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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Yesterday we had Mass for the final time with Year 6, where we said a big thank you and goodbye to all those who will be leaving the St Francis family. We thank you for exploring your special gifts with us and for helping us all grow towards God during your time with us. We say thank you, goodbye and God Bless to Mrs Rowan, Miss Jennings, Miss Metcalf, Miss O'Neill and Year 6 pupils: Shannon Boyle, Jack and Aiden Clapham, Taylor Difiori and family, Roman Dunford, Nicholas Earle, Haadiya Fawad and family, Georgia Firth, Jasmine Fitzsimons, Faye Gaffey, Ashley Garth, Monica Gibson and family, Ruby Grant, Logan Heap and family, Ella Knox, Anya Merrick and family, Maddison Naylor and family, Olivia Oxley, Ewan Parker and family, Olivia Queeney and family, Jenna Stillings and family, Amelie Summersgill and family, Charlee Urso and family, Samuel Wakefield and family, Joseph Walker, Aaliyah White, Amber Wroe and family and Meagan Zanella.






























As a group Year 6 have been fantastic ambassadors for our school over the years. They have made fantastic progress and achieved excellent SATs results, but more importantly than that, they really have achieved their potential, explored and developed the gift that they are and grown alongside others as children of God.

We cannot say goodbye to our Year 6 children without a special mention for Alfie Joe Barraclough. Yesterday would have been Alfie's 11th birthday and Year 6 met together in Alfie's Peace Garden to remember him. They then went on the field and let off 11 balloons in Alfie's memory. There will always be a special place at St Francis Catholic Primary School, where Alfie will be remembered for the fun loving and wonderful boy that he was.

The Leavers' Liturgy is on Friday afternoon at 2.00 pm. All very welcome.

Good bye, God Bless, we wish you all success and happiness for the future - we will miss you all.

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, who is also our attendance champions for the year with 97.61% attendance. Disappointingly, three classes are below our attendance target which has resulted in us failing to achieve our target this year.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 10.07.17	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.81	96.60
Year 1	93.10	97.28
Year 2	95.67	97.15
Year 3	99.03	97.61
Year 4	93.33	96.95
Year 5	92.14	97.49
Year 6	93.57	95.26
Average	94.95 %	96.90 %
TARGET	97.00 %	97.00 %

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our final Merit winners last week: Lexi Harrison, Elizabeth Reynard, Aiden Clapham, Charlee Urso and Taylor Difiori. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to the following who received a Special Certificate of Merit: Billy Hedges, Nancy Jones, Olivia Wilson, Owen Sutcliffe, Scarlett Zaborowski, Noel Mullarkey, Isabelle Lupton, Ewan Sutcliffe, Christian Li Castri-Flescher, Katie Travis, Lily Bairstow, Keiran Randles, Ashley Garth and Jasmine Fitzsimons.

Congratulations to Theo Lancaster who achieved the special **Reading Award** for: his excellent fluent and expressive reading. Well Done Theo

Our attendance champions for 2015/2016 are Year 4. A big well done to all.

Congratulations to our 36 children who achieved 100% attendance and were awarded gift vouchers.

Congratulations also the children who achieved 97% and above attendance who received a certificate.

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:

Music News:

From September Mrs Duckworth, our music leader, will be offering 1-1 instrumental lessons. She will offer violin or voice coaching. If your child would like to take up one of these music lessons, please contact the office. They will take place on a Monday afternoon between 12 and 5pm and will cost £15.00 for a half hour lesson. Mrs Duckworth is a professionally trained musician and has lots of experience in the field of musical arts.



St Francis School Choir

Over the course of this year, the school choir has gone from strength to strength. There are very exciting plans for the choir in the next school year, so we would like to offer you the opportunity for any child from Year 3 – Year 6 to join in September. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Milk:

If your child is over 5 years of age and would like school milk when we return after the summer holidays, please go to : www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk to register and order your milk. If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like to have school milk, please inform the school office.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals particularly in Early Years and KS1 go to https://online.bradford.gov.uk/ufs/FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS.eb?ebd=0&ebp=10&ebz=1_1500369572489 where you will find a simple online application form. It really is simple.

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

Fisical Sports Coaching are running some summer holiday sports courses. The first four courses are being run by Michael Heppleston, who many of you know through football. For further information on the courses call 01274 592328 or 07966 445301 or email: info@fisical.co.uk

Michael also runs the Saturday and Wednesday Academy sessions.

The Broadway in Bradford is holding a free Little Explorers Summer Kids Club every Saturday 11.00 am – 5.00 pm, hoping to bring the outdoors into the shopping centre. The events will include The Big Bug Fossil Day, Crazy Hair Cress Pots, It's a Bugs Life, Butterfly Puppets and Build a Bird Box.



SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES – 2017/2018

- 9.00 am Monday morning - whole school worship
- 9.00 am Tuesday morning - Statement to Live By worship
- 9.00 am Thursday morning – class worship

Tuesday 5 Sept	School reopens after the summer holiday		
	9.00 am	All	Worship
Thursday 7 Sept	AM	FS2	Children start school
Tuesday 12 Sept	9.00 am	Year 2	Statement to Live By Worship
Thursday 14 Sept	10.30 am	All	Beginning of the Year Mass
Friday 15 Sept	8.55 am	All	First Merit Worship
Thursday 21 Sept	9.00 am	Y6	Class worship
Monday 25 Sept	3.30 pm	Y6	SATs meeting for parents
Tuesday 3 Oct	3.30 and 6.00 pm	FS2	Phonics meeting for parents
Wednesday 4 Oct	10.30 am	All	St Francis Feast Day Mass
Thursday 5 Oct	9.00 am	Y5	Class Worship
	11.30 am / 3.30 pm	FS1	Letters and Sounds meeting for parents
Monday 9 Oct	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parent consultations
Wednesday 11 Oct	9.30 am	Y6	Class Mass in Church
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parents consultations
	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parents consultations
Wednesday 18 Oct	AM /PM	FS1	Stay, Play and Learn
	9.30 am	Y5	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 19 Oct	AM / PM	FS	Stay, Play and Learn
	9.00 am	Y4	Class Worship
Friday 20 October	Break up for October half term		
Tuesday 31 Oct	School reopens after half term		
Wednesday 1 Nov	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in Church
Wednesday 8 Nov	9.30 am	Y4	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 9 Nov	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
Wednesday 15 Nov	9.30 am	Y3	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 23 Nov	9.00 am	Y2	Class worship
Monday 27 Nov	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents meeting
Tuesday 28 Nov	10.00 am	FS1	New children drop in session
Thursday 30 Nov	9.00 am	Y1	Class worship
Wednesday 6 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 7 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Friday 8 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Wednesday 13 Dec	12.00	All	Christmas dinner
	PM	FS	Advent celebration
Thursday 14 Dec	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Friday 15 Dec	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Tuesday 19 Dec	9.00 am	All	Carols by the Crib
	Break up for Christmas holiday		

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley or Mrs Haines



Finally we would like to wish all our pupils and their families a very happy and safe summer.

