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

Your Tuesday News 17th September 2019

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

## Worship

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus told us three stories to show us how God welcomes us, loves us and forgives us all. In our shared worship, we focused on the story of The Lost Sheep in which a shepherd, who is so concerned about losing one of his 100 sheep, goes searching for it, despite the other 99 being safe. Our younger children compared this to the nursery rhyme Little Bo Peep and thought about how she just left her lost sheep alone. The teachers then did a fantastic job of their dramatic retelling of the story and as a school we considered how each one of us is so valuable to God that he is always looking for us no matter what and there is great joy when we are found. We also thought of ways our behaviour shows that sometimes we can feel lost and far away from God. Therefore our mission this week is: To spend time with God so we remain close by him.



God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

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## Beginning of Year Mass

Well done to our Y5 children who led us so beautifully in the readings for our Beginning of Year Mass last Friday. It was a lovely occasion and we are very grateful to the parents/carers and families who joined us and also to the parents who took part in the video as part of the communion reflection.



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## After School Club

This week, the children in After School Club will be making pomanders, balloon people and working with hama beads. Please use the booking form available from the school office or the website to book your child in advance.

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There is an opportunity currently being offered to all Single Mums and Single Dads across the Bradford District for the next 16 weeks. This FREE programme helps Lone Parents gain the skills necessary to return to work, supporting them with Literacy and Numeracy assessments, CV's, Interview Techniques, work experience etc. Participants are rewarded with a FREE reconditioned bike or a £10 voucher as a thank you for their participation. They provide additional tailor made support for all Single Mums and enable them to actively participate in society. For further information contact:

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



FS2 are our attendance champions this week. Well done FS2!

| CLASS   | % ATTENDANCE<br>w/b 9.9.19 | %ATTENDANCE<br>this year to date |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FS2     | 98.67                      | 97.74                            |
| Year 1  | 96                         | 97.59                            |
| Year 2  | 97.74                      | 98.39                            |
| Year 3  | 98.06                      | 94.98                            |
| Year 4  | 94.64                      | 95.24                            |
| Year 5  | 97.10                      | 98.03                            |
| Year 6  | 98.39                      | 98.57                            |
| Average | 97.22                      | 97.19                            |
| TARGET  | 97.00%                     | 97.00%                           |

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Our first Merit Worship took place last Thursday. This year, we are linking all of our merits to the different skills from our Enabling Enterprise programme. Over the next 3 weeks, our merits will link to 'AIMING HIGH'

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: McKenzie Moore, Fabian Naylor, Adam Elkazaz, Lucy Lightfoot, Connor McCullen and Ewan Sutcliffe.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Isabelle Saunders for making such a positive start to the school year and always being a role model for others.

Golden Time winners!

Well done to Maisy Dunn, Henry Jenkins, Poppy Beck, Ava Green, Tulisa Durkin, Lucia Zanella, Charlie Thomas & Olivia Wilson, Armin Laszlo, Harvey Clegg, Samuel Hawker and Isabelle Lupton who all had their raffle tickets pulled out of the box to receive Golden Time this week for their fantastic behaviour at lunchtime. Keep it up!

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September Imogen Shackler Y6 is abseiling down the Bradford Royal Infirmary building (50ft) to raise money for Bradford children's' hospitals (especially the neo natal ward). Imogen has never abseiled before and is a little nervous. IF anyone would like to sponsor Imogen, please follow the link below.

We wish you lots of luck Imogen!

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/imogen-rose-shack?utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_content=Imogen-rose-shack&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_term=qgdMdzAqq](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/imogen-rose-shack?utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=Imogen-rose-shack&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=qgdMdzAqq)

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| #  | Pupil       | Groups            |
|----|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Rhys Leak   | Year 3<br>2019/20 |
| 2. | Joel Newill | Year 5<br>2019/20 |
| 3. | Zach Blyth  | Year 6<br>2019/20 |



| #  | Group          | Score       |
|----|----------------|-------------|
| 1. | Year 6 2019/20 | 141,741,630 |
| 2. | Year 3 2019/20 | 106,248,358 |
| 3. | Year 5 2019/20 | 99,821,634  |
| 4. | Year 2 2019/20 | 87,096,257  |
| 5. | Year 1 2019/20 | 30,486,401  |
| 6. | Year 4 2019/20 | 11,060,596  |

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Maths Shed

Following the success and popularity of Spelling Shed and after discussions with the children, we have decided to trial Maths Shed for the next two weeks with children from Y1-Y6. This is not only to practise times tables but also mental addition and subtraction and many more skills. Their individual log-on, which they already use for Spelling Shed, also allows them to play the maths games too. Any problems or questions, do not hesitate to contact Miss Burgess. All children are invited every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime to the small hall for any connection problems or for children who do not have access at home. Remember just 10 minutes a day on either site can really help with important recall.



