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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 23rd 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 reflected upon Sunday's Gospel. We discussed what a disciple is and we learned that the word actually means 'learner' or 'student'. We then retold the Gospel story of when Jesus called his first disciples. Thank you to our many volunteers who came up to the front to take on the roles of the 12 disciples and also thank you to Charlie in Year 5 for playing the role of Jesus. The rest of the



school also helped to

tell the story by playing the role of all the other people at that time. Afterwards we responded to God's Word by reflecting on what kind of people Jesus needed in his 'team' to spread the Word of God. We agreed that all kinds of characteristics and personalities, good and bad, were needed as well as various gifts and talents. It became clear that Jesus needs everyone of us. We then set our mission of the week, thinking about how to be a good friend of Jesus, and we agreed that we would all make an effort to 'share a smile'.



Ofsted Inspection

Thank you to the parents who helped our school last week by filling in the Ofsted parent questionnaire during our inspection. We have not yet received our official feedback from the day, but as soon as it is made available to us, we will send it out to you. Watch this space...

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 tomorrow 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%



Our attendance champions last week are Year 1.

At the moment we are failing to hit our target – let's step this up.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 15.01.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.33	95.71
Year 1	98.06	95.97
Year 2	95.33	96.99
Year 3	94.00	97.77
Year 4	98.00	97.49
Year 5	95.00	97.06
Year 6	96.43	97.22
Average	96.16%	96.88%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Blake Stanley, Lucas Harris, Jaden Whittingham, Matthew Travis, Samuel Hawker, Joanne Reynard and Sarah Shoukat.

Grace in Year 1 has been identified as having exceptional potential in ballet and has been awarded a dance scholarship from D.M. Academy of Performing Arts. This means she will be supported as she travels the north of England competing. She's very excited and wanted to share her good news.



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

School dinner debts: If you are in debt for school dinners you will now receive a text message in the first instance if your debt is below £5.00. Following this, if no payment is received, you will receive a letter informing you of the debt. A second debt letter will then be issued and if there is still no payment received, a Stop Meal Notification letter will then be sent. The letters will be sent by Bradford Council who is our school meal provider.

Similarly if a debt is incurred for breakfast club, a text message will be sent on a Friday afternoon. Breakfast Club is a non profit making service provided for parents and the cost covers the staff salaries and food.

Foundation Stage Igloo



As you can see we still have a long way to go to build our igloo in Foundation Stage. Please could you save your 4 pint milk bottles and bring them into school washed and with the lids. If they are not washed they become sour and smell and then have to be thrown away. Ask neighbours, friend and relatives to save their four pinters too. Thank you.



After the igloo has melted, our construction of milk cartons will then be used as a planetarium.

Young Voices

As you will be aware, the school choir have been furiously rehearsing for the Young Voices event held at Manchester Arena this evening. It is going to be a very long day for all the members of the choir, but we know it is going to be a hugely exciting day and hopefully one they will never forget. Please follow us on twitter @stfrancisbrad for live updates on how they are getting on.



Forest School



Forest School is back up and running and this half term Year 4 are having the opportunity for outdoor learning at Peel Park Primary School every Thursday afternoon. Meanwhile, our own forest is growing slowly at the back of our playing field. A programme of nurture and care is currently being set up for each class to take part in very soon. We will update you with more details at a later date.

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



CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

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
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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
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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		

Health and Safety Update

Please can we remind parents again not to park in the car park when dropping off and picking up children. Children are not safe around moving vehicles. This is most important for parents of pupils in Foundation Stage 1 who come to school around lunchtime. Also please do not park on the zig zag markings outside of school or immediately outside the school gate.

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