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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 21st November 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,



Last Sunday marked the first World Day of the Poor, which is an initiative called by Pope Francis. It is an opportunity for the Church around the world to not only celebrate and assist and be with those who are poor, but also to change our attitudes about poverty.

During our worship yesterday, we watched Sorcha (Y3), Billy (Y1) and Holly (Y5) help Mrs Haines retell Sunday's Gospel of the Parable of the Talents. We discussed ways in which we can use our own talents to reach out to those less fortunate than us. As we learned during our Mission Week, we are 'Children of the Cross' so it is



our duty to do God's work and help those in need. As is now customary, we wrote to Engel and Bert, our 'camel' friends from The Sion Community to tell them what our mission is for this week, 'to use our gifts and talents to help a friend'

Bradford Catholic Youth Choir

This amazing choir, which includes some of our very own talented pupils, will be performing in concert this Wednesday 22nd November at St Walburga's church from 7pm-8:30pm. We wish them all the best of luck!

At Mass this Sunday, Fr Jackson will be handing out certificates to the children who had their First Communion in the summer. The Mass is at St Francis Church at 11.00 am.

Parish Christmas Fair

On Friday 1st December we are having a dress down day for the Parish Christmas Fair. The fine will be some chocolate for their chocolate tombola stall. The Christmas Fair is on Sunday 3rd December here at school from 1.00 pm. Please support our Parish.

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!

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%



Congratulations to Year 5 who are our attendance champions this week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 13.11.17.	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	91.33	96.12
Year 1	91.94	95.43
Year 2	98.00	97.08
Year 3	97.00	98.33
Year 4	98.33	97.47
Year 5	98.89	97.18
Year 6	97.14	98.29
Average	96.09	97.12
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Connie Shackler, Francis Adapka, Alfie Garth, Reuben Armitage, Joshua Oxley, Kate Priestley, Finlay Whitehead and Silver Wardell.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Lily Burns for excellent work in all areas of the curriculum, but particularly in writing.



After a 5 week intense course of PADI seal team scubi diving, Imogen passed on Saturday. And is looking forward to swimming with sharks and fish soon.

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 NOTICES

Flu Nasal Spray vaccination

Children in Years FS2 – Year 4 are having their flu nasal spray vaccination on Thursday. Can parents of FS2 children please remember that if your child is having the vaccination you have to be present. They will be the first class to be vaccinated starting at 8.30 am.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



It's Bingo Night this Friday. Please come along and enjoy the evening. There will be a bar along with lots of prizes to win. The doors open at 7.30 pm and entrance is free.

Coming up we have a Christmas Decoration workshop for children on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th December which will take place after school. On Wednesday 13th December we have our annual Christmas Carol Service here in school. More information next week.

We really urge you to come along and support our events, as all money made goes towards enhancing your children's school experience with such things as school trips, reading books and many more things.



The children's disco is being held on Friday 1st December. Children in FS2 to Year 2 is 4.30 – 5.45 pm (FS2 parents to stay please). Year 3 to Year 6 is 6.00 – 7.15 pm. Tickets cost £3.00 each and sweets and glowsticks will be on sale for £1.00. Please fill in the slip below and return to the school office.

Have you seen this Gin-Mas advent calendar and thought 'Ooh I would really like that'. Well here is your chance to win one. Parent Council are raffling a Gin Advent Calendar and tickets are £2.00 each or 3 for £5.00. Tickets will be sold outside school at 3.15 pm or you can fill in the slip below and return to the school office. The draw will be made on Thursday 30th November in time for the first gin to be taken on 1st December.



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Name of Child(ren): Class:

I would like ____ tickets at a cost of £3.00 each. I enclose £_____

Signed: Date:

✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Class:

I would like ____ tickets for the Gin Advent Calendar and enclose £_____

Signed: Date:

CALENDAR DATES AUTUMN TERM

Thursday 23 Nov	9.00 am 9.00 am – 3.15 pm	FS2 – Y4 Y5	Flu nasal spray Road Safety workshop
Friday 24 Nov	7.30 pm	All	Parent Council Bingo Night
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	Y2	Class worship * changed from Thurs 23 rd Nov
Friday 1 December	8.40 am – 3.15 pm 4.30 – 7.15 pm	All FS2 – Y6	Dress down day for Parish Fair – fine chocolate Parent Council Winter Disco
Sunday 3 December	PM	All	Parish Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th December	3.15 – 4.15 pm	All	Parent Council Christmas Decoration workshop
Wednesday 6 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 7 Dec	AM/PM 3.15 – 4.15 pm	FS All	Advent workshop and worship Parent Council Christmas Decoration workshop
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			

Tree planting



Last week, there was a full St Francis team effort to plant trees up at the top end of our playing field in order to start growing our very own Forest School. Children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6, pulled on their wellies and began digging and planting. And what tremendous results- 1000 trees were planted!!! Absolutely fantastic! Thank you to Ian Butterfield from Bradford Environmental Action Trust for organising and facilitating the project this week. Now we need to make sure we look after and nurture our trees until they are big and strong enough for us to use as part of our long term goal for outdoor learning.





Children in Need

We raised £178 for Children in Need last week. Thank you to all the children who donated and came dressed in spots. There were some fantastic outfits.

Vacancies in School

We have two vacancies in school. One for a lunchtime supervisor (5 hours per week) and one for a breakfast club assistant (5 hours per week). If you think you have the qualities and attributes for either of these roles, please contact the school office for an application form.

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