Coming soon...

We are currently working with Webanywhere to design a brand new website for our school. Our new website will also be linked to a parent app so that all communications, updates and news can be sent through immediately to your mobile device. This Friday morning, we will welcome a photographer into school to take some up to date professional photographs of our school, staff and children, which will then be used on this new website.



We continue to hold on record the forms that parents/carers filled out last year detailing the permissions/non-permissions for use of photographs of the children. We will continue to uphold the requests on these forms. However, as stated in the Tuesday News two weeks ago, if there is a change in the permissions/non-permissions that you submitted last year, please pick up a new form from the office, fill it out and return it by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

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Forms

Coming home with this newsletter today is a Home School Agreement for you and your child/ren to read and sign and return to school. Please read through carefully before you sign. If your child has any recent medical conditions or an existing condition that has changed, school need to know. Please ask at the office for a medical form.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that our Macmillan Coffee afternoon will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2:45pm in the large hall. Please come along and support this worthy cause.



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Student Council Election



A huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward, wrote and presented manifestos in a bid to become a school councillor. The election took place last Friday at our 'Polling Station' and we are now able to officially announce the results:



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| Year 1 | Layla and Daniel     |
| Year 2 | Nate and Lucy        |
| Year 3 | Mia and Lewie        |
| Year 4 | Spencer and Pippa    |
| Year 5 | Theo and Elizabeth B |
| Year 6 | Ella and Ryley       |

Congratulations to Joshua and Isabelle who were elected as our Head Boy and Head Girl. We look forward to you helping us to lead our school.



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ALDI Kit for Schools

We are now collecting Aldi stickers, which could result in us winning £20,000 for school. Here is how it works:



Spend £30 in any Aldi store to receive a Team GB Sticker.



Take your stickers to school to help complete your poster.



Send the completed poster back to us to receive your sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000!

Please start collecting and bringing your stickers into school and let's see if we can win some much needed funds for our school!



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Last week we had our first Mini Vinnie meeting of the year. After introductions to our new Mini Vinnies and Year 6 RE leaders, we shared and discussed many fantastic ideas about upcoming activities and events that will help our community. Watch this space for more updates on our Mini Vinnies. Our next meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm. If there are any queries, please speak to Ms Jennings or Mrs Heppleston.





**School Calendar** (please note these days and times could be subject to change)

*Please note, there is a change in date to the FS2 Reading Meeting. It has been brought forward to **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** and **NOT 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, as previously advertised. Apologies for this change.*

| Date                                    | Time                            | Class      | Event   |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|---|
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September     | 8:55am                          | All        | First Merit Worship                                 |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September (TBC) | 10:30am                         | All        | Beginning of year mass in school                    |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September     | 8:55am                          | Y2         | Class Worship                                       |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | 2:30pm                          | Y1         | Local area walk                                     |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September     | 8:55am                          | FS2 and Y6 | Buddies Worship                                     |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September       | 2:45pm                          | All        | Macmillan Coffee Morning                            |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September       | 3:30pm                          | Y6         | Curriculum and SATs meeting                         |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October         | 3:30pm – 4:15pm                 | Y6         | Y6 Writing Club starts                              |
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>   | <b>3:30pm and 6pm</b>           | <b>FS2</b> | <b>Reading meeting for parents</b>                  |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October       | 9:30am                          | Y6         | Winmarleigh residential                             |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October          | 10:30am                         | All        | St Francis Feast Day Mass                           |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October       | 9:30am                          | Y6         | Class Mass in church                                |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October       | 8:55am                          | Y3         | Class Worship                                       |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October         | 3:15pm                          | All        | Book Fair arrives in school                         |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October         | 1:30pm-7pm                      | FS1<br>FS2 | Parent consultations                                |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October         | 3:30pm – 7pm                    | Y1-Y6      | Parent consultations                                |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October        | 1:30pm-5pm                      | FS1<br>FS2 | Parent consultations                                |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October        | 3:30pm – 5pm                    | Y1-Y6      | Parent consultations<br>(Y6 Writing Club cancelled) |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October      | am and pm                       | FS1        | Stay, play and learn (inc Performance Poetry)       |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October      | 9:30am                          | Y5         | Class mass in church                                |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October       | am and pm                       | FS2        | Stay, play and learn (inc Performance Poetry)       |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October       | 8:55am                          | Y4         | Class Worship                                       |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October        | All day                         | Y4         | Roman Wow Day!                                      |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October        | All day                         | Y3         | Stone Age Wow Day!                                  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October       | 8:55am                          | Y1, Y2, Y3 | Performance Poetry                                  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October         | PM                              | Y2         | Charity Toy Swap                                    |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October         | Break up for half term holidays |            |   |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November        | School re-opens after half term |            |   |

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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, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew**