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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 16th January 2018

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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

In worship yesterday, we shared some of our new year's resolutions and talked about how these resolutions provide us with a fresh start. Some of the children's resolutions were about keeping their bedrooms tidy, being kind to their brothers and sisters etc, so if successful, this should make many parents happy! We then explored last Sunday's Gospel which was all about new beginnings. Amelia, Emma, Theo and Lewis (all in Y6) helped Mrs Haines to retell the time when John showed two of his followers who Jesus, the Lamb of God, was. The two followers immediately knew they had seen Christ and went to follow him. They experience a new beginning in becoming followers of Christ. Finally we drew up our Mission for the week together-to share our new year's resolutions and help each other achieve them.

New Year Resolutions ~ The Pope Francis List



A word from Pope Francis ... "Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people".

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Minnie Vinnie's

Our Minnie Vinnie Group has been fundraising for Martin House and has so far raised £52. Well done to all the children who have taken part in the fundraising.



Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

A meeting for parents of children in Year 3 who would like to join the programme for First Holy Communion is to take place at St Francis Church on Wednesday 24th January at 7.00 pm.

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%



Congratulations to Year 2 who are our attendance champions last week. You were closely followed by FS2 and Years 3 and 5.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 08.01.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.33	95.67
Year 1	94.33	95.84
Year 2	98.67	97.09
Year 3	98.00	98.01
Year 4	97.67	97.46
Year 5	98.57	97.19
Year 6	95.36	97.28
Average	97.27	96.93
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Mason Nolan, Eden Hancock, Joseph Rubery, Pheobe Clapham, Ewan Sutcliffe, Millie Quinn, Eden Firth and Emma George.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Elizabeth Watt for being an all round outstanding pupil. She has an infectious bubbly personality and a huge enthusiasm for learning.

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

Today we had our Ofsted Inspection. Thank you to all pupils and parents who completed the Parent View online survey. We will share the outcomes of the day as soon as we are able to.

The school calendar has now been approved for 2018 / 2019 – see below. Again we have an extra day at October half term and two weeks at Spring Bank. Please consider this when booking holidays.

School Holiday List 2018 / 2019

- September start: Tuesday 4th September 2018 (Foundation start date may be later)
- Autumn half term: Break up on Friday 19th October, return Tuesday 30th October
- Christmas: Break up on Wednesday 19th December, return Thursday 3rd January
- Spring half term: Break up on Friday 15th February, return Monday 25th February
- Easter: Break up on Wednesday 17th April, return on Monday 29th April
- May Day: Closed on Monday 6th May
- Spring Bank: Break up on Friday 24th May, return Monday 10th June
- Summer break: Break up on Friday 19th July 2019

WHAT IS E-SAFETY?

e-Safety (or **online safety**) is an umbrella name for many different and diverse specialised topic areas. For schools it's predominantly about safeguarding, specifically in regards to the use of technology and the behaviours when using that technology. It isn't about scaremongering; it's about educating and empowering all users to enjoy the wonders that the internet and technology has to offer – safely!



Here is the first edition of #DITTO for 2018. In this issue we're looking at:

- My reflections on 2017.
- Cyberbullying.
- Live Streaming.
- Yubo App
- Some great articles written by children and young people.

Follow this link to access the latest edition of Ditto or pick up a copy from the reception area:
<http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Winmarleigh Hall

A reminder for parents of children in Year 5. If you wish to go on the residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall in October, please return your deposit and slip by the end of this week as we have to have the final numbers for Winmarleigh Hall to allocate our accommodation. The deposit can be paid online through Parent Pay or at the office.





CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 17 th Jan	9.30 am	Y6	Mass in Church
	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 19 th Jan	10.00 am	Y3	Educational visit – Judaism
Monday 22 nd Jan	9.15 am	Y5	Water Safety presentation
	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Tuesday 23 rd Jan		Choir	Young Voices at Manchester Arena
Wednesday 24 th Jan	9.30 am	Y5	Mass in Church
	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 26 th Jan	8.30 am	FS	Flouride varnishing consent signing
Monday 29 th Jan	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Wednesday 31 st Jan	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn session
	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Thursday 1 st Feb	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn session
Friday 2 nd Feb	AM	FS	Flouride varnish application
Monday 5 th Feb	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Wednesday 7 th Feb	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 9 th Feb	School closes for half term		
Monday 19 th Feb	School re opens after half term		
Tuesday 20 th Feb	All day	Y4	Roman Day in school
Wednesday 21 st Feb	1.00 – 5.30 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 22 nd Feb	1.00 – 5.30 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 1 st March	All day	All	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 th March	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.45 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by confession
Wednesday 7 th March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and play session
Thursday 8 th March	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and play session
Monday 12 th March	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Wednesday 14 th March	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Monday 19 th March	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents to FS1 meeting
Tuesday 20 th March	10.00 am	FS1	New FS1 pupils drop in session
Wednesday 21 st March	All day	Y1	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday 28 th March	School closes for Easter break		
Monday 9 th April	School re opens after Easter		
Tuesday 10 th April	All day	Y4	Visit to Magna
Monday 16 th April	All day	Y 1&2	Visit to Rainbow Factory
Monday 7 th May	School closed for May Day bank holiday		
Wednesday 9 th May	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn
Thursday 10 th May	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn
Monday 14 th May	Mornings	Y6	SATs week
Monday 21 st May	All day	FS	Visit to Nell Bank
Friday 25 th May	Break up for Spring Bank half term		

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