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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

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'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

On Sunday, the church celebrated Trinity Sunday. Yesterday morning, we gathered together at worship and explored what the Trinity actually means. 'Tri' meaning three, 'unity' meaning together - three in one. As Catholics and Christians, we believe that God has three parts as one - God the Father (the creator), God the Son (Jesus the saviour) and God the Holy Spirit, who gave us life and empowers us to spread the Good News. We recognised how we remember the Holy Trinity every time we make the sign of the cross. Thank you to Willow in FS2 for demonstrating so beautifully how to make the sign of the cross. Thank you also to so many children who volunteered some wonderful answers to some 'big questions' in our worship. We ended by praying the Glory Be together and setting our mission of the week: To make the sign of the cross carefully.



God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines



The Dragon Boat festival is nearly upon us! With only four days to go, staff are remembering the top tips for the techniques and skills needed to row as fast as possible. The festival takes place this Saturday, 22nd June at Robert's Park in Saltaire. We will be in three races at approximately 10.30 am, 1.00 pm and 2.45 pm. Our boat is called 'Frank's Banter Boat'. It would be great to have your support on the day!

We are holding a bun sale this Friday 21st June in order to continue raising money for Nightstop and Sue Ryder Hospice. We are asking for donations of cakes and buns for this event to be donated and brought into school on Friday morning please. Cakes and buns will be available for any donation at the end of school outside the Y1 classroom and by the front gate on Myers Lane. Thank you for your continued support.

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess or Mrs Laptew

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 2 who are our attendance champions for last week. Commiserations to Year 6 who were just pipped to the top spot. Our attendance figure for this year is below our target which is disappointing.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 10.06.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.45	96.44
Year 1	95.81	96.53
Year 2	99.35	97.33
Year 3	98.93	97.32
Year 4	97.10	96.64
Year 5	95.16	96.85
Year 6	99.29	97.53
Average	97.44%	96.94%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Oscar Lightfoot, Olivia Wilson, Joel Newill, Alfie Garth, Joshua Oxley and Evie Newton

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Poppy Grant for being an all round ray of sunshine and enjoying all aspects of school life.

Year 5 children will be performing their chosen poem at the beginning of Merit Worship this week. As always, Year 5 parents, carers and families are very welcome to come and support them.

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 2	79,424,594
2.	Year 3	52,061,870
3.	Year 4	42,049,689



1.		Rhys Leak
2.		Maisie Walker
3.		Finley Carroll

Maths - Geometry Week

Last week was Geometry week across school. Each class completed a geometry project in Deep Dive groups, ranging from programming BeeBots with a series of navigation instructions in Year 1, to an Olympic Murder Mystery in Year 3 and rescuing captured soldiers in World War Two using our map skills to give 6-figure grid references, convert scales and take bearings. Winners of the best project work will be selected from each year group and prizes will be awarded at the end of this week.

Tomorrow, our Year 5 children will be enjoying a trip to St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College. We hope they have a wonderful time and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

Win one of 3 uniforms valued at £75

To celebrate School Trend's 31st year they are giving away 3 school uniforms valued at up to £75 each. Order your uniform before 30th June to enter the draw. For full details enter schooltrends.co.uk/pages/parent-promotion-summer-2019/summer-19.aspx into your Browser...



At **Forest School** this week, Year 6 had great fun building dens, playing Eagle Eyes and making the most of the recent rain on the mud slide! We are looking forward to more forest school adventures this half term. Please remember that as the weather is due to improve, children will benefit from bringing sun hats and sun cream for forest school, as well as plenty of water.

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Maths - Parent Workshops

Parents are warmly invited to attend a Maths workshop in school, along with their children, to learn more about how Maths is taught here at St Francis. The workshops are as follows:

- KS1 - Monday 1st July at 9:00am and 3:30pm
- LKS2 - Tuesday 2nd July at 9:00am and 3:30pm
- UKS2 - Wednesday 3rd July at 9:00am and 3:30pm

We will use our Parents Evening system to sign up for the workshop so that we know how many will be attending and therefore how many resources to prepare. It is advised that parents sign up for the appropriate workshop for the key stage their child will be in in the next academic year - for example, if your child is currently in Year 2 but will move to Year 3 next year, please sign up for the LKS2 workshop. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Horne for further information.

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Staffing Update

Mrs Horne's baby is due during the summer holidays so she will not be returning in September as she will be on maternity leave.

We have a new teacher joining our school in September, Miss McDermott. Some of our children already know Miss McDermott as she completed some of her teacher training in Year 1 last year. We are really looking forward to her joining the St Francis team and hope she will be very happy here.

Another 'new' teacher is joining us in September - Miss Jennings who worked as a KS1 Class Teacher previously at St Francis. When she got married, she moved out to Dubai and has been working in an international school over there for the last two years. Miss Jennings is returning to work at St Francis in September.

We will be welcoming back Miss Breen in the last week before we break up for the summer holidays, who is returning after maternity leave.

Miss Trotter will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a 1 year secondment to St Mary's and St Peter's Catholic Primary School. We will miss Miss Trotter very much, but we will look forward to her returning to us the following year. We wish her well and the very best of luck.

We wish Mrs Underwood, one of our amazing Support assistants, good luck as she leaves us at the end of this term. We thank her for all her hard work over the last 14 years.

We are now in a position to tell you which class teachers each year group will have in September.

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| FS1 (Nursery) - Mrs Needs (am) Mrs Shields (pm) | FS2 (Reception) - Mrs Whitley |
| Year 1 - Miss Robson | Year 2 - Miss Martin |
| Year 3 - Miss White | Year 4 - Miss McDermott |
| Year 5 – Miss Jennings | Year 6 - Miss Dearden (as well as Miss Burgess in mornings) |

Miss Speake and Miss Breen will be covering PPA time on a part time basis.



(Please note these dates and times could be subject to change)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Wednesday 19 th June	6.00 pm	New FS2	Parents welcome meeting
Tuesday 25 th June	All day	KS2	JLL Enabling Enterprise trip
Friday 28 th June	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in Church
Monday 1 st July	9.00 am	Y3	Visit to Nell Bank
	9.00 am	KS1	Parent maths workshop
	3.30 pm	KS1	Parent maths workshop
Tuesday 2 nd July	9.00 am	Ys 3/4	Parent maths workshop
	3.30 pm	Ys 3/4	Parent maths workshop
Wednesday 3 rd July	9.00 am	All	Transition morning
	9.00 am	Ys 5/6	Parent maths workshop
	10.00 am	New FS1/2	Drop in session
	3.30 pm	Ys 5/6	Parent maths workshop
Thursday 4 th July	10.00 am	Y6	Fast Forward transition event at St Cuthbert's, Wrose
Tuesday 9 th July	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	2.00 / 6.00 pm	Y6	Leavers production
Wednesday 10 th July	3.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parents consultations
Monday 15 th July	10.30 am	All	Leavers Mass
Tuesday 16 th July	PM	All	Sports Day (provisional)
Thursday 18 th July	8.55 am	All	Final special Merit Worship
Friday 19 th July	2.00 pm	All	Leavers Liturgy

School re opens on Tuesday 3rd September