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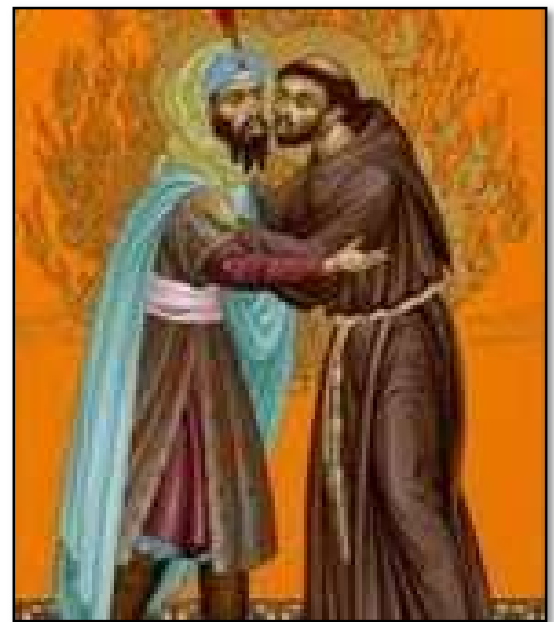
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Your Tuesday News 22nd October 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday, Ms Jennings introduced 'Other Faiths Week' in worship. This week at St Francis, we will learn about Islam. In worship, Ms Jennings shared her experience of Islam, such as visiting the 'Grand Mosque' in Abu Dhabi, when she was in the United Arab Emirates. We also learnt that 800 years ago, when St Francis joined the crusades he met the Sultan of Egypt. Originally St Francis wanted to convert the Sultan to Christianity, however, after listening to each other and having conversations they both realised they had a lot in common. This led them to believe in the importance of listening to others and having conversations as a way to gain peace between faiths. Interfaith dialogue is still important today and our mission this week is 'To listen to each other and start a conversation.' There has already been lots of exciting activities taking place learning about Islam. We are posting all these on Twitter so keep checking in!



Y4 Class Worship

Thank you to Year 4 for their wonderful worship based on the story of David and Goliath. They conveyed the message of being strong, brave and confident very well indeed. Well done to you all!

This Thursday at 8:55am, Y1, 2 and 3 will present their chosen poems as part of our Performance Poetry programme. As always, parents/carers and families are very welcome to come and watch.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

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.

The Parish Christmas Fair is being held here at school on Sunday 17th November.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions for last week. Commiserations to Year 3 who were a very close second.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 22.10.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.67	96.53
Year 1	99.33	97.22
Year 2	98.71	98.78
Year 3	99.03	97.56
Year 4	97.78	97.03
Year 5	98.71	98.73
Year 6	97.42	97.51
Average	98.23%	97.62%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Felicity-May Devine, Lucas Harrison, William Setchell, Pippa Hudson, Joshua Wilkinson and Emelie Longbottom

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Layla Waugh for being an all round excellent pupil with great listening skills.

Maths Shed Merit this week is awarded to Rhys Leak
TimesTables Rock Stars has been replaced with Maths Shed which is now fully functional



FS Performance Poetry
Our youngest children were brilliant performing their poems to parents . FS1 performed 'Our Cat - Bod' and FS2 performed 'When I Was 1'



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



1.	Year 3 2019/20	98,304,341
2.	Year 5 2019/20	62,973,885
3.	Year 6 2019/20	37,310,064
4.	Year 1 2019/20	15,670,830
5.	Year 2 2019/20	15,416,768
6.	Year 4 2019/20	9,505,183

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. The hours will be from 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Monday to Friday during term time. Please apply in writing to the office by Friday 8th November.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the RSE consultation. The powerpoint used to deliver the session, along with the powerpoints for each year group that will be used in the lessons are all available on our school website: <https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/> > our learning > RSE

