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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

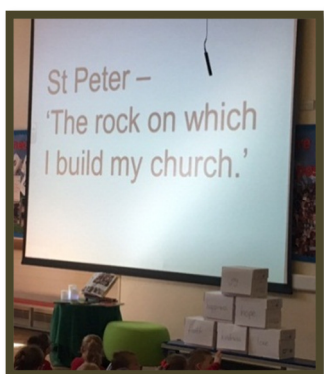
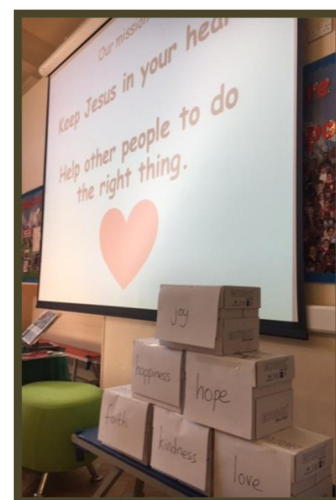
Tuesday 27th June 2017



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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD

Mrs Haines led worship yesterday, where we learned all about the Feast of St Peter and St Paul which takes place this year on Thursday 29th June. We learned all about how St Paul started out in life as a man named 'Saul' who persecuted and attacked the Christians. On the road to Damascus, God sent a great light to shine down on him and blind him. After being taken in by a Christian, named Ananias, who prayed for him, Saul was able to see again and found Jesus in his heart. He went on to become a dedicated Christian and follower of Jesus and his name was changed to 'Paul'.



The children already knew some facts about St Peter - one being that he was the first ever Pope. We reflected on the fact that Jesus referred to Peter as 'The rock upon which I build my church.' Together we built a 'church' out of bricks which were labelled with the qualities needed to be a good Christian to ensure that the foundations were solid enough for the church to be successful. We all agreed that St Peter must have had all of these qualities and more, since the church still exists today and we are all still hearing and learning from the Word of God.

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

"I understand the importance of peace"

On Saturday, some of our Year 5 children participated in the annual 5-a-side football tournament at St Bede's and St Joseph's. Two mixed teams played well through the play-offs; unfortunately one team was then knocked out, but we all gathered round to cheer on the second team, who made it all the way to the final. In a hard-fought match against St Matthew's we had to concede defeat, despite a fantastic show and a flurry of goals throughout the competition. All players displayed grit, resilience and sportsmanship, and were very worthy runners-up. Well done St Francis!



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 3. Well done everyone in Year 3.

The attendance is slowly going down. We need to improve this in order to achieve our target by the end of the year. So come on and make the effort, it is a team effort from all classes in school.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 19.09.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.44	96.74
Year 1	98.28	97.35
Year 2	96.00	97.16
Year 3	99.35	97.52
Year 4	95.93	96.95
Year 5	95.71	97.71
Year 6	92.86	95.58
Average	96.65%	97.00%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Lucas Harris, Millie McTasney Elizabeth Bingley, Thomas Duff, Katie Travis, Mya Winstan and Ruby Grant.

Congratulations to Emma George who achieved the special **Reading Award** for: being such an enthusiastic reader! Emma's love of reading has helped with her writing too, so much that she is in the process of writing her own story book.

Mr Copley's **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Ryley Shaw for: his unique personality and for making us all smile every day. He is kind, friendly and a model pupil to us all. He gives 100% to everything, every day. Well done Ryley.

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:

Library update

After a lot of investment of time and money, our library is now fully stocked with brilliant books for all of our children. We really hope the children are enjoying visiting the library each week. We now have a lot of old books that we have replaced which we do not want to throw away. We would much rather make sure they went to good homes, so we are doing book sales in the library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime this week, selling the books at around 20p each. Some books may cost a little more as they are in very good condition, but none will cost more than £1. The money raised is going towards the continued library fund. If your children would like to have a look at the books and perhaps buy a few, please send them to school with a small amount of money on these days. Thank you for your continued support.



Music Concert



After the success of our last music concert , the children are eager to have another. This will showcase the gifts and talents of our musicians in school and also our school choir. Please come along and enjoy the performances by our brilliant pupils on Tuesday 4th July at 9.00 am. All classes from FS2 to Year 6 will be performing.

Transition Day

On Wednesday 5th July, your child will meet their new teacher and spend the morning with them in their new classroom. At the end of the day, you will also have the opportunity to meet your child’s new teacher, when you can hear all about what your child will be learning and also have an opportunity to ask any questions or bring any issues your child may have to their new teacher’s attention. These opportunities will be at either 3:30pm or 5pm and we would like to invite you to either of these sessions.. We look forward to seeing you there. The staffing is as follows:

- FS1 - Vikki Needs/Karen Shields
Y2 - Jenna Martin (SENCo)
Y5 - Emma Speake
Head of School - Andrea Haines
- FS2 - Catherine Whitley
Y3 - Jake Duxbury
Y6 - Megan Langham
Executive Head Teacher - Daniel Copley
- Y1 - Olivia Breen
Y4 - Jenny Trotter

Fantastic Mr Fox

We are all very excited about going out on our whole school trip to the Alhambra on Thursday. If you haven’t already returned the permission slip, please could you do so as soon as possible, as without it, we will not be able to take your child with us. Also, please remember that your child does not need any money with them as we will be taking snacks with us.



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Name of Child: Class:

I give permission for my child to attend the Alhambra Theatre on Thursday 29th June.

My child would/would not like a picnic style lunch on Thursday 29th June. Please order below if required:

Sandwich:

Ham

Cheese

Tuna Mayo

Turkey

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Dessert:

Muffin

Biscuit

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Fruit:

Apple

Orange

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Also provided is a drink

Signed: Date:



PARENT COUNCIL SUMMER FAIR

Friday 7th July at 2.30 pm

This Friday we are having a non uniform day for chocolate and bottles for the tombola's at the Summer Fair.

FS – Year 2 to bring chocolate

Years 3 – 6 to bring a bottle



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

School Calendar Summer Term 2017

Thursday 29 th June	10.00 – 12.00	FS2 – Y6	Special visit to the theatre
Friday 30 th June	9.00 am	All	Merit worship
Tuesday 4 th July	9.00 am	All	Music Concert
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
	2.30 pm	All	Parent Council Summer Fair
Monday 10 th July	9.30 am	All	Y6 production dress rehearsal
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	Years 2 and 4	All day	Education visit to Whitby
	3.30 – 7.00 pm	FS1/FS2	Parent consultations
Thursday 13 th July	9.00 am	All	Final merit worship
	9.30 am	All	Sports Day
	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			