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

Your Tuesday News 1st October 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday morning, instead of sharing this week's Gospel reading with the children, we continued to practice the hymns ready for our St Francis Feast Day Mass, which takes place this Friday, 4th October at 10:30am in the large hall. All parents, carers, families and parishioners are very welcome to join us at this celebration. As part of the celebrations, the children will be taking part in activities throughout the day, which help to teach them about St Francis and all that he stands for. We hope they have a wonderful Feast Day!



Harvest Worship

Tomorrow, 2nd October, we will hold our Harvest Worship in the large hall. Once again, this year, we are supporting Bradford North Food Bank, which provides 3-day emergency food parcels to people in crisis in the North Bradford/ShIPLEY postcodes (BD2, BD9, BD10, BD17, BD18). Donations at this time of year help the food bank to care for local people in crisis through the cold winter months. Last year they received 6.2 tonnes and they are hoping to beat this in 2019. We will welcome a representative from the Food Bank to come and give the children a presentation on the work that they do. To the right, are some suggestions of items that you could donate to help with this appeal. Donations will be very gratefully received today or first thing tomorrow morning ready for the worship at 8:55am.



Donation Shopping List

FOOD

- ⇒ Long-life UHT Milk
- ⇒ Milk Powder
- ⇒ Long-life UHT Fruit Juice
- ⇒ Tinned Tomatoes
- ⇒ Jars of Pasta Sauce
- ⇒ Tinned Peas/Carrots/Corn
- ⇒ Instant Mash / Tinned Potatoes
- ⇒ Tinned Meat and Fish
- ⇒ Tinned Fruit
- ⇒ Tinned Rice Pudding
- ⇒ Tinned Custard
- ⇒ Sponge Puddings

- ⇒ Tinned Spaghetti

- ⇒ Crackers & Spreads
- ⇒ Chocolate Bars
- ⇒ Instant Coffee (small)
- ⇒ Sugar

TOILETRIES / CLEANING

- ⇒ 2-in-1 Shampoo
- ⇒ Deodorant
- ⇒ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Men's Razors & Shaving Foam
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- ⇒ Laundry Powder

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Year 6 will be celebrating their class mass on Wednesday, 9th October at 9:30am in church. All parents/carers and families are invited to attend this occasion.

Year 3 will lead our next class worship on Thursday 10th October at 8:55am. All parents/carers and families are welcome to join us and support the children.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Bishop will be confirming our candidates on Thursday 10th October, 7pm at St Walburga's Church. The final preparation for the candidates will take place next Sunday, 6th October at 4pm at St Francis' Church. It is important that all candidates attend this session.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Year 5 are our attendance champions this week. Well done Year 5!

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 9.9.19	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.67	96.99
Year 1	94.67	96.39
Year 2	97.42	98.66
Year 3	96.13	96.59
Year 4	92.86	94.25
Year 5	98.39	98.39
Year 6	97.32	97.67
Average	96.20	96.99
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Well done to our Merit Winners last week who were 'AIMING HIGH': Nylah Doherty, Femi-Lee Whittingham, Cullen Shaw, Spencer Devine, Inda Makumbo and Thomas Duff

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Joshua Oxley for making a superb start to Year 6 and being an exemplary Head Boy.

For the next 3 weeks, our merits will link to the skill of 'LISTENING'.

Good Luck to Maisy-Lily Earle and Grace Butler and any other of our children who are starring in 'The Greatest Show' at Bradford Alhambra commencing 8th & 9th October. We are sure you will be fantastic!

Golden Time winners!

Mrs Wilson is not in school this week as she is joining the Year 6 children on their residential to Winmarleigh. Consequently, there will be no Golden Time. However, next week, 4 children's raffle tickets will be pulled out of each child's Golden Time box instead of just 2.

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 3 2019/20	104,117,232
2.	Year 5 2019/20	56,007,274
3.	Year 6 2019/20	46,217,056
4.	Year 1 2019/20	21,729,429
5.	Year 4 2019/20	15,253,780
6.	Year 2 2019/20	13,713,231



#	Pupil	Groups
1.	Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.	Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.	Callum Butterfield	Year 6 2019/20



Unfortunately, Maths Shed is temporarily down but we are hoping to have it up and running ASAP. In the meantime, Times Tables Rock Stars is still available for a few more weeks.

Year 6 and FS2 Buddies Worship

Thank you to our Year 6 children and their Reception Class buddies, who led us so beautifully in their worship last Thursday morning. The reception children were so brave to stand up in front of the school at such a young age and the Year 6 children were fine role models, introducing the new children to the school. We hope their budding friendships continue to flourish throughout the year.



