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

Your Tuesday News 15th October 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday we explored the story of the grateful leper, which was the Gospel reading in church on Sunday. We focussed on the fact that only one of the lepers went back to thank Jesus and made links with how we often forget to take the time to thank God and Jesus for all that we have. Thank you to all the children who helped to tell the story. We ended by setting our mission of the week together: to remember to say 'thank you' at the right time.



Well done and thank you to the children in Year 3 for their poignant worship last Thursday on Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day. It was startling to hear just how many children experience issues with mental health. Year 3 reminded us how to stay healthy and how many people we can talk to.

This Thursday, Year 4 will lead us in the class worship. All parents/carers and families are welcome to join us at 8:55am in the large hall.

This Wednesday, Year 5 children will walk to church to join the parish in celebration of their class mass. Again, parents/carers and families are very welcome to join them there.

Congratulations to all the children who made their Confirmation at St Walburga's church last Thursday evening. It was a very special sacramental celebration with Bishop Marcus. We are very proud of you all and we pray for you as you grow and develop in your faith. God bless you all.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.

Next week is Other Faiths Week with the focus on Islam. All year groups will be taking part in learning about the Islamic Faith and deepening their understanding. Year 6 will be taking part in a question and answer session with Muslim students from St Cuthberts and Year 4 will be taking part in Eid Festival food tasting. These are just some of the exciting examples of activities that St Francis will be taking part in for Other Faiths Week. Please check Twitter for updates @stfrancisbrad

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 with just over 99% attendance. Well done Year 2.

| CLASS | % ATTENDANCE w/b 07.10.19. | %ATTENDANCE this year to date |
|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FS2 | 94.67 | 96.45 |
| Year 1 | 98.67 | 96.95 |
| Year 2 | 99.03 | 98.72 |
| Year 3 | 98.39 | 97.05 |
| Year 4 | 95.19 | 97.00 |
| Year 5 | 98.71 | 98.67 |
| Year 6 | 94.52 | 97.61 |
| Average | 97.02% | 97.49% |
| TARGET | 97.00% | 97.00 |

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Daniel Wilkinson, Emma Thomas, Theo Lancaster, Evie Pickard, Jack Williams and All of Year 6.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to George Illingworth for his fantastic listening skills.



Our Golden Time winners this week are:
Y1: Sadie and Annabel; Y2: Fabian and Emma; Y3: Theo and Billy; Y4: Joshua and Spencer; Y5: Eve and Sorcha; Y6: George, Rose and Samuel.

On Thursday 24th October at 8:55 am - Y1, Y2 and Y3 will perform their chosen poem for us as part of our Performance Poetry programme. All parents/carers and families of these year groups are warmly invited to come along and support the children.

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| 1. | | Rhys Leak | Year 3 2019/20 |
| 2. | | Finley Carroll | Year 5 2019/20 |
| 3. | | Lucas Heppleston | Year 4 2019/20 |



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| 1. | Year 3 2019/20 | 90,320,056 |
| 2. | Year 5 2019/20 | 61,031,276 |
| 3. | Year 6 2019/20 | 43,250,554 |
| 4. | Year 1 2019/20 | 24,119,467 |
| 5. | Year 4 2019/20 | 18,925,805 |
| 6. | Year 2 2019/20 | 10,774,073 |

Maths Shed is now up and running for children to practice their Maths skills.

The Book Fair arrived yesterday. It is open before and after school and throughout both parents evenings. Please do take a look and but a book or two as a percentage of the takings comes back into school. Thank you in advance.



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

Car Parking

Unfortunately, we have a number of parents/carers who continue to park on the zigzags in front of the school gates outside of the permitted times. Parking on the zigzags is only allowed before 8am and after 4pm. Furthermore, we continue to have parents/carers who park on both corners of Myers Avenue putting pedestrians in danger when trying to cross the road. Please respect the safety of our children and families and also the Highway Code by parking sensibly and safely.



Last Tuesday, Year 6 spent the afternoon configuring a Formula 1 car as part of the 'Cars Maths in Motion' project. They had to complete tasks such as measuring the bends and straights of the tracks, calculating how much fuel they would need and working out the maximum 'safe speed' their car could travel around certain parts of the track. Check out the video of the race on twitter! Miss Speake will be running a lunchtime club throughout the year for those children who would like to continue with the project.



Are you interested in going into teaching. If so there is a School Direct Open Evening this Thursday, 6.00pm - 6.45pm at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School in Keighley People can book on using:

<https://schooldirect17oct.eventbrite.co.uk>

There will be a Bradford based one in the new year as well as a Bradford Wide event at The Bradford Hotel, 4pm - 7pm on 14th November.

Parent Information

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to parents consultations last night and to those who have booked to come this evening. We hope you have found it informative and helpful. If you have not booked an appointment, it is extremely important that you do so as soon as possible, as this is an opportunity for you to find out how well your child has settled into their new year group and about the progress they are making and how you can help them at home.

Please remember that parents/carers have two opportunities to consult with school about our new Relationships and Sex Education policy. These will take place on Monday 21st October at 3:30pm or 5:30pm in the small hall. At these consultations, we will share with you the government's requirements for RSE, our RSE policy and also the resources we will use to deliver the RSE curriculum



#HelloYellow Day

Thank you to everyone for wearing yellow last week for World Mental Health Day and for donating towards the charity Young Minds. We raised a wonderful £174! Throughout the week children completed reflections diaries which Rachel Parker, our Catholic Care worker introduced.



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.

Aldi Sports Stickers

Thank you to all the children who have been bringing stickers to school over the past few weeks. We are still collecting stickers for our second poster so please don't stop bringing in your stickers.



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.



School Calendar

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

| Date | Time | Class | Event |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|---|
| 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 |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | All day | Y4 | Roman Wow Day! |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | All day | Y3 | Stone Age Wow Day! |
| 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 | | |

Please return your school photographs to school by this Thursday at the latest. We have had a very small amount of photograph orders returned so far.