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

Your Tuesday News 17th December 2019

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship: Yesterday in worship we looked at different familiar signs and symbols and discussed what they meant and what they helped us to recognise. In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus told John the Baptist's friends to look out for signs which would help them to recognise him as the Son of God. One of these signs was the miracles that Jesus performed - he helped the deaf to hear, the blind to see and the lame to walk again. We then looked at the most important sign - the sign of the cross and how this reminds us of how Jesus died on the cross for us. We are continuing with our Advent mission - to prepare our hearts for Jesus.



Our **Advent Prayers** continue this week at 8:25am every morning, except Friday, in the small hall. These are just 5 minutes of quiet, reflective time to help us focus on preparing ourselves for Christmas during this special time of Advent. We warmly invite children and parents to come and join us.



Once again this year, we will be supporting the **Gianna Project** as our chosen charity. The Gianna Project was established in 2011 and since this time has supported more than 550 families with items from their baby bank and much needed emotional and practical support. We are collecting any kind of baby items, such as nappies, wipes, clothes, bottles etc. Please simply send any items in with your child or drop them off at the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our very special **Advent Mass** takes place on Wednesday, 18th December at 10:30am in the school hall. As always, we warmly invite parents/carers, families and parishioners to come along and share in this with us.

The **PFA Carol Service** will take place this Thursday, 19th December at 6pm in the school hall. The choir will lead and support the singing and some of our children will lead us in reflections on the Christmas story written by themselves. It should prove to be a very special occasion this Advent. Your support really matters so please do come along and join us.

Christmas wishes

Thank you to all of our parents/carers and families for all your support this Autumn term. Well done to all the children on all their hard work and achievements so far this year. A huge thank you to all our dedicated staff team who work tirelessly for

the good of our children and also to the governors who give up so much of their free time to lead and support the development of our school. Finally, thank you to our extremely hardworking and committed PFA members - new and old. We really do appreciate all your efforts and the much-needed money you raise for the good of our children's education. We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Our attendance has suffered over the last few weeks with all the bugs that have been around. We are going to have to work harder in the new year to bring our attendance back up to target.

Well done to Year 2 who were the only class to make target.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 09.12.19.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	85.67	95.36
Year 1	96.00	96.03
Year 2	97.10	96.73
Year 3	94.84	96.75
Year 4	94.07	96.30
Year 5	88.71	96.85
Year 6	84.84	94.38
Average	91.60%	96.08%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

There was no Merit Worship last week.

As part of our Performance Poetry programme, Years 4, 5 and 6 will perform their chosen poems this Thursday, 19th December at 8:55am in the school hall. All parents/carers and families of these children are very welcome to come along and support them.

The choir are working very hard at the moment preparing their full Christmas repertoire for their fundraising event for Breast Cancer Haven at Tesco supermarket on Canal Road on Wednesday. If you would like to come along and support them, they will be singing from 1:30pm - 2:30pm. They will also lead the singing at the Carol service on Thursday evening which starts at 6pm. On top of all of this, they are trying their very best at home to learn all the songs, words and dance moves for the Young Voices concert they are taking part in at Sheffield Arena on Wednesday 8th January. Busy, busy, busy!!!

Well done to all the St Francis children who go to Addo Dance school for the amazing performances they did for the show "Phobia" recently.

#	Pupil	Groups
1.	 Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.	 Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.	 Ester Uko	Year 2 2019/20



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 3 2019/20	53,548,231
2.	Year 5 2019/20	31,801,518
3.	Year 2 2019/20	19,494,726
4.	Year 6 2019/20	19,375,970
5.	Year 4 2019/20	9,814,110
6.	Year 1 2019/20	6,634,776
7.	FS2 2019/20	2,113,564

Year 4 had a great time last Tuesday celebrating the end of their topic with an **Italian Day**. The children spent the morning designing and making their own pizzas which they then enjoyed in their very own Italian restaurant in the afternoon!



Medicines

Please make sure that any medicines for the children are handed in to the office and not left in children's bags. The medicines must be signed into school properly with the correct information of how it should be administered. It is very dangerous for any medicine to be left in children's bags without any adult supervision. Thank you for your understanding on this matter



EYFS Advent Workshops

Thank you to all of our families who shared the Advent Workshops with the children.



After School Club

Please note there will be no After School Club on Friday. This will apply on the last day of every term in the future. The children have really enjoyed doing festive crafting this week and will have come home with lots of beautiful festive items.

PFA News



Thank you to all the families who supported our PFA Movie Night. We really hope the children enjoyed their evening. We raised a fantastic £500! Thank you also to everyone who has bought raffle tickets for the gin hamper and sweets hamper so far. There are still plenty of tickets left - they will be available from a PFA representative

on the playground or at the PFA Carol service on Thursday night. The raffle will be drawn in school on Friday.

We would like to thank Tesco for donating hotdogs, drinks and popcorn without which the amount raised would be much less.

Festive Friday

On Friday, for the cost of £1, all the children are invited to come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper or something festive. All proceeds will go to the PFA. Thank you.





Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Would you like the opportunity to work with our wonderful children? 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.

Key Stage 2 have been visited by PCSO Geoff from West Yorkshire Police who delivered lessons about how to stay safe on the internet. Content included keeping personal information private and never sharing your passwords. He also spoke to children about the importance of playing age appropriate games.





Year 2 are busy making gingerbread biscuits to serve to customers this afternoon at Santa's Secret Hideout, our Christmas themed café.

Reminder - Increase in school meals prices

From 1st January the cost of a school meal will increase to £1.90. For children in FS1, who attend for 30 hours and take a meal, this will increase to £1.70.



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