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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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,**



**Safer Internet Day 2018**

Tuesday 6 February

Today is Safer Internet Day 2018. Yesterday in our whole school worship, led by Miss Speake, we learned more about the theme this year: **"Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you"**. We discussed the importance of keeping our personal information private, making sure we are respectful to others and knowing to tell an adult if something worries or upsets us online. This then linked with our mission for the week: Be respectful and say kind words to others.

We discussed some top tips for a better internet:

- It starts with staying safe online
- It starts with being a good friend online
- It starts with saying sorry if you say something unkind
- It starts with taking a step back if you are spending too much time online
- It starts with asking for help if anything worries you online.

In our Computing classes, children will be learning more about staying safe online and how they can help to create a better internet.

Please go to [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) for more information and advice!

**Class Mass at St Francis Church:** This Wednesday at 9.30 am, Year 3 will be walking up to St Francis church to share in the daily Mass with our parishioners.

### **Lent 2018:**

The beginning of Lent officially starts on Ash Wednesday which, this year, falls on Wednesday 14th February.
















On Thursday this week, we will prepare ourselves for our Lenten journey by coming together as a whole school and reflecting on ourselves. We will think about what positive changes we can make throughout Lent and we will record these on a purple cross as a symbol of our journey to the cross with Christ in our hearts. When we return from school after the holidays, we will place these crosses on our illuminated willow tree as a reminder throughout Lent of our Lenten promises.



**We wish you all a happy half term holiday - God Bless, Mr Copley and Mrs Haines**

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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	   

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## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

**Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%**



Well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions this week.

Please remember our target is 97% and we have worked very hard over the years to achieve this!

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 22.01.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	94.67	95.78
Year 1	99.03	96.26
Year 2	92.67	96.86
Year 3	98.00	97.87
Year 4	97.67	97.49
Year 5	95.00	96.99
Year 6	97.86	97.37
<b>Average</b>	<b>96.41%</b>	<b>96.94%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Nancy Jones, Ruby Barry, Joshua Longbottom, Owen Sutcliffe, Hanna Ostrowiecka, Emelie Longbottom, Holly Chivers, Amy Garth and Rose Walker..



Mr Copley's **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Theo Eloi for always giving his best, no matter what the task. He always sets a good example and for making it 'cool to be kind'. Well done Theo!



Nate Kite was awarded his 10m swimming badge this week. Well done Nate!

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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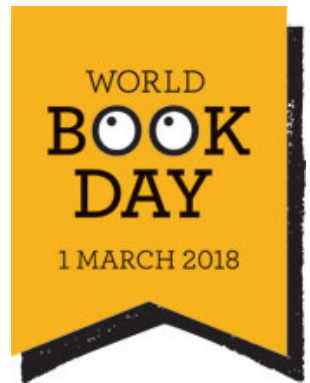


## Reading Rocks Week

Reading Rocks Week is back and will take place during the week beginning Monday 26th February. We have lots of exciting activities planned. The theme of the week will be journeys and each key stage will explore a book all about a journey. Our Reading Cafe, 'Starbooks' will reopen its doors too and it will also have a theme, 'Together We Read Better.' The focus this year will be on supporting parents in reading with your children. This year, we have tailored our cafe activities to the different key stages. It will be open for Foundation Stage and KS1 children on Monday 26th Feb and Tuesday 27th Feb. For KS2 children, it will be open on Wednesday 28th Feb and Thursday 1st March.

As well as many exciting activities planned in throughout the week, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Children and staff are invited to come to school either dressed in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story or dressed as a character from their favourite book and bring that book along with them. Please note, there will be a fine of £1 with all proceeds going towards new books and dictionaries for school. We ask you not to send your child to school dressed as a TV, film or comic character as this is not in-keeping with promoting a love of books. There are some fantastic ideas and resources for costumes on the World Book Day website; please follow this link:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/dressing-up-gallery/>



Our week will culminate with a celebration assembly at 2:15pm in the large hall with all classes from Reception class upwards showcasing some of the work they have done throughout the week. Parents and families are warmly welcome to come along and share in this.

We will be posting live updates of all the activities going on in school during this week on our twitter feed **@stfrancisbrad** with the hashtag **#stfrancisRRW** Please follow us.

## Thank you! Good Bye & God Bless...

After the half term holidays we will be saying a sad but fond farewell to Mrs Clapham, who has been with us for an impressive 10 years. Over the years Mrs Clapham has led some wonderful initiatives and projects in school, with Let's Get Cooking, The farmer's market, gardening and supporting our School Council. Mrs Clapham's last day with us will be on Thursday 1st March, so until then we will enjoy our last remaining few weeks with her in school.

## Forest School

Our Forest School programme has continued this week with all classes from Nursery to Year 6 having the opportunity to measure the trees planted at the back of our playing field. We hope our trees are growing quickly!!!

## CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half term		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re opens after half term		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All day	Y4	Roman Day in school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2.00 – 6.00 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	2.00 – 6.00 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	All day	All	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.45 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by confession
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and play session
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and play session
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents to FS1 meeting
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	FS1	New FS1 pupils drop in session
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	All day	Y1	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter break		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	School re opens after Easter		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Y4	Visit to Magna
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Y 1&2	Visit to Rainbow Factory
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for May Day bank holiday		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mornings	Y6	SATs week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	FS	Visit to Nell Bank
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Spring Bank half term		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	School re opens after Spring Bank		

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### Sporting Update

This term, we are very lucky to have Bradford Bulls visiting our school each week to work with Y2, Y3 and Y4 on their tag rugby skills.

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Please click on this link to access St Bede's and St Joseph's newsletters to find out about all the exciting events taking place: <http://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>

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Congratulations to our partner school St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' who have been short listed in the T&A Schools Awards 2018 in recognition of their outstanding performance last year. The school is one of the three schools in the running for the Achievement Award. The award evening is in March. We wish Mr Copley and the staff team the very best of luck!

**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**