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

Your Tuesday News 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

## Worship

In worship yesterday, we discussed what the Kingdom of God is and how we all have a small part to play in contributing to it. We looked back at the qualities we needed last week to 'build our church' and how it is these same qualities that are needed to continue developing the Kingdom of God. The children who are nominated for an award this week at the CSP Pupil Awards were invited up to the front as good examples of children who are contributing in different ways to the Kingdom of God. We ended by praying the Lord's Prayer together and setting our mission of the week - to do our best work.



We are currently preparing our end of year mass, which takes place on Monday 15th July. Please note the change in time - it is now at 2pm in the afternoon and not 10:30am as previously advertised. All parents/carers and families are warmly invited to come and share in this special occasion.

On Thursday, 18th July at 8:55am, we will be holding our final special merit worship in the school hall. Parents/carers of children receiving merits will receive a text to invite them to this.

On Friday, 19th July at 2:30pm, Year 6 will lead us in their leavers' liturgy. All Y6 parents/carers and families are very welcome to come and support the Year 6 children as they say their final thanks and goodbye.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

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We are very proud that our Executive Head Teacher, Mr Daniel Copley. He has been awarded Fellowship Status by the National Chartered College of Education in recognition of all his work in education. Congratulations Mr Copley!



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On Wednesday 17th July, we are holding an 'Alfie Barraclough Day' in school. Alfie is a past pupil, who very sadly passed away suddenly 3 and a half years ago. We would like to remember Alfie on what would have been his 13th birthday by inviting everyone to come to school dressed in blue, which was Alfie's favourite colour, or alternatively a bright rainbow colour. The fine for this will be £1 and the proceeds will be split 50/50 between school and towards a memorial bench for Alfie at Yeadon Tarn.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



We have two 100% attendance champions this week – FS2 and Year 2. Well done to everyone, let’s hope we can have more of these in the next academic year.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 01.07.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	100	96.58
Year 1	98.39	96.67
Year 2	100	97.46
Year 3	96.07	97.33
Year 4	97.74	96.73
Year 5	96.13	96.79
Year 6	97.86	97.59
Average	98.02%	97.01%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

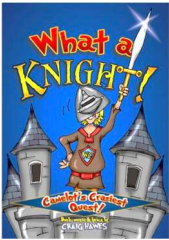
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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Amelia McCullen, Eden Hancock, Lucas Harris, Year 3, Eve Jakubiak, Oliwia Hryniewiecka and Lucas Wojtkow.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines’ Headteacher’s Award was presented to Thomas Duff for being an outstanding role model who inspires others and can always be relied upon to do the right thing.

Super well done to our wonderful Year 6 children on their performance this afternoon of 'What a Knight'. The children performed with such confidence. It really was fantastic to see. Many of you will be looking forward to seeing the performance this evening at 6pm.



Lily-May ran her first proper race on Saturday, The Leeds Mini Run (Jane Tomlinson). She was amazing. Well done Lily-May.

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1.		Rhys Leak	Year 2
2.		Finley Carroll	Year 4
3.		Imogen Shackler	Year 5



1.	Year 2	82,784,643
2.	Year 5	74,079,330
3.	Year 4	45,539,289
4.	Year 1	29,420,289
5.	Year 3	13,658,568
6.	Year 6	2,523,632

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**EYFS** are looking forward to the '**Outdoor Workshop**' this Thursday. We welcome our families throughout the day to share outdoor play with the children. The times are : FS2 9-10am, FS1(am) 10.15-11.15am and FS1(pm) 2-3pm.

Fingers crossed for good weather.

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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, Miss Burgess or Mrs Laptew

**Transition**

Hopefully, all the children enjoyed their transition day to their new classrooms with their new (or not so new!) teachers. This year, we have scheduled two extra short sessions to spend time with their new teachers on a Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. We hope this enables the children to feel more comfortable and steady coming back to school in September.

On Thursday, Year 6 continued their preparations for transition to secondary school by attending a workshop put on by the Zephaniah Trust. They thought carefully about the importance of embracing change in our lives and had the opportunity to reflect on their hopes for the future. Thank you to St Cuthbert's Church in Wrose for welcoming us.

