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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 6th March 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,

Today in worship, we reflected upon a difficult question - is it ever ok to be angry? The children gave great responses and we concluded that, depending on the situation, it is ok to feel the emotion of anger as it shows passion and enthusiasm.

We then thought of times in Jesus' life when he had been angry, in particular the time when he threw the money changers out of the temple, which was the Gospel reading on Sunday in church. We watched this story on the screen and discussed whether Jesus was right to be angry or not and also how this showed how, although the Son of God, he was also human like everyone else.



Today our children have been preparing their hearts for Jesus' sacrifice. Children from FS2 and KS1 took part in a short Saying Sorry Service with Fr Anthony, reflecting on things they may have done wrong and asking for God's forgiveness. Children in KS2 took part in a Penitential Service with Fr Anthony and then the children had the opportunity to go to confession afterwards.

Lenten Prayers

Obviously, due to being closed last Thursday, we were unable to hold our weekly Lenten prayers. Please join us this Thursday morning at 8:20am in the small hall.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Staffing Update

We are very happy to announce that Miss Speake is expecting a baby at the end of July. We are hoping Miss Speake will stay with us until the summer holidays. We are in the process of recruiting a teacher to cover Miss Speake from September whilst she enjoys her much deserved maternity leave.

The Beast from the East

Thank you to all our children, parents, carers and families for being so patient during a very difficult week of adverse weather last week and problems with the heating yesterday. We do not take making a decision to close or open lightly and we are grateful to all our families for cooperating with us so well. Hopefully, now that 'the beast' has gone and our heating has been fixed, we can get back to work as normal.

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%



Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance champions this week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 26.02.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	92.5	95.57
Year 1	95.18	96.33
Year 2	96.77	97.06
Year 3	96.15	97.85
Year 4	98.68	97.63
Year 5	94.37	97.06
Year 6	92.47	97.33
Average	95.16	96.97
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Due to the weather there was no merit worship last week. Last weeks merits will car over to this week.



Congratulations to Tulisa Durkin in Year 1 who has achieved her 10m swimming badge and certificate.



Well done to Maisie Walker in FS2 who has achieved her 15m swimming badge and certificate

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

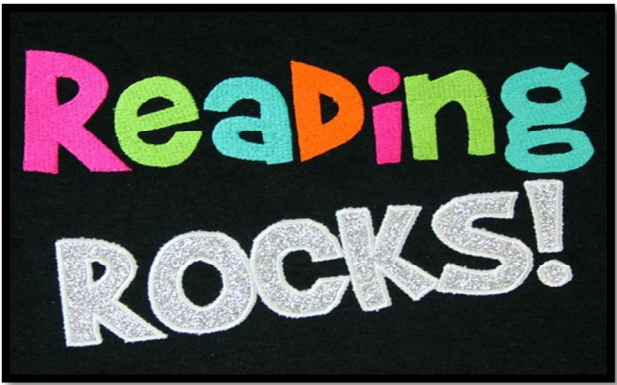
‘Hats for Pat’s’

On Friday 16th March we are holding a fundraising day called ‘Hats for St Pats’ for the new roof on St Patrick’s Church in Bradford. Children are asked to come to school in any hat (the funnier the better) and bring in £1 fine.



Reading Rocks Week

Your costumes have not gone to waste!
Due to the fact that we had to cancel the Thursday and Friday of Reading Rocks Week last week, we will be carrying out the planned activities for those days this Thursday and Friday. We will hold our dressing up day for World Book Day this Thursday 8th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed in pyjamas with a bedtime story or their favourite book character with that book.



Please note, Year 1 children will need to bring their Forest School clothes to change into at dinner time as they will be partaking in their first Forest School session at Peel Park Primary School as scheduled.

Also on Thursday, The Starbooks Reading Café will be open one last time for all parents and children to come and share some books together, have a ‘taste’ of some new books, have a photograph taken in the photo booth and lots of other fun things. Please try to make it if you can.

On Friday 9th March, we will hold our special celebration assembly at 2:15 pm in the large hall, when children from each class or key stage will showcase the work they have done on their journey themed book. All parents, carers and families are warmly welcome to join us for this.



Next week, on Monday to Thursday, the Book Fair will be in school and will be open for parents and children to browse and buy books before school, after school and during parent consultation evenings.

The Starlight Children’s Charity clothing collection will now take place tomorrow. So if you still have any clothing you wish to recycle you can drop it off in school tomorrow morning. Thank you to everyone who has made donations.





Good Shepherd Fundraising

On Friday 23rd March, children will be doing a sponsored walk in aid of the Good Shepherd Appeal. This will take place in the school grounds. Sponsor forms will be coming home with your child this week. Further details will follow.

Parent Consultations

Today you will receive a letter regarding your parent consultation appointment next week. Please return your slip by tomorrow at the latest for staff to allocate your appointment time. Many thanks.

As part of our continuous drive to improve Reading, Mrs Haines will be carrying out some short presentations for parents on how to help with your child’s reading at different times both parent consultations in the small hall.

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



CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 7 th March	1.00 – 5.30 pm	Y3	Parent Consultations
Monday 12 th March	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Tuesday 13 th March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and Play session
Wednesday 14 th March	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 6.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Thursday 15 th March	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and play session
Monday 19 th March	2.30 pm	KS1	Music Concert
	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents to FS1 meeting
Tuesday 20 th March	10.00 am	FS1	New FS1 pupils drop in session
	2.30 pm	KS2	Music Concert
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		
Monday 11 th June	School re opens after Spring Bank		

* Please note that Year 3's class worship on Thursday 13th March has been postponed until a later date.

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: