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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 1st May 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,

Worship



Yesterday, KS1 and KS2 came together for a very special worship. Since May is one of the months dedicated to Our Lady, the Mini Vinnies led us in praying the first decade of the Rosary. We set up the large hall using some of our PE equipment to represent the different beads on a set of Rosary Beads and we then sat with our classes all around it. We began with the Apostles' Creed, an Our Father, Three Hail Marys and a Glory Be. We then reflected on the first glorious mystery - the Resurrection. After this we

meditated on the mystery by praying another Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be. The Mini Vinnies led this powerful prayerful experience beautifully. Afterwards, our mission was set for the week; to pray to Mary when we are worried about something. Each week, during the month of May, we will come together to pray the next decade of the Rosary and meditate on a different glorious mystery each week.



Rosary Club

The Mini Vinnies will be offering a voluntary Rosary Club at lunchtimes on certain days of the week. It would be lovely for the children to take part in this. If your child has some Rosary beads at home that they would like to bring in to use during these sessions, they are warmly welcome to bring them in. Please note, children do not have to have Rosary beads to come along to Rosary Club.

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
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	👑 👑 👑 👑 👑 👑

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions with a fantastic 100% attendance last week.

Many apologies to Year 1 who were also our champions last week and not Year 4 as stated in last week's newsletter. Year 1 pipped Year 4 by 0.02%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 23.04.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.67	95.81
Year 1	100.00	96.79
Year 2	93.67	96.55
Year 3	94.67	97.58
Year 4	97.33	97.36
Year 5	97.78	97.13
Year 6	97.04	97.43
Average	97.16%	96.95%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: George Illingworth, Natasha Feszler, Adam ElkazaZ, Ignazio Serra, Joel Newill, Evan Maloney, Taylor James, George Cunningham and Mya Winstan.

The Big Cat reading merit was awarded to Eden Hancock for amazing phonics. She has made so much progress and is now able to read some split digraphs.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's award was given to Alfie Walton for showing great qualities in and around school. Alfie is always polite and uses his manners. He has also shown great teamwork and consideration for those around him.

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

Our car park continues to be a major concern when parents are dropping off and picking up their children. The car park can only accommodate staff and 2 disabled cars at any one time. Please do not use our car park unless it is absolutely necessary and you have the required disabled permit. Children are not safe in the car park at busy times.

Music in May

Music in May got off to a brilliant start this morning with our wonderful school choir performing for their families and the whole school. We are very proud of them all !! Look out for more musical events throughout the month of May and follow us on Twitter @stfrancisbrad #musicinmay



Wed 2 nd -Fri 4 th	Children to lead music in playground	Break/Lunch
Thursday 3 rd	Music Club K\$2	Lunch Time
Thursday 10 th	Music Club K\$1	Lunch Time
Friday 11 th	Brass Concert for K\$2	1:30pm
* Tuesday 22 nd	Children's Concert	2:20pm
Friday 25 th	String Trio Concert	9am
* Parents are warmly invited to the Children's Concert on Tuesday 22 nd May.		

Every week, we will have a feature called:
'Live for 5'

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

Reading Rocks

We are thrilled that so many of our children are enjoying reading and taking books home from the library. We would really like this to continue. However, it has been noted recently that many of our expensive and well loved books are not being returned which is causing some problems for our hardworking Year 5 librarians. Please could we ask you to return all school books as soon as they have been read. In the meantime could you have a look round and return any outstanding books.

Playtime equipment

Our breakfast club staff and lunchtime supervisors have noticed a considerable reduction in our playtime equipment. Due to a huge budget cut, we are not in a position to replace this equipment and we are aware some of it may have mistakenly been taken home. Please could we ask you to also have a look round and return any school equipment such as skipping ropes balls etc. Many thanks.



Would you like to advertise your business on our Newsletter? For a small cost you can advertise your business to over 170 families, the Parish and also people who subscribe to our email subscription, who do not receive one through the school or the Parish. The newsletter is published every week on the school website for anyone to see. Please speak to the office staff for more details.



CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Thursday 3 rd May	9.00 am	Y2	Class Worship
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	9.00 am	FS2	Class worship
Thursday 10 th May	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn
Friday 11 th May	AM	6 chn	Good Shepherd Celebration at Leeds Cathedral
Monday 14 th May	Mornings	Y6	SATs week
Monday 21 st May	All day	FS	Visit to Nell Bank
	All day	Y6	Visit to Eden Camp
Tuesday 22 nd May	2.20 pm	All	Children's Music Concert
Friday 25 th May	Break up for Spring Bank half term		
Monday 11 th June	School re opens after Spring Bank		
Monday 11 th June	AM	Y6	Leavers photograph
Tuesday 12 th June	All day	Y5	Visit to Nell Bank
Monday 18 th June	All day	Y2	Visit to Magna Science Museum
	6.00 pm	FS1	Welcome meeting for new parents
Wednesday 20 th June	6.00 pm	FS2	Welcome meeting for FS2 in September
Monday 25 th June	1.00 pm	Y4	Visit to Sikh Temple
Wednesday 27 th June	PM	Y5/6	Online bullying workshop
Thursday 28 th June	All day	Y1	Visit to Hesketh Farm
Friday 29 th June	PM	All	Parent Council Summer Fair
Wednesday 4 th July	AM	All	Transition day
	9.30 – 10.30	FS1/2	New children drop in session
	PM	All	Transition meetings for parents
Thursday 5 th July	All day	Y3	York Railway Museum visit
Monday 9 th July	All day	All	Billy Bantam penalty shootout
Tuesday 10 th July	9.30 am	Y6	Production dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th July	2.00 & 6.00 pm	Y6	Year 6 Production
Thursday 12 th July	9.00 am	All	Final Merit Worship
Friday 13 th July	All day	All	Sports Day (tbc)
Monday 16 th July	10.30 am	All	Leavers Mass
Friday 20 th July	Break up for Summer		

30 hours nursery provision



From September we are offering 30 hours nursery education to parents who are eligible for the Government's 30 hours free nursery childcare. We are only able to offer it between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm with a paid hour for lunchtime. We shall continue to provide the 15 hours free provision as morning and afternoon sessions only. If you know anyone who would like a school environment for their child and is eligible for 30 hours, please let them know.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our parents and grandparents who help out school by going on school trips and assisting with Forest School. Without you we would not be able to offer these exciting opportunities to our children. So thank you everyone for supporting our school and our children. We really do appreciate everything you do.

