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

Your Tuesday News 14th January 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. In worship yesterday we discussed the big question - Why are Christians baptised? The children's answers were very good and we agreed that baptism cleans us of sin and helps us to start a new life with God. Through Jesus being baptised in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, he showed us how important baptism is. We noticed how important the symbolism of water is in baptism and we discussed how precious water is in our lives. We prayed together, thanking God for the water we have and set our mission for the week - to help save precious water.



This Thursday, 16th January, Y6 will lead us in their collective worship at school at 8:55am. Again, parents/carers and families are welcome to come along and join them for this.

Due to decorating work taking place in Church, Y5 will not be attending Church tomorrow. Year 3 will have their class mass in Church on Wednesday 22nd January.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Y1 and Y2 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. Following the success of the Y5 and Y6 Writing Workshops before Christmas, we are holding workshops for Y1 and Y2 children together with their parents/carers on Thursday 30th January. 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. We do hope you can come along.

Y2 SATS information meeting

There will be a short meeting for parents/carers on Tuesday 21st January either at 3:30pm or at 5:30pm. Information on how the statutory tests that the children will take in May 2020 will be given out at this meeting. Please try to attend one of the meetings if possible.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done everyone a great improvement on attendance last week. A big congratulations to FS2 and Year 3 with 100% attendance.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 06.01.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	100.00	95.48
Year 1	99.33	96.30
Year 2	99.03	96.61
Year 3	100.00	97.08
Year 4	99.63	96.06
Year 5	98.06	96.96
Year 6	91.61	94.19
Average	98.23%	96.09%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Cara Pryce, Sebastian Setchell, Henry Jenkins, Hannah Berry, Keira Clayton, Tobias Donohue and Millie Quinn.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Eve Taylor for being a little gem. Eve approaches every aspect of school life with enthusiasm and joy.

The Big Cat Merit was presented to Isaac Kiwomya.




Our Mathstronaut award last week went to Matthew Travis.

New Reward Theme

The countdown continues until we change our reward theme from 'Under the Sea' to 'Mythical Creatures' as voted for by the children themselves. Only 10 days to go....!!!



Last Friday in Merit worship Miss Burgess launched our new weekly maths competition. Any child recorded as scoring over 500,000 or above on Maths Shed on the Friday morning will be entered into the draw. From this draw, one child is selected to guess the four digit code to open our special safe which currently contains £10.50. Well done to Isabelle in Y3 who was the first to be selected and bravely came to guess the code. Unfortunately the code was not guessed correctly and therefore the money rolls over to next week. The prize will continue to increase by 50p each week until the code is guessed. A clue for next week - the second and fourth digits are the same!

#	Pupil	Groups
1.	 Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.	 Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.	 Reuben Armitage	Year 6 2019/20



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 6 2019/20	72,800,424
2.	Year 3 2019/20	70,904,538
3.	Year 5 2019/20	35,039,704
4.	Year 2 2019/20	14,559,770
5.	Year 4 2019/20	8,052,705
6.	Year 1 2019/20	3,999,715

Choir at Young Voices 2020



Last Wednesday was an exciting day for our school choir as they boarded the bus for the annual Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. After months of practising an extensive range of songs and dance routines, the children finally performed in the concert alongside Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet fame, The Shires and the dance troop Urban Strides. It was a wonderful day and evening and we were exceptionally proud of all our choir members, for not only representing our school so brilliantly, but also for having the time of their lives! Well done all!

Forest school Update

This half term, Year 4 will attend Forest school every Thursday afternoon. Due to staff illness, the Forest School staff from Peel Park Primary are unable to lead the first 3 sessions so Miss Breen will lead outdoor learning during these weeks. Peel Park staff will be back from 30th January. Please ensure your child has forest school clothing and wellies every Thursday afternoon.



Victorian Day – Year 4

Year 4 had an excellent time on Monday getting stuck into their new topic with a Victorian Day. They learnt all about the differences between rich and poor Victorians and were shocked to learn what Victorian schools were like! They finished off the day by making some Victorian paper flower decorations.



Egyptian Day-Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful time on their Egyptian Day last Tuesday. With their amazing costumes, they managed to transform themselves into ancient Egyptians. They had the opportunity to learn lots of things to do with Egypt. They created masks to help them travel back to Egyptian times, learned about and tried to design their own hieroglyphics as well as creating their own gods and goddesses.



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



Years 6 News



As part of their new Geography topic, last Tuesday Y6 had a South America hook day! They made lots of different dishes such as salsa, tortillas, sweet empanadas and a tropical fruit salad! They also made salt dough maps of South America! A fantastic start to their new learning.



Last Thursday four Y6 pupils took part in Film Literacy leaders training. They recorded lots of different films for different purposes and learned all about various camera shots and the understanding behind film creating, linking to English work. We can't wait to see what they get up to in school as film literacy leaders.



EYFS News

What special parcel has arrived in Foundation Stage this week?
We shall find out soon!



Parent News

Please can we remind parents not to come into the car park when dropping off and picking up children from school. This can be at the start of the day, nursery times and at the end of the day. It is unsafe for children to be in the car park around moving vehicles. This includes walking through the car park into school. Thank you.

If your child is 5 years or over and you wish him/her to have school milk, this must be ordered and paid for online at www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk
Milk will be then delivered to your child in school.
