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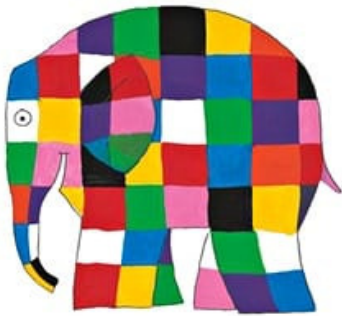
YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 10th October 2017

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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,



Mrs Haines led worship yesterday, which was all about treating each other fairly no matter how different we are. October is a special month, not only because we dedicate it to Our Lady, but also because we celebrate and remember Black History. To help the children understand the importance of being fair and loving each other no matter the colour of our skin, which religion we follow, our age or any other difference, we read the story of 'Elmer' together. The children in KS1 in particular showed great understanding of why Elmer should be celebrated because he looked so different to all the other elephants, and that we should not change the way we look just to fit in with everyone else. The KS2 children reflected more

deeply on the story by showing their understanding of how it is of most importance that we love one another as Jesus loves us.

God bless, Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Mission Week

We are very excited that the Sion Community will be sharing a full week with us in school next week, starting Monday 16th October. There is a very exciting timetable, which includes many experiences for all pupils, parents, staff, governors and parishioners. We are very much looking forward to this special week at St Francis, so please come along when you can and get involved. You can follow the experiences the children have with the Sion community by following us on Twitter @stfrancisbrad #stfrancisonamission



Families, parishioners and friends are invited to come and show their support by sharing some of the worships which will be held in school. The times are:

8.30 am every morning hot refreshments will be offered to parents

Wednesday 2.00 pm – FS and KS1 presentation to parents

Thursday 2.00 pm – KS2 presentation to parents

Friday 9.30 am – Mass in school

Friday 2.30 pm – Final whole school assembly

St Francis Feast Day Mass

Last Wednesday, we had a lovely celebratory mass in school for the Feast Day of St Francis. Year 5 led the readings and prayers beautifully and the choir led a peaceful post-communion reflection of 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' which is the prayer of St Francis. Over the past few weeks we have been learning a number of new hymns at our weekly hymn practice and this has really paid off as the singing during Mass was wonderful. It was a lovely occasion, made even more special by the parents and families who came along to join us. It was great to have you with us.

Year 5 Class Worship

A big thank you to Year 5 who led a beautiful worship last Thursday on being stewards of Creation. The children spoke clearly and loudly throughout and reminded us all of ways that we can help look after our world. Thank you and well done.



Bradford Junior Choir

Last Sunday, 8th October, the Bradford Junior Choir led the singing at St Walburga's Church. We are very lucky to have 5 members of our school community who are members of this choir. Summer, Tobias, Sienna, Harvey and Beth, all from Year 3, sang beautifully and really enhanced the praise and glory throughout the Mass. Thank you all very much and well done.

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 Buccaneer	
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 who are our attendance champions for last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 02.10.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	94.33	96.98
Year 1	98.44	95.05
Year 2	96.00	96.46
Year 3	98.00	98.75
Year 4	98.00	96.74
Year 5	98.52	97.15
Year 6	99.64	97.99
Average	97.56	97.01
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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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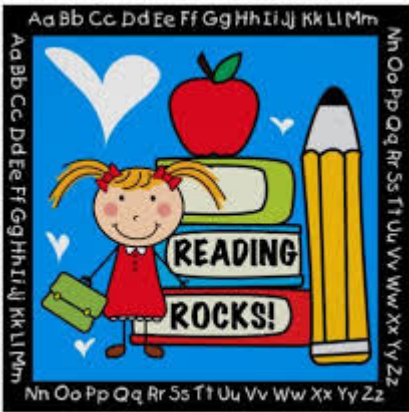
Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Jake Boyle, Cora Mullarkey, Caleb Hemmans, Maisy-Lily Earle, Nathan Spencer, Szymon Miazga. Well done everyone.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Emma Alinson for showing such a mature attitude towards school and for being a lovely friend.

WINMARLEIGH HALL 2017

Year 6 had their residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall last week. All the children had a great time and enjoyed all the activities. They challenged themselves to achieve the best they could and worked together as a team. Well done Year 6 you were a credit to our school.

Next year's visit has been provisionally booked and a meeting for Year 5 parents will be held shortly.



READING ROCKS at our Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be in school this week until Thursday afternoon. It will be available before and after school and during parents evening. There will be hundreds of new books available for children from FS1 right through to Year 6 to browse or buy.

As you are already aware, reading is very much a priority at St Francis, so we do urge you to come along and take a look. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our library.

We look forward to seeing you all there and seeing which books the children choose.

Facebook

Sadly, we have an ongoing problem with parents/carers misusing Facebook to air their concerns about school. We request that if you do have an issue/concern to please follow our complaints procedure as outlined below:



1. Firstly, write down exactly what you are unhappy about. This helps everyone be very clear about your concern.
2. Arrange an appointment with your child's Class Teacher or Key Stage Leader via the school office on 01274 638520
3. Attend the appointment made and bring your concern written down with you.
4. If you feel that your concern has not been addressed, then please arrange an appointment to see Mrs Haines or Mr Copley.
5. In the event of your concern not being resolved, then please follow the procedure outlined in the formal Complaints Policy which can be found on our website.

AS STATED IN OUR HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT, PLEASE DO NOT EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



CALENDAR DATES AUTUMN TERM

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

Wednesday 11 Oct	8.00 am	All	Individual and family photographs
	8.45 am – 3.15 pm	Y4	Educational visit to Armley Mills – dress Victorian
	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 Warm refreshments will be served at the beginning of the school day for parents		
	11.30 am / 3.30 pm	FS1	Letters and Sounds meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 Oct	AM /PM	FS1	Stay, Play and Learn
	2.00 pm	FS / KS1	Presentation to parents
Thursday 19 Oct	AM / PM	FS	Stay, Play and Learn
	2.00 pm	KS2	Presentation to Parents
Friday 20 October	9.30 am	All	Mass in School
	2.30 pm	All	Final whole school assembly
	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 the Christmas holiday		

Educational Visits

All of our class teachers have been very busy planning and organising some very exciting educational visits for your children to take place throughout the course of this school year. We are aware that such visits incur costs for families, so we are hoping to put a list together of the planned trips for each class with estimated costs to be published in the Tuesday News in the first week back at school after the half term holidays. We hope this will help families to be able to budget for these trips.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Thank you to all parents who have filled in Parent Survey feedback forms at Parents Evening. We would ask all parents to take a few minutes before or after your appointment to fill one of these in.

A big thank you to everyone for all your support for everything we do in school.

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