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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 21018

**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**



As this week is one of our Other Faiths Weeks, all of our RE lessons this week will be on Sikhism. We were privileged yesterday to be joined by Manjit, a Sikh lady who came to deliver an assembly all about her faith. We learned about the ten Gurus, in particular Guru Nanak who is the first Guru and founder of Sikhism. We learned about the five special items Sikhs wear symbolising different things, which are known as the 5 Ks and we also heard some of the prayers that Sikhs pray every morning. It was a fascinating presentation and the children asked some very interesting questions at



the end. Manjit then visited Year 6 to teach them in more detail about Sikhism. Year 4 will be visiting the Gurdwara next week as well.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines



**The last meeting for parents, before the children make their First Reconciliation, is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm in the Church.**

#### **Summer Fair preparations**

The Parent Council are busy beavering away, preparing this big fundraising event of the year, which this year takes place on Friday 29th June from 2:30pm.

On Thursday 28th June, children are asked to come to school dressed in non-uniform. The fine for KS1 children is some chocolate for the chocolate stall and the fine for KS2 children is a bottle for the bottle stall. In addition to this, families are asked to donate any items they may have for the bric-a-brac stall. These items can be brought into school during the week beginning 25th June. This is a huge event to organise and has the potential to raise a lot of funds for school which will most definitely benefit your child's education. Please support it as best you can.

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 Under the Sea Name	Winners
Foundation Stage	Whitley's Little Winkles	
Year 1:	Breen's Brave Barracudas	
Year 2:	Martin's Mighty Manatees	
Year 3:	Finding Duckworth's Dory's	
Year 4:	Trotter's Terrifying Tiger Sharks	
Year 5:	Speake's Super Stingrays	
Year 6:	Langham's Squid Squad	

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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 with a not so fantastic 97.59% attendance last week.

We dipped last week which has brought our target to date below our 97% target.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 11.06.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.00	96.01
Year 1	97.00	96.85
Year 2	94.00	96.45
Year 3	93.00	97.50
Year 4	97.59	97.47
Year 5	97.41	97.14
Year 6	92.59	97.47
Average	95.37%	96.98%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: Imogen Bakes, Eliza O'Connor, Jaden Whittingham, Poppy Grant, Harvey Clegg, Zachary Blyth, Thomas Duff, Evie Newton, Hashain Muhammed and Alfie Stoddart.

The Big Cat reading merit was awarded to Lucia Zanella for her smashing phonics. Lucia takes care with every word she reads which has resulted in amazing progress.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's award was given to Mya Winstan for being such a mature, reliable and trustworthy member of the school community. Thank you Mya.



Congratulations to Lucas Heppleston in Year 2 for being accepted into Bradford City Pre-Academy under 8's. Well done and good luck.

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

Unfortunately we have some sad news. For those of you who may remember Mr Peter Gibbons, who was Headteacher here from 2003 – 2008, he sadly passed away on Sunday morning after a long illness. Please remember his family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

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Coming soon .....

We are to introduce an online booking system for parent consultations for the next academic year. We are trialling it for Foundation Stage consultations on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July. The system is simple to use and will save lots of time. Please ensure you have informed the office if you have changed your telephone number or email recently as you will receive a link via text or email.

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### Sports day update

We now have two confirmed dates for Sports Day. This year we are running KS1 and KS2 Sports Day on two separate mornings; KS1 - the morning of Tuesday 17th July and KS2 the morning of Wednesday 18th July. Both Sports Days will start at 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you there.



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St Bede's and  
St Joseph's  
Catholic College

St Bede's and St Joseph's College is one of only 10 centres nationally to have been given the title Arts Award Good Practice Centre for this academic year. This is due to the excellent work they do in school to promote the arts and the innovative way they involve students in the Arts Award process. They are also the first (and only!) High School in Bradford to be awarded the new and somewhat prestigious accolade of Artsmark Platinum.

As part of the remit for the Good Practice Centre status, we would like to invite parent to an afternoon of celebration in the Arts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1.30 pm at the theatre on our Ignis site. The afternoon will consist of a showcase of work from our year 7 students as well as information on how we undertake the Arts Award process. There will also be refreshments available.

Tickets are also available for their KS3 performance of Darkwood Manor on line at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sbsj>

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We are still selling Alfie Joe Barraclough wrist bands in the office. If you would like one they are £2.00 and all proceeds will go to a memorial in Alfie's memory in the sea wall near Blackpool. Thank you for your support.

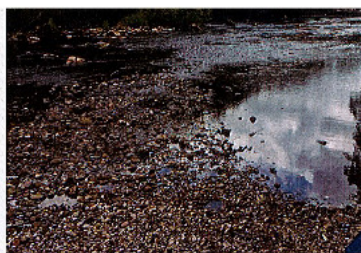
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## CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

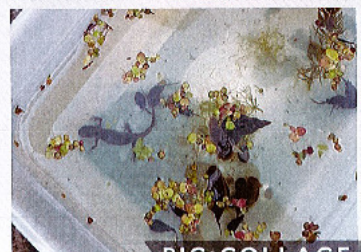
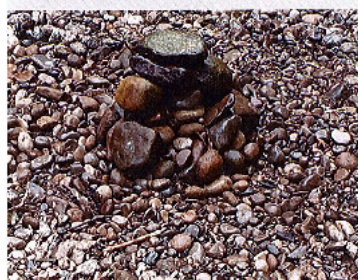
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm	FS2	Welcome meeting for FS2 in September
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00 pm	Y4	Visit to Sikh Temple
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Y5/6	Online bullying workshop
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Y1	Visit to Hesketh Farm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in Church
	PM	All	Parent Council Summer Fair
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	All	Transition day
	9.30 – 10.30	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	2.00 & 6.00 pm	Y6	Y6 Production
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent Consultations
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	All	Final Merit Worship
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parent Consultations
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 am	All	Leavers Mass
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	KS1	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	KS2	Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer		



### Year 4 – Nell Bank

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Nell Bank last week. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves studying rivers, animals and their habitats and pond dipping.

All the children were really well behaved and were a credit to the 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**