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

Your Tuesday News 12th November 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship: Remembrance Day



Yesterday, the children walked into worship to photos of a soldier called Noel Godfrey, a medical lieutenant in the Great War. Ms Jennings read a reading from St Paul who gave 14 pieces of advice on how to live as a Christian (Romans 12:8-11) such as showing kindness to others cheerfully, love one another warmly, work hard, show respect and be patient when challenges arise. After this reading Ms Jennings told the story of Noel Godfrey who received the most prestigious award 'Victoria Cross' twice for his gallantry and valour. Noel Godfrey, a soldier who worked all day as a medical officer, at night a stretcher bearer in no man's land, never gave up his cheerfulness, compassion and courage even in difficult times. He put his fellow men before him even when wounded and fought for soldiers' living conditions and treatment when the soldiers suffered what we would call post-traumatic stress today. Sadly, Noel Godfrey died in July 1917 after a shell burst over his dugout.

He received his first Victoria Cross whilst alive and second Victoria Cross after he died. Ms

Jennings asked the children to reflect on how Noel Godfrey followed St Paul's advice on how to be a Christian and also other soldiers who have received a Victoria Cross recently. Today, you can see Noel Godfrey's letters, medals and memorials in Liverpool. Queen Victoria changed the wording on the Victoria Cross from courage to valour because the people who receive this cross are not just showing bravery but gallantry, selflessness and true nobility.



Y4 Class Mass

Y4 will walk up to church this Wednesday to share in the parish mass at 9:30am.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion

There is a meeting for parents and guardians at St Francis Church on Monday 25th November at 6.30 pm. Year 3+ for First Reconciliation and Year 4+ for First Holy Communion.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance champions this week with over 99% attendance.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 04.11.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.17	97.04
Year 1	97.08	96.67
Year 2	95.97	98.08
Year 3	98.39	97.85
Year 4	99.54	96.65
Year 5	98.39	97.93
Year 6	94.35	96.77
Average	97.55%	97.28%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Alfie Marshall, Esther Uko, Isla Naylor, Chloe Walker, Theo Loughlin and Rose Binns.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Orla Hudson for being a total superstar. What a wonderful role model and example to us all.

The Big Cat Merit award went to Jack Baldwin in Year 1

Our current Maths Shed leader is Rhys Leak in Year 3.

1.	Year 3 2019/20	63,272,743
2.	Year 5 2019/20	40,193,746
3.	Year 6 2019/20	37,817,968
4.	Year 4 2019/20	24,584,688
5.	Year 2 2019/20	9,638,555
6.	Year 1 2019/20	4,861,186
7.	FS2 2019/20	2,895,614



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

Choir

Well done and thank you to our school choir who all performed brilliantly on Saturday at the Pulse 1 Festive Pitch Battle in the Broadway Centre, Bradford. They did a beautiful version of Stormzy's 'Blinded By Your Grace' and a rousing rendition of Mariah Carey's 'All I Want for Christmas is You'. Despite not winning the competition, the children did themselves and our school proud. Congratulations to you all and thank you for all your hard work. Thank you to the parents and families also, who made arrangements to get them there and supported them.





Year 1 Kings and Queens Day

Year 1 enjoyed being royalty for the day last Friday. They learnt a Tudor dance and designed and made their own banquet menu. They had a wonderful banquet in the afternoon.

Great fun was had by all !!



Children in Need / Parish Christmas Fair

This Friday, 15th November is Children in Need. We invite all of our children to come to school dressed in spots! The fine for this will be £1 which will be donated to the Children in Need charity.

Since it is the Parish Christmas fair this Sunday, 17th November, we are also asking children to bring some kind of chocolate with them on the same day for the chocolate stall. Each child will bring home a raffle ticket on Friday for the raffle. Prize winners will have to be present at the draw. Thank you in advance for your support.

Outdoor Classroom Day 2019

Despite the weather, children still had a fantastic time on Thursday and Friday for Outdoor Classroom Day. Each class did different activities throughout the day which involved learning through play as well as developing vital skills such as problem solving, teamwork and creativity.



Year 3

Year 6



As part of our Seeking Refuge topic in Year Six we spent our Friday afternoon working with the British Red Cross. We discovered lots of new information and learned about where refugees originate from and their backgrounds. We all thoroughly enjoyed it!



Forest School update

Unfortunately, the Forest School Leaders from Peel Park Primary School are unable to lead our sessions during the rest of this half term. We are hopeful that they will return after Christmas. However, Miss White will continue to lead weekly outdoor learning sessions for Year 3, so the children should continue to bring their outdoor clothing to school with them each Thursday.





Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy in school for a lunchtime supervisor to work every day from 12.00 – 1.00 pm. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be please let us know. Application forms are available from the school office. If you would like any further information please speak to Mrs Haines or ask at the office.

After School Club

Our After School Club continues to be very popular with children. Our numbers are increasing and it is very important that we receive bookings in advance as we do not always have the capacity now to take children at short notice.

Please note that there will be no After School Club on the last day of each term, which is when we break up for Christmas, Easter and Summer. There will be a club on the last day of each half term, which is October, February and May.



Parent Council

Thank you so much to all the parents/carers who came along to our coffee morning before the holidays. It was wonderful to have so many new ideas and enthusiasm to support our school. The next meeting is taking place **this evening at 7:15pm at the Wrose Bull**. If you weren't able to make the coffee morning, or you would simply like to come and show your interest in helping out, then please do come along. Everyone is very welcome.

Flu Vaccination

The NHS has informed us of the late deliveries of the nasal spray vaccine for the flu vaccination programme in schools. Unfortunately, this means that the flu vaccination session booked at our school must be postponed because there will not be enough vaccine until later in the term. Vaccination will be rescheduled at a later date. Vaccinating children later in the season will still help provide protection for them and their families as flu tends to start circulating in late December/early January. However, for the small number of children who are at increased risk from flu because of an underlying health condition (such as asthma, diabetes, a heart condition, or who have a weakened immune system) it is important that their flu vaccination is not delayed. These children will be able to get the vaccine from their GP surgery, as general practices have been asked to prioritise the use of their vaccine for them. Parents with concerns can contact the Immunisation Team on 01274 221203.

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