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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 19th December 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,

At Monday morning worship this week, we reflected on our Advent wreath and noticed that we now have three candles lit. On the third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, we light the pink candle as a reminder of the coming joy of Jesus being born. We then reflected upon the annunciation, which marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We explored how through Jesus being born, He bridges the divide between the people on earth and God. Together we recognised how important and special Mary's job was and the significance of her saying yes to God. We also then discussed how different our own lives would be today, 2000 years later, if Mary had said no. The children were fantastic in their reflections and gave some very deep and thoughtful answers in response. A big thank you to Eliza O and Connie in Year 1, who helped to tell the story of the annunciation. God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.

**'We Praise You.
We Thank You.
We Love You.'**



Advent 2017



Advent Prayers

Throughout the season of Advent, we have been coming together daily at 8:25am in prayer and reflection in the small hall. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and children who have led the prayers over the last few weeks and also to the parents, families and children who have come along to take part. They have been beautiful and peaceful and have got our days started in a calm and reflective manner. Thank you to Isabelle and Olivia H in Year 4, who led our final prayers this morning.

This morning we had a special worship for the end of our Autumn term. The Choir shared their gifts and talents with us by singing two of their favourite songs from the Carol service - 'Love Shone Down' and 'Sheep, Sheep, Sheep'. Well done to you all!



As a school we recognise all the gifts and talents that our wonderful children bring to the school every day. In recognition of this, and for a bit of fun on the last day, many of our staff got together this morning to share their gifts and talents with the children by singing and acting out a very unique version of 'The Twelve Days of

Christmas!!! We hope the children enjoyed the madness!!!

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%

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 11.12.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	95.67	95.83
Year 1	99.68	96.00
Year 2	98.00	97.13
Year 3	97.67	98.23
Year 4	98.00	97.55
Year 5	95.36	97.09
Year 6	96.43	97.51
Average	97.25%	97.04%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00



Congratulations to Year 1 who were our attendance champions last week.

Remember: the greater the attendance the greater the achievement.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

There was no merit worship last Friday.

Congratulations to Kai Menic who has achieved his 10 metre swimming award. Well done Kai.

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

Please note we no longer use Schoolmoney for online payments. Please always use Parent Pay in the future, as a way of making online payments for school dinners, breakfast club and any school trips. You can pay as much as you like into your account, when you like, which can then be drawn on to pay for school trips etc.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion would like to thank all our families for raising £171.37 for their Poppy Appeal earlier this year.

Welcome

We would like to give a very warm welcome to Mrs Michelle Boyle who joined our Breakfast Club staff and Lunchtime Supervisors last week. Mrs Boyle has got off to a flying start and we are very pleased she has joined our St Francis family.



..... and Goodbye

Thank you to Miss Trevelyan who has been a fantastic student teacher here at St Francis over the last term. We wish you well in your future career we know you will make a wonderful teacher.

Thank you to Mr Taylor who has been volunteering in school over the last term. He has helped our school in so many ways and we also wish him well in his future career.

On Thursday January 4th at 3.30 pm there will be a meeting for parents of pupils in Year 5 about next year's residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall. All the children have a really good time and this helps with their independence and transition in their final year at St Francis. You will receive an information pack and be able to ask any questions you may have.



Here is a list of the Parish Christmas Fayre Raffle prize winning tickets:

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| 1st Prize £50 White 448 | 2nd Prize £25 White 436 | 3rd Prize Cuddly Toy White 546 |
| 4th Prize Whisky Red 84 | 5th Prize Brandy Red 596 | 6th Prize Wine Hamper Red 625 |
| 7th M&S Voucher White 333 | 8th Quality Street Red 640 | 9th Prize Crackers Red 595 |
| 10th Prize Gin Red 280 | 11th Prize Champagne Red 153 | 12th Prize White Wine White 39 |
| 13th Prize Rose Wine Red 224 | 14th Prize Tin Biscuits Red 380 | 15th Prize Watch/Pen Red 177 |
| 16th Sanctuary Spa Red 490 | 17th M&S Chocolate Red 28 | 18th Prize M&S Biscuits White 17 |
| 19th Belgian Choc White 69 | 20th Viva La Juicy Red 422 | 21st Prize Food Hamper Red 599 |

To claim Prizes please contact David Stockdale 01274 619633 or Les Cave 01274 613619.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



Congratulations to Mrs Underwood who won the raffle for the Toblerone. Please let us know how long it takes you to eat it all !!

Parent Council would like to thank our families and pupils for all their support over the last term. We have raised approximately £900 which is fantastic. We have also raised £70 for the Gianna project through donations received at our Carol Service.

You may have noticed our brand new stage and our beautiful illuminated willow tree that have enhanced our liturgies and worships over the Advent season. Both of these were paid for by the Parent Council with some of the money raised throughout the last academic year. This is just an example of how supporting the Parent Council can benefit supporting our school and children.



Finally we would like to wish all our supporters a Very Happy Christmas.



Thank you for all your generous contributions to the Gianna project which helps young mums and their babies. We support this charity through Catholic Care at this time of year, but the charity helps families throughout the year.

The children are also raising money for Martin House Hospice which cares for terminally ill children and their families. They are selling buns at the moment and will continue their fundraising when we come back in the New Year.





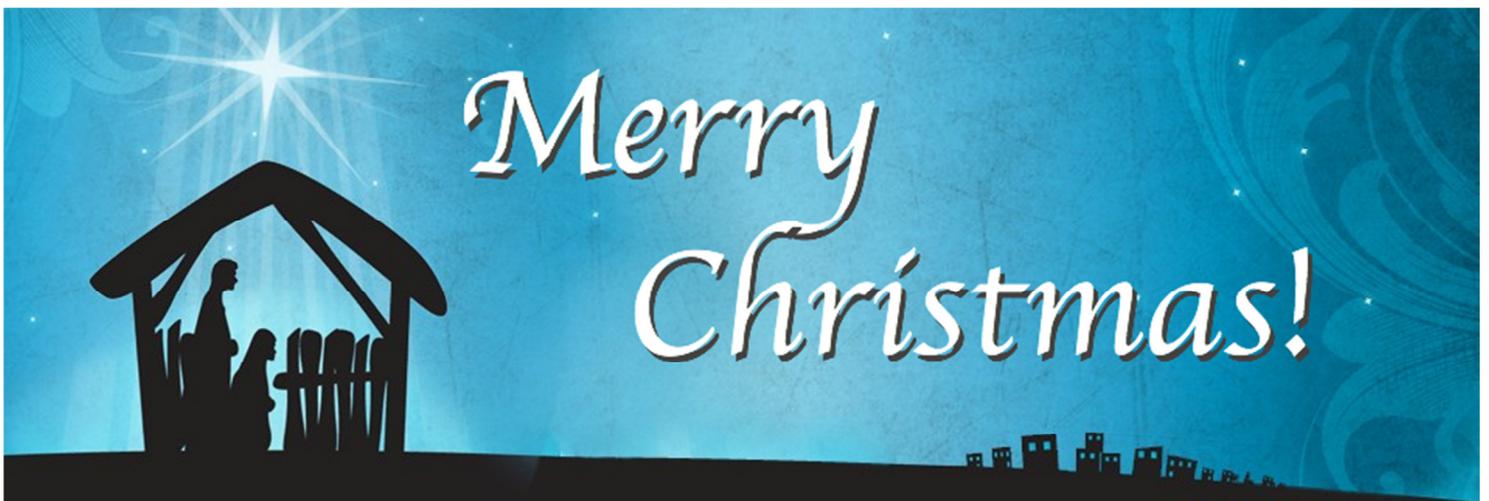
CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 3 rd Jan	School reopens after the Christmas Holiday		
Thursday 4 th Jan	3.30 pm	Y5	Parent meeting re Winmarleigh Hall
Monday 8 th Jan	3.30 pm	Y2	Parents meeting re SATs
	3.30 & 6.00 pm	FS2	Reading meeting for parents
Wednesday 10 th Jan	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in School
Wednesday 17 th Jan	9.30 am	Y6	Mass in Church
Friday 19 th Jan	10.00 am	Y3	Educational visit – Judaism
Monday 22 nd Jan	9.15 am	Y5	Water Safety presentation
Tuesday 23 rd Jan		Choir	Young Voices at Manchester Arena
Wednesday 24 th Jan	9.30 am	Y5	Mass in Church

Merry Christmas

This Autumn term has been a very busy time at St Francis with a lot of exciting projects and hard work first and foremost by the children, but also by our staff, families, Parent Council, governors, parishioners and the wider community. Mr Copley and Mrs Haines would like to say a huge thank you for everybody's contribution to the school. We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

'And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' (Isaiah 40:5)



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