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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 27<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,

Yesterday, we had a very special worship in the large hall, which introduced our Reading Rocks Week 2018. Mrs Haines was rudely interrupted by some members of staff who had embarked on a journey to go on a book hunt!



Along the way, we met a pig from The Three Little Pigs, Gangsta Granny, Willie Wonka and



finally Mrs Gallucci hiding in the library! It was great fun and hopefully something the children will remember. We then reflected on Jesus, the Storyteller. We discussed parables as special stories that Jesus told to help us to understand something better. We prayed for God to be with us as we share

our gifts and talents during our Reading Rocks Week.

### **Lenten Prayers**

Thank you to the families that joined us last Thursday for our first Lenten Prayers before school. Please join us this Thursday morning at 8:20am in the small Hall.



### **Section 48 RE, Catholic Life and Collective Worship Inspection – Diocese of Leeds**

Thank you to all the parents, carers and families who supported us last week during our Section 48 Inspection. Mr Gott thoroughly enjoyed his time at St Francis and gave high praise to the children, staff, governors and families. Mr Gott agreed with our self evaluation and we are delighted with the outcome of the inspection. We will let you know the final outcome and share the report when it is published.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

**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**

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 2 who are our attendance champions this week. They just pipped Year 6 by .10%

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 19.02.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	91.67	95.66
Year 1	95.81	96.36
Year 2	98.67	97.07
Year 3	97.33	97.90
Year 4	97.33	97.61
Year 5	97.50	97.13
Year 6	98.57	97.45
Average	96.69%	97.02%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Frankie Bairstow, Spencer Devine, Tobias Donohue, Louis Knox, Sienna Lace and Isabella Gregory.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Daniel Berry for his love of learning. Daniel is forward and engaged in every lesson and always speaks positively about the work he does.

Congratulations to Frankie Bairstow who has achieved his Duckling 2 Award in swimming.



Congratulations to Connie Shackler who has achieved her Watmanship Award in swimming.

Well done to both our water babies.

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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## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Staffing Update

As you are aware, since the beginning of September Mr Duxbury has taught in Year 3. Since his appointment the governors have been pleased with Mr Duxbury's contribution to school life and all he has done for the children in his class. However, following a period of reflection Mr Duxbury has decided to leave St Francis towards the end of this half term. Even though he fully supports our school community, having had many opportunities to develop his experience and expertise, for personal reasons he feels the need to explore a range of other experiences and opportunities. Mr Duxbury's decision is an honest and courageous one and we wish him every success in the future and we thank him for exploring and sharing his special gifts with our school community.

Nonetheless, it is never ideal for young children to change teacher through their school year and every effort has been made to minimise the transition. We are pleased to inform you that from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Mr Ben Wood will be the Year 3 teacher. Mr Wood is an experienced teacher with leadership experience and we are delighted he will be joining our staff team. Mr Duxbury's last day will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Assistant Head Teacher to add more gifts and talents to our senior leadership team. We will update you with our selection once a decision has been made and the process is finalised.

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### Reading Rocks Week

As mentioned overleaf, our Reading Rocks Week has got off to a fantastic start. The children have started their work on a book all about a journey.

Foundation Stage are reading 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy which is about a journey into space. Key Stage 1 are reading 'Amazing Animal Journeys' by Chris Packham which is a non-fiction book. Y3 and Y4 are reading 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna, which is a very thought-provoking book exploring the experiences of refugees. Y5 and Y6 are reading 'Shackleton's Journey', by William Grill, which retells Ernest Shackleton's expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to another. The children will showcase some of their work in response to these books at a celebration assembly on Friday at 2:15pm to which all parents, carers and families are warmly invited.

The **Starbooks Reading Cafe** reopened its doors yesterday after school for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children and families. The children enjoyed trying out new books at the 'Book Tasting' tables, taking silly photos with their chosen book and a family member in the photo booth and relaxing with a good book in the 'Together We Read Better' corner. There is also an opportunity to get more guidance on how to support your child with their reading at home. Please note: although the cafes are specifically set up for a particular key stage, siblings from another key stage are very welcome to come along and enjoy as well. The cafe is very much centred around family together time. We look forward to seeing you there.





Marvellous Me

After some technical difficulties recently Marvellous Me is back up and running. This is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in your child’s class, with updates being sent to your phone or tablet. If you still need to sign up for the app, please ask at the office for log in details.

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CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

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
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00 – 5.30 pm	Y3	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and play session
	1.00 – 5.30 pm	Y3	Parent Consultations
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		

Follow this link to see the latest newsletters from St Bede’s and St Joseph’s Catholic College  
<http://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>

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This half term the After School Sports Club is multi sports for Years 1 and 2. If you child would like to attend please fill in the permission slip below and return to the school office. The club runs from 3.15 – 4.15 pm and children should be picked up from the main entrance at 4.15 pm.



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Name of Child: ..... Class: .....

I give permission for my child to take part in the Multi Sports After School Club on Thursdays from 3.15 to 4.15 pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....