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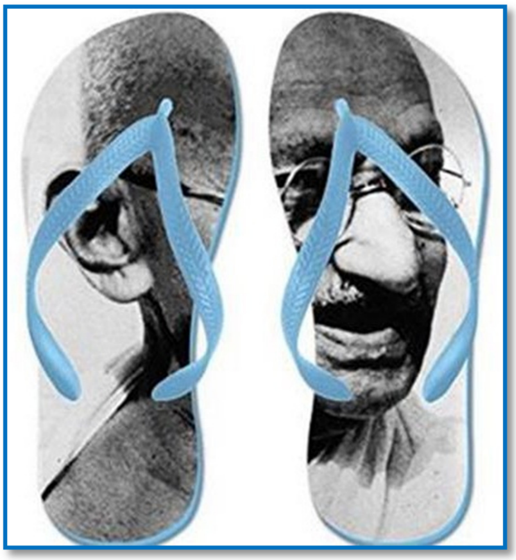
YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 4th July 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. The theme of Sunday's Gospel was all about selflessness. We identified some inspirational people, such as Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Ghandi and Jesus, who are all brilliant examples of how to be selfless. We watched a video about Gandhi when he was a boy and how he showed great selflessness. Here is his story:



As Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track.

He was unable to retrieve it as the train started rolling. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the first shoe.

Asked by a fellow passenger why he did that, Gandhi replied, 'the poor man who finds the shoe lying on the track will now have a pair he can use.'

We finished by reflecting on how we can be more selfless and try to serve others more.

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Farewell and Thank you

On Monday, we will gather together as a school to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Rowan as she continues as an advisor in Bradford and semi-retires after 32 years working for Leeds Diocese. Mrs Rowan would like to wish all the families past and present many blessings. She wishes you all a lovely summer and all the very best.

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Our Statement to Live By this week is the first one in the theme "Acknowledge the unique giftedness of each individual as made in the image and likeness of God and learn to respect the differences between people"

"I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others"

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Music Assembly

The music assembly this morning was an absolute triumph! Every child in school, from FS2 right through to Year 6, had the opportunity to explore and showcase their special gifts and talents. The level of talent and enthusiasm from the children was fantastic and brought many smiles to all our parents' and families' faces. Well done everyone and thank you!

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 2. Well done everyone.

Our attendance is gradually slipping away as we near the end of the year. Please make an effort – we have got to hit our target. We are below target for the first time since the beginning of the school year.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 26.06.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	94.06	96.66
Year 1	97.59	97.36
Year 2	99.67	97.23
Year 3	98.71	97.56
Year 4	98.15	96.98
Year 5	95.36	96.97
Year 6	89.64	95.41
Average	**96.16**	**96.97%**
TARGET	**97.00%**	**97.00%**

The visit to see Fantastic Mr Fox was a massive success and all the children had a great time. Well done to everyone for being great ambassadors for our school.

Five of our Year 5 children went to Addleshaw Goddard, an international law firm in Leeds, as part of an Enabling Enterprise Project with pupils from St Cuthbert's. They started by taking part in some team building exercises such as building the tallest tower of shoes possible. They learnt how to work as a team as their own law firm, to create a mock debate on behalf of a fictitious client. They then presented their arguments at the end of the day and tried to reach a compromise to avoid going to court. Our children were fantastic and great representatives of both schools.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Abigail Dawson, Joseph Rubery, Sienna Lancaster, Emma Alinson, Joshua Oxley, Charlie Hedges, Daisy Ellis, Jake Bryar and Ewan Parker.

Mr Copley's **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Eve Jakubiak for: increasing confidence, huge progress in learning and having such a positive attitude around school Well done Eve !

Lucas and Lily-May in FS2 have achieved their level 3 Duckling award in swimming. Well done to you both.

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:

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PARENT COUNCIL SUMMER FAIR
Friday 7th July at 2.30 pm

Parents are welcome to come to the Summer Fair from 2.30 pm. Have a coffee and a browse, maybe win some bottles on the bottle tombola, before you bring the children at the end of school. Thank you for your support as always. Parent Council

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Create a Calendar Competition judged by renowned international artist Ashley Jackson

All children of primary school age are invited to draw or paint an image of their favourite month of the year. All work must be done freehand with no help from parents or carers. Sadly collage work will not be accepted. All successful entries will be put together to create a Walker Morris calendar. You could win some super prizes for yourself and for school. The winners of the competition will receive a treasure chest of artist's materials along with £250 for their schools. There will also be prizes for the runner up artists. Entries must be returned to school by Monday 17th July to allow time for posting.

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Uniform Website

A few discrepancies have been brought to our attention on the School Trends website. School has been in contact with them and these have now been rectified. Prices are now correct and parents can still have deliveries made to school during the holidays. School Trends offer uniform of a high quality which will last and book bags are particularly strong and hardwearing.

Tomorrow is Transition Day where Y6 pupils go to their new school and children in school meet their new teacher. After school tomorrow, there is two sessions where parents can come and meet their child's new teacher and learn about what they will be doing in the next school year. The session times are 3.30 and 5.00 pm. Please come to either of these sessions. It would be good if at least one representative was here for each child.

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School Calendar Summer Term 2017			
Wednesday 5th July	Am	All	Transition day – all classes to move up
	3.30 pm	Please come to one of these	Transition meeting 1 for parents
	5.00 pm		Transition meeting 2 for parents
Friday 7th July	9.00 am	All	Merit worship
	2.30 pm	All	Parent Council Summer Fair
Monday 10th July	9.30 am	All	Y6 production dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11th July	10.00 am	Y6	St Cuthbert's End of Year Production
	2.00 pm & 6.00 pm	Y6	Y6 Production
Wednesday 12th July	Years 2 and 4	All day	Education visit to Whitby
	3.30 – 7.00 pm	FS1/FS2	Parent consultations
Thursday 13th July	9.00 am	All	Final merit worship
	9.30 – 10.30 am 11.00 – 12.00 1.30 – 3.00 pm	Years 1 & 2 Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6	Sports Day
	10.00 am	Y6	Road Safety transition talk
	3.30 – 5.00 pm	FS1/FS2	Parent consultations
Friday 14th July	4.30 – 5.45 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	FS2 – Y2 Y3 – Y6	Parent Council School disco
Monday 17th July	10.30 am	All	Leavers Mass
Tuesday 18th July	3.15 – 4.00 pm	FS2 and Y1	KS1 transition reading café
Wednesday 19th July	10.00 am	Y6	St Clare's production
Friday 21st July	2.00 pm	All	Leavers Liturgy
	School closes for the summer holidays		

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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

Please note: holidays taken during term time will not be authorised.

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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