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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 8th 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

This morning we continued the Rosary we began last week by praying the next decade, whilst meditating on the next glorious mystery - The Ascension. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for leading us in this prayerful experience.

Our hard working Mini Vinnies held their first Rosary Club last Friday in the small hall. It was very well attended and it was lovely to see children bringing their own Rosary beads with them. Please encourage your child to come along this week to take part in this powerful, reflective experience. Please note-children do not need to have Rosary Beads to join in.



Last Wednesday, Year 5 joined with the parish in celebrating mass together in church. The children were very well behaved and some of the parishioners commented on the brilliant answers some of our children had when Fr Anthony questioned them on the Gospel reading. We are very proud of them. This Wednesday, Year 3 will be celebrating mass at Church with the parish.

Thank you to Year 2 who led a beautiful class worship last week.



Ascension Thursday Mass

This Thursday 10th May is a Holy Day of Obligation to celebrate The Ascension. All KS2 children will be attending Mass in Church at 9.30 am. Please join us if you can.

Also this Thursday at 9am, we look forward to children from our Reception class leading us in their class worship. This will be their first opportunity to do this so we hope parents and families can come along and support them along with the rest of the school.


God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

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%



Congratulations to Year 1 who are our attendance champions last week.

 Attendance letters were sent out last week to all children who have an attendance below our target of 97%, below 95% and persistent lates.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 30.04.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	94.33	95.76
Year 1	99.00	96.87
Year 2	92.33	96.40
Year 3	97.33	97.57
Year 4	98.33	97.40
Year 5	96.30	97.10
Year 6	98.52	97.47
Average	96.59%	96.93%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: Maisie Walker, Kaitlen Horan, Billy Hedges, Evie Pickard, Beth Randles, Louis Knox, Qais Hussain, Daisy Ellis and Louis Bryar.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's award was given to Amelia Walker for her tireless support of school life – she is the first to volunteer for any job, no matter how big or small, and she is an excellent role model for all.



Matthew Henderson Hall played in the World International Cup for Manchester City this weekend. Man City won the final on penalties. Man City scored three goals in the whole tournament of which Matthew got one goal and one assist.

(Sing to the tune of hey Jude) Na, Na-Na, na na na na, na na na na
 Matthew

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

Y6 SATs Breakfast

There will be Year 6 SATs Breakfast from 8.30 am on Monday to Thursday next week. The children will be able to meet in the small hall before school and enjoy a breakfast of cereal, toast, cereal bars and fruit juice. This is intended to get the day off to a nice start and help the children relax before their tests. There will be no charge for food and unfortunately we cannot invite siblings.

We would like to wish all our Year 6 students the best of luck in their SATs next week. We know you will all excel.

Y6 Fundraising

This week Year 6 are fundraising for Cancer Research. They will be holding a Penalty Shoot Out at break and lunchtime. The cost will be £1 for 3 shots and £1.50 for 5 shots. There will be a prize for the winner and all proceeds will go to Cancer Research.



They will also be holding a World Cup Sweepstake. The cost is £1 per entry and half the money raised will go to the winner and the other half to Cancer Research.

Forest School Update

Just after the Easter holidays, we continued our nurture programme for the forest we are growing at the back of the field. All the children from Reception class up to Year 6 were involved with taking care of the trees and learning about their growth. This half term, Y2 are enjoying taking part in the Forest School activities at Peel Park Primary School.



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 9 th May	9.15 am	Y3	Mass at Church
	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn
Thursday 10 th May	9.00 am	FS2	Class worship
	9.30 am	KS2	Ascension Thursday Mass at Church
	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	Y4	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		



Music in May continues

Look out for more musical events throughout the month of May and follow us on Twitter @stfrancisbrad #musicinmay

Thursday 10th	Music Club KS1	Lunch Time
Friday 11th	Brass Concert for KS2	1:30pm
* Tuesday 22nd	Children's Concert	2:20pm
Friday 25th	String Trio Concert	9am
* Parents are warmly invited to the Children's Concert on Tuesday 22nd May.		

Every week, we will have a feature called:

'Live for 5'

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