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A very big thank you to all of our families who attended the **Maths Workshops** this week. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm for developing our Maths learning at St Francis, with so much support from home. Mrs Horne was extremely impressed with the mathematical talents on show - a big well done to all of our problem-solvers, big and small!

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**Sports Day - Tuesday 16th July**

Y1, Y2 and Y3 will have their sports day in the morning starting at 9:30am. Y4, Y5 and Y6 will have their sports day in the afternoon starting at 1:15pm. Sports day this year will consist of traditional races. When the children are not out on the field taking part in these traditional races, they will be taking part in different sports workshops in school. All parents/carers and families are warmly invited to come along and must sign in at the gate before taking a seat on the benches which will be set up on the field.



**The Parent Council would like to organise a drinks and sweet stall at this event to help raise much needed funds for school. The only way that this is possible is if we could have some volunteers to help run the stall during the morning or afternoon. If you could spare an hour or two to help, please contact the school office or let a member of Parent Council know by this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

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**After School Club**

Our After School Club, along with Grove House pupils have been busy working on a display for the National Media Museum to celebrate the anniversary of the moon landings. As you can see this is coming along very well and is nearly finished. This week After School Club will be planting plants in our garden and peace garden.

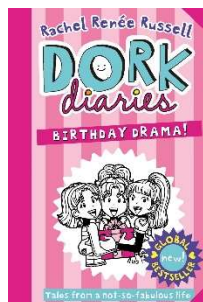


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Children's end of year school reports will be given out on Friday 12th July, with the exception of Reception Class (FS2) who received theirs yesterday.



Looking for something new to keep you entertained this summer, then look no further than Part 1 (KS2) reading recommendations from our Year 5 reading club. Part 2 (KS1) will be next week.

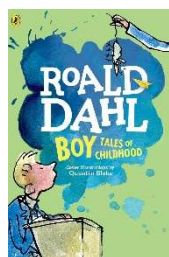
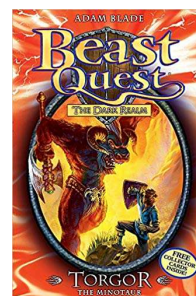


**Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell**  
**Recommended by Oliwia H (Y5)**

I would highly recommend Dork Diaries because it is hilarious although is more of a girly book. It is a story about the main character (Nikki Maxwell) and what she gets up to in her dramatic life. It is written in a diary format, using drawings, doodles, and comic strips. I would recommend it for KS2 and my favourite book in the series is Birthday Drama because it is full of disasters.

**Beast Quest Series by Adam Blade**  
**Recommended by Ryley S (Y5)**

I recommend the fantasy series Beast Quest. A boy and his sidekick Elenna need to defeat beasts and stop evil wizards like Malvel and Velmal. There are 110 books in the overall series and include adventures such as the Lost World, Golden Armour and The Cursed Dragon. My favourite book is Torgor the Minotaur. These books are as gripping as computer games, boasting fearsome beasts, evil wizards and collector cards.

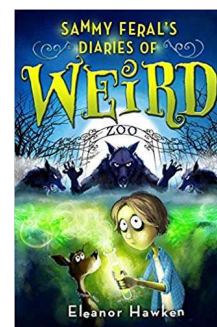


**Boy: Tales from Childhood by Roald Dahl**  
**Recommended by Callum B (Y5)**

Although I recommend any book by brilliant story-teller Roald Dahl, my favourite is Boy: Tales from Childhood as it is autobiographical describing his life. It is brilliantly funny and sometimes a little bit gross. Roald went to public school and explains how this inspired him to be a writer. The best part of the book is....

**Sammy Feral's Diaries of Weird by Eleanor Hawken**  
**Recommended by Thomas D (Y5)**

I would strongly recommend you read Sammy Feral's Diaries of Weird. The main character is Sammy whose family own an endangered zoo. In the first book, his parents contract a mysterious disease and turn into..... (no spoilers!) I strongly believe this is a 'can't put down' read that will definitely have you hooked.



If none of these appeal, here are some suggestions of other great KS2 titles include (or speak to Miss Burgess for more ideas):