Winmarleigh

We wish our Y6 children a wonderful and safe time on their residential to Winmarleigh this week and we hope the weather is good to them.

Staff will do their very best to share photos and videos on our Twitter feed @stfrancisbrad



#Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day



We are inviting the whole school to come to school dressed in as much yellow as possible on Thursday, 10th October for a fine of £1. All the money raised will be donated to a charity called ‘Young Minds’, which supports young people’s and adolescents’ mental health.

Rachel Parker, our Catholic Care social worker, will be working with us that week on helping children to recognise and manage their feelings through emotions diaries.

Parent Consultations

During the penultimate week of school, we will be holding two Parent Consultations for children:

Monday 14th October: 3:30pm - 7pm

Tuesday 15th October: 3:30pm – 5pm

This is a very important opportunity to speak to your child’s teacher about how well they have settled back into school and the progress they are making. We place great importance on school and home working together, so it is extremely important you make an appointment. Parents are advised to book an appointment with their child’s class teacher using our online booking system. The link will follow with the invites this evening. The booking system will go live this evening at 7pm and will close at 7pm on Friday 11th October.



After School Club

This week, the children in After School Club will be doing Autumn crafts and activities.

Parent Council Coffee Morning



We are holding a friendly and informal coffee morning on Wednesday 23rd October at 8:45am, straight after drop off. We are in real need of either parents/carers or family members who can be regular members of the Parent Council OR people who can share ideas and help out at different events now and again. If you are able to share some of your time, however large or small, to help raise much needed funds to contribute towards your children’s education and school experience, we would love to meet you at the Parent Council Coffee Morning.

ALDI Kit for Schools

We are still collecting Aldi stickers, which could result in us winning £20,000 for school. Please start collecting and bringing your stickers into school and let’s see if we can win some much needed funds for our school!





Thank you so much to everyone who attended and helped out at the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last Friday. We made a whopping £216.58, which is fantastic!

School Photographs

Family and individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday 9th October. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform. For Y2-Y6 this includes a tie. Many thanks.

Relationships and Sex Education Policy Parent Consultation

You may be aware that the government plans to make Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) compulsory as of September 2020. We have agreed our RSE policy with the Diocese of Leeds and our Governors and we would now like to consult with our parents on this matter. We will be holding two consultations for parents on Monday 21st October; the first will be at 3:30pm and the second at 5:30pm. At these consultations, we will share with you the governments requirements for RSE, our RSE policy and also the resources we will use to deliver the RSE curriculum.

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

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 1 st October	3:30pm – 4:15pm	Y6	Y6 Writing Club starts
Tuesday 1 st October	3:30pm and 6pm	FS2	Reading meeting for parents
Wednesday 2 nd October	9:30am	Y6	Winmarleigh residential
Friday 4 th October	10:30am	All	St Francis Feast Day Mass
Wednesday 9 th October	9:30am	Y6	Class Mass in church
Wednesday 9 th October	All day	All	Individual and family school photos
Thursday 10 th October	8:55am	Y3	Class Worship
Thursday 10 th October	All Day	All	'#Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day
Monday 14 th October	3:15pm	All	Book Fair arrives in school
Monday 14 th October	1:30pm-7pm	FS1 FS2	Parent consultations
Monday 14 th October	3:30pm – 7pm	Y1-Y6	Parent consultations
Tuesday 15 th October	1:30pm-5pm	FS1 FS2	Parent consultations
Tuesday 15 th October	3:30pm – 5pm	Y1-Y6	Parent consultations (Y6 Writing Club cancelled)
Wednesday 16 th October	am and pm	FS1	Stay, play and learn (inc Performance Poetry)
Wednesday 16 th October	9:30am	Y5	Class mass in church
Thursday 17 th October	am and pm	FS2	Stay, play and learn (inc Performance Poetry)
Thursday 17 th October	8:55am	Y4	Class Worship
Monday 21 st October	3:30pm and 5:30pm	All	RSE policy parent consultations
Tuesday 22 nd October	All day	Y4	Roman Wow Day!
Tuesday 22 nd October	All day	Y3	Stone Age Wow Day!
Wednesday 23 rd October	8:45am	All	Parent Council Coffee Morning
Thursday 24 th October	8:55am	Y1, Y2, Y3	Performance Poetry
Friday 25 th October	PM	Y2	Charity Toy Swap
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term holidays		
Tuesday 5 th November	School re-opens after half term		

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