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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 19th September 2017

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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners,

Mrs Haines led worship yesterday which was all about the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. As with last week's Sunday Gospel, this week's Gospel focused on the importance of forgiveness. Sienna (Y3), Callum (Y4) and Theo (Y5) helped Mrs Haines to re-enact the Parable and help the rest of the school understand Jesus' message. We learned that it doesn't matter how many times someone does something wrong by us, it is important that we forgive them. We also discussed how hard this can be, but no matter how hard, it is always our challenge to try and follow Jesus' way. We ended by praying together, asking Jesus to help us forgive others.



New Arrangements for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Bishop Marcus has decided that this school year we should begin to change the time when the Sacraments are celebrated with children and young people. There are different ways of doing this all over the world and it is not unusual for changes to be made now and then.

The most obvious change is that from now on First Communion will be celebrated in Year 4 (and not Year 3 as previously). Practically speaking, this means that there will not be any First Communions in our Parish in 2018.

The Bishop has asked that we move to separating out the preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. So those who have just moved into Year 3 (from September 2017) will be invited to prepare for First Reconciliation only and then, when they begin Year 4 in September 2018, they will begin to prepare for First Holy Communion.

Most of us are used to Confirmation being celebrated for young people in Year 9. This is going to change and from September 2018, Confirmation will be celebrated in the first half of Year 6, which means that the children will begin preparing for Confirmation from the summer term of 2018 during Year 5 and (in 2018 only) at the end of Year 6 (for the celebration of Confirmation when they are in Years 6 & 7 respectively). The RE Syllabus will also be adapted to fit in with these changes to sacramental preparation and celebration, to make sure that what your children are learning in their school RE lessons can be linked to the preparation they will have for the sacraments.

This all sounds a little more complicated than it really is and we will try to guide you through the process as much as we can. We will send more details of enrolment and timetables for sacramental preparation in due course.

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:	Breen's Buccaneers	
Year 2:	Martin's Mi Hearties	
Year 3:	Duxbury's Deckhands	
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%



Well done to Year 6 with 100% attendance last week. What a great start to the year for you all. Can you keep it going ??

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 11.09.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.00	96.41
Year 1	95.00	93.75
Year 2	97.00	95.37
Year 3	98.67	98.88
Year 4	97.33	97.22
Year 5	97.04	93.42
Year 6	100.00	98.41
Average	97.43	96.20
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to: Nancy Jones, Lucas Heppleston, Francis Adapka, Olivia ??, Connor McCullen, Thomas Duff, Oliwia Hryniewiecka. Katie Travis, Charlie Hedges and Theo Eloi.

Congratulations to Harry Firth who achieved the special **Reading Award** for: enthusiastic reading, he always has his book at the ready.

Mr Copley's **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Ignazio Serra and Dominika Samkova for settling into life at St Francis so well. Thank you and well done!!

Congratulations to Isabelle Lupton in Y4 who became an alter girl at St Clare's church on Saturday. Also a big well done for competing on Saturday at the Yorkshire Finals Girls General Gymnastics Competition. Isabelle took Individual Bronze and Overall Bronze medal for Vault, making her The Northern Regional Bronze medallist.

Grace Butler has successfully completed Badge 3 in gymnastics. Well done Grace!



Rose Binns got her certificate and trophy for grade 1 in ballet this week .

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:

SCHOOL NEWS

Reading Books in KS1 and KS2

At St Francis, we take pupil's development in reading very seriously. Due to this fact, we want to ensure that we assess our children accurately at the beginning of each year, and then each half term throughout the year. In KS1, we follow the Big Cat Reading Scheme and in KS2, we follow the Accelerated Reader Scheme. Unfortunately, we have experienced some technical difficulties with both of the online tools which assess our children on both of these schemes and this has delayed us in being able to assess our children and get them on to the correct reading level for their ability. These difficulties have now been resolved, so please be assured that your child will be assessed over the next week. We apologise for this delay. If your child comes home with a reading book which appears to be a lower level than what he/she had previously, this will be because there is a shift in focus from being able to read the words to having a deep understanding of what the child has read. If you have any feedback for us, either positive or negative, please go through the correct procedures, outlined in the Tuesday News from 5th September 2017. We urge you not to air your views on Facebook or any other social media site. Thank you for your support.



Safeguarding Update



As you are all aware, the safety and well-being of our children is of the utmost importance to us. Due to many vulnerable members of our school community, we politely ask parents/carers/families not to take photos or videos during school events, such as worships and masses. We will always make sure there is an opportunity for you to take a picture of your child at the end of such events. We would ask that you do not then post pictures which include other people's children in the background, on any Social Media sites.

Can we remind you of the Home School Agreement which has been signed by parents which includes the following:

The FAMILY will:

- Be aware of their social responsibilities with regard to using the internet and related technologies, including treating others with respect.
- Not express any negative concerns or complaints on Social Media including naming children, staff or the school.
- Promote e-safety at home.
- Be mindful of social networking and be aware that many sites such as 'Face book' are not intended for children under the age of 13.

Once again thank you for your support on this matter.

Can we remind parents not to send any foods in lunch boxes which contain any trace of nuts, such as chocolate spread, in particular Nutella. We have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts and any contact, no matter how small, even through touch can cause anaphalatic shock. Please, if in doubt, read the ingredients list. Many thanks for your support.

If you would like your child to have individual music lessons or vocal coaching lessons by a professional music teacher here in school, please contact Mrs Duckworth via the school office.

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

Bradford Catholic Youth Choir auditions

Join our fantastic family of choirs, for singers from Y3 to Y13. Part of the Diocese's Schools Singing Programme - professional vocal coaching, BBC radio and TV broadcasts, brilliant music. No experience necessary - we look for potential! Sunday 1st October (Keighley Catholic Centre) and 8th October (St. Walburga's, Shipley). Please contact the Diocese Music Office to book a slot

office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk or telephone 0113 244 8634



On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December 2017,
The Bradford Catholic Players will perform
'The Glory of Christmas' at St Winefride's RC Church.

To create the story of Christmas The Players are looking for the support of young people from Years 5 and 6 and will welcome contact from parents of those interested.

Please contact Martin Walker on 07425 159 259, by Wednesday 27th September 2017.



CALENDAR DATES AUTUMN TERM

* Please note Mass in Church and Class Worship have been postponed during Mission Week.

Thursday 21 Sept	9.00 am	Y6	Class worship
Friday 22 Sept	10.00 am	All	Beginning of the Year Mass
Monday 25 Sept	3.30 pm	Y6	SATs meeting for parents
Wednesday 4 Oct	10.30 am	All	St Francis Feast Day Mass
	3.30 and 6.00 pm	FS2	Phonics meeting for parents
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
Monday 16 Oct	Mission Week in School all week		
Wednesday 18 Oct	AM /PM	FS1	Stay, Play and Learn
Thursday 19 Oct	AM / PM	FS	Stay, Play and Learn
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
Friday 1 December	4.30 – 7.15 pm	FS1 – Y6	Parent Council Winter Disco
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
	6.00 pm	All	Parent Council Christmas Carol Service
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			