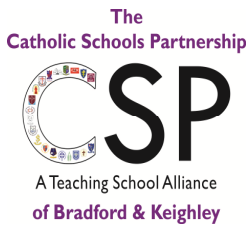


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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 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,

Last weekend, the Catholic Church celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. In response to this, in worship yesterday we discussed the idea of Jesus being our shepherd. We started by thinking about how we look after our pets. Thank you to Ruby (Y1), Theo (Y3) and Szymon (Y5) for sharing the ways in which they looked after their pets. We then looked at the job of a shepherd, who looks after and guides his sheep. The children were able to make fantastic links with this job and the work of Jesus. Their answers were very impressive! We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week; to be good shepherds around school and set a good example.



Year 5 will be walking up to church on Wednesday morning to celebrate Mass with Fr Anthony and our parishioners. Last week, Year 6 enjoyed this opportunity.

Year 2 Class Worship is on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.00 am. All families are welcome to join them.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

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Thank you to our very hard working Parent Council who organised two fantastic discos on Friday night. Both were great successes and approximately £300 was raised which will go towards enriching your child's education. Thank you also to the band of parent volunteers who helped out on the night. We greatly appreciate your support.

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Year 2 is going to Forest School at Peel Park School on Thursday this week. Please ensure all children have with them suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

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**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
Year 1:	Breen's Buccaneer	👤👤👤
Year 2:	Martin's Mi Hearties	👤👤👤👤👤
Year 3:	Wood's Plank Walkers	👤👤👤
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 4 who are our attendance champions this week closely followed by an impressive Year 6.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 16.04.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.67	95.66
Year 1	99.35	96.67
Year 2	95.67	96.66
Year 3	93.33	97.69
Year 4	99.33	97.36
Year 5	97.78	97.10
Year 6	99.26	97.44
Average	97.48%	96.94%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: Jack Berry, Amelia Whitehead, Maisie Hardaker, Noel Mullarkey, Millie Quinn, Kirsten Newill and Harry Firth.

The Big Cat reading merit was awarded to Macy Chivers for her excellent reading and comprehension skills. Macy achieved full marks in a reading test this week.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's award was given to Scarlett Zaborowski for approaching every day at school with such a positive and happy outlook, as well as being a calming influence towards others around her.



Theo Lancaster in Year 1 had his second grading in Martial Arts and managed to earn his yellow belt! He is so proud 😊

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

Health and Safety

Please be aware there is a large dog living in the house next to school. Please be extra cautious if you walk down Myers Lane as this dog could be dangerous.

## School Lunches

Please ensure that your child is clear whether they are having a school lunch or have brought sandwiches from home. Some children are registering for their own packed lunch but then taking a school dinner. This then leaves some children towards the end of lunch without a school dinner.

## Attendance

We have just held an attendance review and letters will be coming home for children who have attendance below our school target of 97% and the legal requirement of 95%. Children who are persistently late will also be receiving a letter addressing this.

## Keeping children safe in the sun

Please could we remind parents of Foundation Stage children to apply suncream to their children before they come to school. If they are in full time Foundation Stage could they also send in a bottle of sun cream with their child's name on. Children will be expected to apply their own suncream again during the day. Sun hats are also required for playing outdoors. Many thanks.



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## CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.00 am	Y2	Class Worship
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
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	AM	6 chn	Good Shepherd Celebration at Leeds Cathedral
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mornings	Y6	SATs week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	FS	Visit to Nell Bank
	All day	Y6	Visit to Eden Camp
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2.20 pm	All	Children's Music Concert
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		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Y6	Leavers photograph
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Y5	Visit to Nell Bank
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Y2	Visit to Magna Science Museum
	6.00 pm	FS1	Welcome meeting for new parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm	FS2	Welcome meeting for FS2 in September
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00 pm	Y4	Visit to Sikh Temple
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Y5/6	Online bullying workshop
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Y1	Visit to Hesketh Farm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	All	Parent Council Summer Fair
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	All	Transition day
	AM	FS1/2	New children drop in session
	PM	All	Transition meetings for parents
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Y3	York Railway Museum visit
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	All	Billy Bantam penalty shootout
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	Y6	Production dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 & 6.00 pm	Y6	Year 6 Production
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	All	Final Merit Worship
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	All	Sports Day (tbc)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 am	All	Leavers Mass
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer		

# Music in May

We are excited to announce the start of our Musical Extravaganza. Throughout May there will be various opportunities for the children to experience different types of music and to explore their musical gifts and talents.

\* Parents are warmly invited to the Choir Performance on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May and the Children's Concert on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Duckworth.

**Every week, we will have a feature called:**

**'Live for 5'**

**We will meet a professional musician live on video for 5 minutes.**

<b>* Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Choir Performance</b>	<b>9am</b>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>-Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children to lead music in playground</b>	<b>Break/Lunch</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Music Club K\$2</b>	<b>Lunch Time</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Music Club K\$1</b>	<b>Lunch Time</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Brass Concert for K\$2</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>
<b>* Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Children's Concert</b>	<b>2:20pm</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>String Trio Concert</b>	<b>9am</b>

***'Garageband' to be used for ICT sessions throughout May.***

**Follow us on twitter:    @stfrancisbrad                      #musicinmay**

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## **School Development Fund**

Thank you to families who contribute to our School Development Fund via standing order. This has enabled us to redecorate and refloor our Foundation Stage Unit. It has also allowed us to begin on our journey of setting up a Forest School here at St Francis. We are constantly looking at ways to improve the children's learning experience here at St Francis, but we can only do this with your help. If you would like to make a contribution through a one off payment of cash or cheque please send this in to the school office. If you would like to set up a standing order we can send home a form. Please ask in the office. Many thanks for your support.