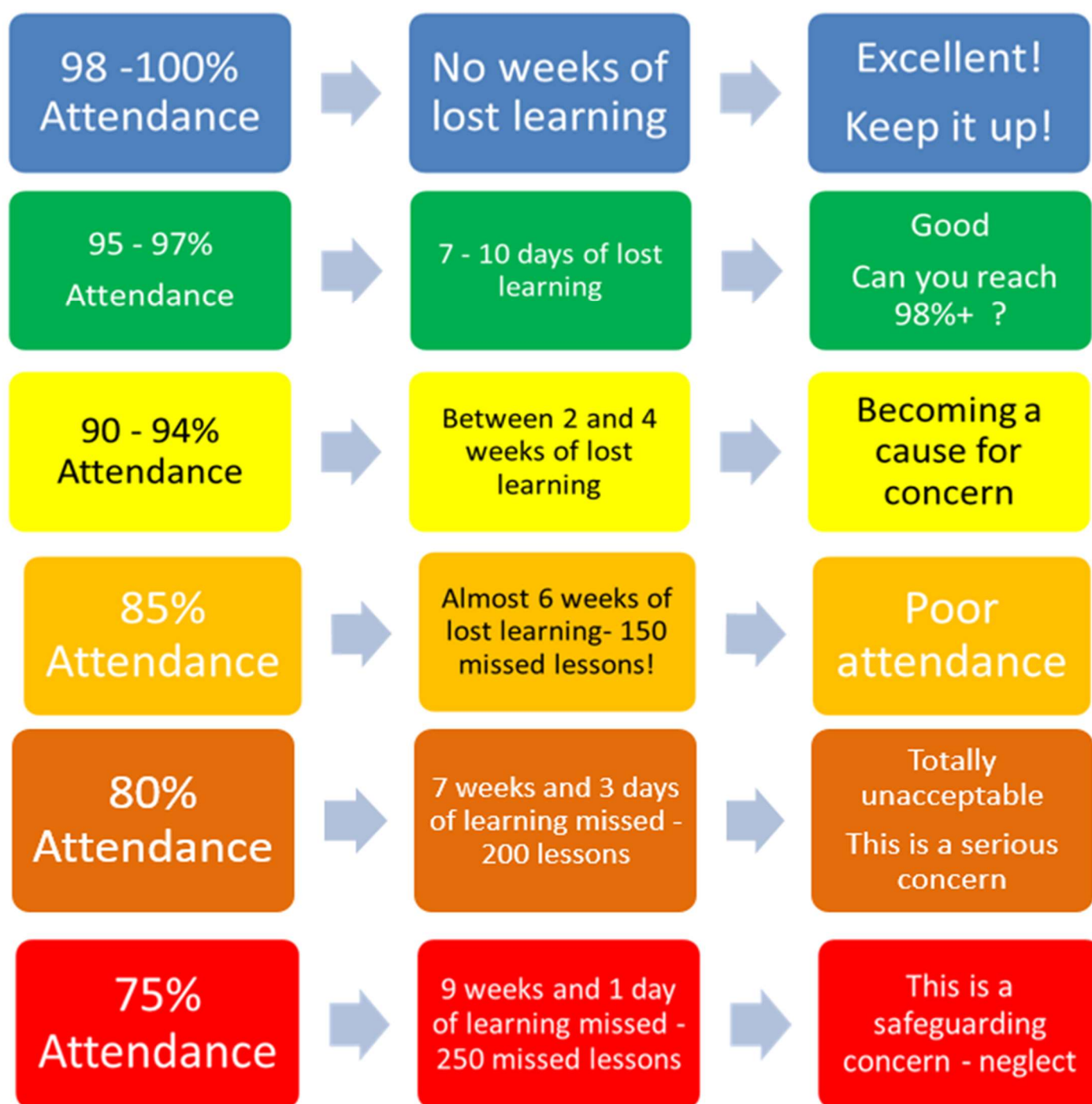
Attendance Policy update

As you are aware, we place great importance on our children's attendance at school and we monitor it very closely. We are very pleased that we hit our whole school target of 97% last year and we continue to strive to meet this target again this year. We know that the majority of our parents and families also understand how attending school every day is extremely important to the children's academic achievement, progress and well-being. Over the last year, we have seen a rise in the amount of parents requesting holidays during term time, the majority of which have NOT been authorised. As a school, along with our Governing Body and in line with Government guidelines, we have reviewed our Attendance Policy and made the decision to implement fining procedures for unauthorised absences. The details of the fining procedures, including in what circumstances they will be carried out, can be found in our Attendance Policy on the school website;

<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/> >Key Statutory Information > Policies > Pastoral > Attendance Policy

What Does Excellent Attendance Look Like?

A Guide to Lost Learning through Absence





Year 1 and 2 Library Visits

On Friday, both Year 1 and Year 2 visited Eccleshill Library where we listened to a talk about how libraries work and enjoyed a story with one of the librarians. After that, we were all allowed to choose one book to borrow. The children very much enjoyed their visit and are looking forward to visiting the library again soon.

Parent Consultation Survey results

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent survey during parent consultation. If you did not get the chance to complete and would like to, you can find it on our school website:

<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/> > Our School > Parent/Carer survey

So far, the results are extremely positive, we will share them with you after the holidays.

We plan to review some of the issues brought up and feed back to you after the half term holidays with how we will address them. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2's Charity Toy Swap

In their Topic lessons this half term, Year 2 have been learning about how toys have changed. As an end point to this Topic, they will be running a charity Toy Swap on Friday 25th October. All classes are invited to participate in the Toy Swap by bringing in a £1 donation which will go to Barnardos, and a toy that they no longer play with. Any children who bring an old toy to school will be given a ticket and at some point during the day on Friday, each class will get the opportunity to visit the Toy Swap and exchange their ticket for a new toy. Year 2 are very excited to be setting up and running the Toy Swap, so we hope as many children as possible will take part! Thank you in advance for your support.





Foundation Stage Stay Play and Learn

Thank you to all our visitors who stayed, played and helped the children to learn, in EYFS.



Reminder: 'A Winter Wonderland' Christmas Card Competition FS2 – Y6

Our school will once again be participating in the annual Christmas card competition. The winning design will be used as the electronic card that is sent out to hundreds of businesses, organisations and individuals in the District.

All entries for this competition need to be returned to school no later than the morning of Friday 25th of October. Children are reminded that their work should be upwards of A4 and that judges are looking for an image only so please do not include any text on designs. Names of the artist and year group should be written in BLOCK CAPITALS on the back of all entries.

Your child's interpretation of 'A Winter Wonderland' could be a winter landscape of our area, a portrait with a festive scene, a still life with a festive theme or something from their own imagination.



Please note, we are having a training day on Monday, 4th November so school will be closed. The children return to school on Tuesday, 5th November. Have a good half term everyone.