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

Your Tuesday News 8th October 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship



Our worship yesterday came from the gospel reading, in which the apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith. In Jesus' response, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this mulberry bush, 'Be uprooted, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." We learn that faith comes from God through what he has promised us and what he had done before. The Bible tells us that faith is being confident and assured of things we hope for, but cannot see. Having faith means that we believe even if we cannot be physically a hundred percent sure. So our task was to guess what was in Miss Burgess' bag and whether we believed after being told or whether we needed to see, touch or even taste it! Our faith means that even though we can't always see or touch God, we know he is there for us always. We set our mission this week to have faith in ourselves and keep going with our work even when it gets difficult.

Harvest Worship



Thank you so much to all our families who donated items for the Bradford North Food Bank. There was a huge amount collected. Mrs Shuna Hartley from the Food Bank explained to all the children exactly what would happen to all the goods and how many people/families it would feed. Thank you for your generosity and support for others in our community.



St Francis Feast Day Mass

We had a wonderful celebratory mass last Friday in school to celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis. Year 4 led our readings beautifully and Year 5 did a very creative Communion reflection based on The Cantic of the Sun – a prayer written by St Francis which praises God for his creation. The children spent the rest of the day doing various different activities all linked to St Francis.

Year 6 children will celebrate their class mass in church tomorrow Wednesday, 9th October at 9:30am. Year 5 will celebrate their class mass the following week, Wednesday 16th October. Please do join them if you can.

This Thursday, 10th October, our Year 3 children will lead us in their class worship in school at 8:55am. The following week, on Thursday 17th October, Year 4 will lead their class worship in school at 8:55am. Parents/carers and families are all very warmly invited to join us.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Years 5 & 6 are our attendance champions this week. Well done on both achieving 100%! Keep it up!

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 30.9.19	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.67	96.83
Year 1	96.67	96.60
Year 2	99.03	98.66
Year 3	98.71	96.77
Year 4	95.56	97.38
Year 5	100.00	98.66
Year 6	100.00	98.25
Average	98.09	97.59
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%



Our Golden Time winners this week are:

Y6: Emelie, Zach and Joshua; Y5: Finley, Summer, Elizabeth B, and Clelia; Y4: Avaya, Joseph and Ashton; Y3: Lucy, Mia, Adam and Tulisa; Y2: Fabian, Isaac, Hannah and Lucy; Y1: McKenzie, Jack, Amelia and Mahrahaza.

Well done everyone!

1.		Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.		Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.		Jake Boyle	Year 3 2019/20



1.	Year 3 2019/20	153,415,789
2.	Year 5 2019/20	54,301,762
3.	Year 1 2019/20	38,523,597
4.	Year 6 2019/20	27,843,072
5.	Year 2 2019/20	18,658,029
6.	Year 4 2019/20	11,309,199

Great news!

We are thrilled that Bradford Libraries have informed us that St Francis was one of the top primary schools with the highest completion of the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge 2019! This is fantastic news! A huge well done to all the children who completed the challenge, which was to read six books of their choice over the summer holidays. We are so pleased that you are clearly enjoying reading and immersing yourselves in the world of books. We have received 8 invitations for children, along with 2 members of staff to attend the celebration at the Bradford Science and Media Museum on Tuesday, 22nd October. We had over 40 children complete the challenge, so to be as fair as we possibly can, 8 of these children's names have been drawn out of a hat and should have received a letter last week giving them all of the details of this event. Once again, congratulations to our summer readers and keeeeeeep reading!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school during the week beginning 14th October. It will be open before school and after school all week and will also be available during both parents consultations. We earn commission from all the books sold, which we then use to buy more quality texts for children in school, so please buy a book if you can!

Winmarleigh

Last week, Year 6 had a fantastic time at Winmarleigh Hall. The three days were packed with activities including zip wire, giant swing and raft building. All the children showed great resilience, teamwork and problem solving. Every single one of them left proud of themselves and we were proud too of the way they faced their fears and how they represented our school.



Parent Consultations

Next week, 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. We respectfully ask you to please ensure you book an appointment during the Parent Consultation evenings and do not request one outside of this time. Parents are advised to book an appointment with their child's class teacher using our online booking system, which all parents should have now received a link to follow. Please note: The booking system will close at 7pm on Friday 11th October. Class Teachers will contact anyone who has not made an appointment.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

#Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day



We are inviting the whole school to come to school dressed in as much yellow as possible this 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, is working with us this week on helping children to recognise and manage their feelings through emotions diaries.

Reminders: Occasionally we need to remind parents about not putting food in packed lunches which contains nuts or traces of nuts. We have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts and even touching a food which contains nuts can have an adverse effect.



Please could we remind parents to send children to school with coats as the weather is becoming colder and very unpredictable. Year 6 need coats as the blazers are not waterproof or windproof.



Once again we are raising money for school and Starlight, a charity which helps families with terminally ill children. If you are clearing out your wardrobes for winter, please could you send all your unwanted items of clothing, both children and adults, coats, paired shoes, underwear, bags and belts. Please do not put in school uniform, bedding or other

household items. The money raised is shared between school and Starlight Children's Foundation. You can send your clothes in to school in any bag on Thursday 17th October or first thing on Friday 18th October. Many thanks in advance.

St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College

We were delighted to hear of SBSJ's recent highly successful inspection from Ofsted. We are sure many parents of Year 6 children will wish to bear this in mind as they complete applications for secondary school place. Could parents please also remember the need to complete the School's Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in order to ensure their child is placed in the correct category.

The SIF can be found at: www.sbsj.co.uk/admissions

Year 2 Design and Technology : Year 2 have been designing and making new costumes for Traction Man, who is a character in the book they are currently working with in their English lessons. It's been very tricky because many of the children have never sewed before, but they impressed us with their resilience and positivity.



Aldi Sports Stickers

Thank you to all the children who have been bringing stickers to school over the past few weeks. We have reached our goal of an amazing 300 stickers in over 3 weeks! The poster will be posted back and we will receive a free sports kit as well as a chance of £20,000. Please don't stop bringing your stickers in, we will now be collecting for our second poster!!



Tomorrow is school photograph day. If you wish to have a family photograph with a sibling who is not a pupil at St Francis, please come between 8.00 am and 8.30 am.

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