School from September. As you will know Mrs Haines has been working at St Francis since September as Assistant Headteacher and is in a great position to help ensure the smooth running of St Francis while also continually looking to move the school forward.

Miss Harriette Jennings will be getting married and leaving us this summer to follow a teaching career abroad in Dubai. We would like to thank her for all the hard work during her time working in KS1 and wish them both all the best in their new venture.

We would like to welcome Mr Jake Duxbury and Miss Olivia Breen to our school community, who will be joining our teaching team from September. You will be able to meet them as part of the transition arrangements this half term.

Thank you for all your feedback, help and continued support and please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any further clarification.

Kind regards

Mr Daniel Copley  
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Giedrojt  
Chair of Governors

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	👑 👑 👑 👑 👑

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#### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

**Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%**



Our attendance winners the week we broke up were Year 2. Well done Year 2.

We are on track to hit our target. Thank you everyone and keep going !

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 22.05.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.56	96.62
Year 1	95.17	97.24
Year 2	99.00	97.45
Year 3	98.06	97.46
Year 4	97.14	96.92
Year 5	97.50	97.72
Year 6	96.79	95.86
<b>Average</b>	<b>97.17%</b>	<b>97.03%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>

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## TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week of term: Elizabeth Watt, Theo Loughlin, Eve Jakubiak, Rose Binns, Mason Adams, Matthew Henderson-Hall, Catherine Bingley, and Shannon Boyle. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to Miss Jennings phonics group who achieved the special Reading Award for being 'Superphonics Heroes'. Well done everyone.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Kate Priestley for her outstanding contribution to school life and learning, both in class and when representing school.

Congratulations to Italia Crompton who has achieved her 400 metre swimming badge.



Well done to Imogen Shackler who has gained her 3rd diving badge and certificate. She is now a Star two diver, and can confidently dive from the 3 metre board.

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:



## Starlight Fundraising

Have you managed to fill your clothing bag during the holiday? The bags are being collected on Friday morning this week, please bring into school by Thursday afternoon. If you would like further bags these are available from the school office. Many thanks. Proceeds go to the Starlight Charity for terminally ill children and school.

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## Health and Safety Notice

We politely ask parents to ensure that children do not climb on the rocks, timber trail or grass during drop off and pick up times. Our first concerns are always for the children's health and safety, so we ask you to please bring the children on to the playground to wait for the bell, when the children should then line up on the muga pitch in the morning. At the end of the day please ensure your children stay with you. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

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Parents please could you ensure that children have coats in school during this period of inclement weather. Although it may seem warm, we are prone to rain at break and lunchtimes. Also don't forget sun hats and sun cream in sunny weather. Many thanks.

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## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



**Our Summer Fair is going to be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 pm here at school. There will be tombola's, stalls, café, face painting and much more. On 30<sup>th</sup> June we shall be having a non uniform day where the fine for FS and KS1 will be chocolate, and for KS2, a bottle for the tombola.**

**If anyone is available to help on the day please contact the school office. Further details will follow over the next few weeks.**

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**Lego Club** will start again on Mondays 3.15 – 4.15 pm, for Years 1, 3 and 5. Please fill in the permission slip below if you child would like to go.

**After School Club:** Thursday's sports after school club this half term is KS2 Football. This club will be running after school on Thursdays this half term, 3.15 - 4.15. If your child would like to go, could you fill in the permission slip below and return to the school office.

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Name of Child: ..... Year: .....

I give permission for my child to attend Lego Club on Mondays from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. I will ensure that my child is collected from school at this time.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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Name of Child: ..... Year: .....

I give permission for my child to attend Football Club on Thursdays from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. I will ensure that my child is collected from school at this time.

Signed: ..... Date: .....