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

Your Tuesday News 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

## Worship

On Sunday, the Church celebrated The Feast of Christ the King. This Feast Day signifies the end of the Church's year, before the new Church year starts next week on the first Sunday of Advent. We discussed what we expect to see a King wearing - a crown, a cloak and a sceptre. Thank you to Isabelle in Y1 for volunteering to dress up for us! The children recognised that Jesus was never seen dressed like this and that he was in fact a very different kind of King. Some of the children described him as 'a loving King' and 'the King of all kings'. We all discussed how he was referred to as the 'servant King', because he came to earth to serve others.



We prayed together and set our mission of the week: to do something to serve someone else.

## Advent

Next Sunday is the 1st December, the first Sunday of Advent. Every day throughout Advent, we will hold short Advent prayer sessions at 8:25am in the small hall. These sessions are always very special and reflective. Many children, staff and parents in the past have commented on how they provide such a calm and peaceful start to the day. All children, parents, carers and families are very welcome to join us.

This Thursday, 28th November, Y5 will lead us in their class worship. As usual, all parents, carers and families are invited to join the children for this.



Thank you to Y1, who led us beautifully in their worship last week all about their learning on Kings and Queens.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

**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**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



It's very close this week, but Year 3 have just pipped FS1 to be the winners last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 26.11.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.33	97.31
Year 1	95.33	96.51
Year 2	96.77	97.81
Year 3	99.35	97.35
Year 4	97.78	96.89
Year 5	98.06	97.78
Year 6	95.81	96.59
Average	97.49%	97.17%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Freddie Dunn, Stevie Brankin, Eve Taylor, Phoenix Lacey, Avaya Cyprien, Pheobe Clapham and Adam Deen.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Nate Kite for being an exemplary pupil. Nate's manners are impeccable and he always sets a fine example.

The Reading Award was presented to Maisy Dunn for really working hard on her reading skills at home and at school

Our Mathshed Mathstronaut last week was Esther Uko

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#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2019/20	97,529,294
2.	Year 3 2019/20	68,029,673
3.	Year 6 2019/20	45,791,234
4.	Year 5 2019/20	37,234,013
5.	Year 2 2019/20	10,292,886
6.	Year 1 2019/20	3,435,678



#	Pupil	Groups
1.	Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.	Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.	Olivia Wilson	Year 4 2019/20

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Years 1 and 2 visited Eccleshill Library last week where they heard a story and had the opportunity to change their library books.



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Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner this year is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children who do not wish to have a Christmas Dinner may bring something festive in their lunchbox. Chilli will be served on Wednesday that week instead of the Monday.

**Skipping School**

This Friday, 29th November, we will be welcoming a company into school called 'Skipping School'. Contrary to popular belief, this is **not** the day when the children don't have to come into school!!! Every class will experience a workshop on skipping during the day and at the end of the afternoon at 2:30pm parents and carers are invited to come and watch the children showcase their new skipping skills. Please note, there will not be room for all children from every class to be part of the showcase. After school, our recently appointed Y5 Play Leaders will stay behind and take part in a session where they will learn how to lead and teach skipping skills out on the playground. Please remember, all children will need a PE kit in school on Friday. We hope it will be a really fun day and that the children discover new skipping skills!



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**News from EYFS**

Big thank you to all parents who attended the meeting about 'Easypeasy'. It is very encouraging to see that 68% of parents have played the first activity already.



EYFS have had a great week learning new nursery rhymes for World Nursery Rhyme Week.

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**Y5 Leeds Lieder workshop**

Yesterday, we welcomed five leaders from the Leeds Lieder organisation into Year 5. Leeds Lieder promotes the enjoyment, understanding, appreciation, composition and performance of art - song. Year 5 learned all about classical music. At the end of this week, the children will have the privilege of visiting the Northern Ballet in Leeds, where they will watch and take part in a performance singing a song they learned at the workshop. Exciting times!

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**Y5/6 Parent and Child Writing Workshops**

As you are aware, Writing is the number one priority on our school development plan. Writing can often be the most difficult area of learning for many children as it involves so many aspects. To help support our children to improve their writing, we are putting on a series of workshops for each year group over the course of the next two terms, starting with Year 5 and Year 6. We invite parents/carers **along with their children** to the first writing workshop on Tuesday 3rd December. There will be two opportunities to come along - either 3:30pm or 5:30pm. We will set up an online booking system shortly for parents to book on to one of these workshops so that we know how many people to prepare for.

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**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.

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## PFA News

**Movie Night** – Please find below a booking slip for Movie Night on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15 pm. Children from FS1 are welcome but a parent will need to accompany their child. The tickets cost £5 each and includes popcorn, hot dog and a drink.



Name of Child(ren): ..... Class(es): .....

I require ..... tickets for the PFA Movie Night and enclose £ ..... payment

I give consent for my child(ren) to attend the PFA Movie Night ☐

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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**Christmas Raffles** – We have a Gin Hamper and a children's Chocolate Sweet Hamper to raffle. Tickets cost £1 a strip and are available to buy from a PFA member in the school playground. If you are unable to buy a ticket and would like one please fill in the slip below and we will ensure that you receive your tickets.



Name of Eldest Child: ..... Class: .....

I would like to buy ..... ticket(s) for the Christmas Raffle at £1 per ticket. I enclose £ .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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## School Calendar

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

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30 / 5.00	Y5	Parents meeting for Winmarleigh Hall 2020
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November		All	Skipping School Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.30 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by confession
	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents welcome meeting
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30 am	FS1	New children drop in session
	3.30 / 5.30	Y 5/6	Parent and child writing workshops
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 / 3.30	EYFS	Maths workshop
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00	All	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Am/pm	EYFS	Advent workshop and worship
	9.00 am	Y5	Educational visit to York
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Am/pm	EYFS	Advent workshop and worship
	3.30 pm	All	St Francis PFA Christmas Movie Night
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Am/pm	EYFS	Advent workshop and worship
	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy by KS1