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

Your Tuesday News 21st January 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday, our worship centred around the significance of the Holy Spirit. We shared John's Gospel together which is about when John recognises Jesus as the Lamb of God and tells people that the Holy Spirit has rested upon Jesus to show Him to us. We used a balloon and a children's windmill to show how they both need air or wind to work. They both helped us to understand the idea of the Holy Spirit - we may not be able to see it but we can certainly see it working through people when they do good deeds. Some examples that the children gave of good deeds that people do in our school are when the Y6 buddies help the FS2 children, when we work together as a team in 'deep dive' maths problems in class and when older children work as 'secret readers' to read stories to the younger children in school. Our Mini Vinnies then led us in prayer and we set our mission of the week, which aims to show the Holy Spirit working through us: to use positive words to help boost someone's confidence.



Unfortunately, our class Masses in Church have had to be cancelled recently due to the work being done on the Church building. All of KS2 will attend Mass in Church on Wednesday 5th February instead.

Thank you to Y6 who led us in their class worship beautifully last week. This Thursday, 23rd January at 8:55 am, Year 2 will lead us in their class worship and the following week Year 4 will do so. As always, parents/carers and families are invited to share in these worships.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines



Come Dine With Me

Our very first 'Come Dine With Me' session takes place tomorrow, Wednesday, 22nd January for our FS2 class. Parents/carers have already received a letter with all the details regarding this. We are delighted that so many have signed up. We hope that you will all enjoy sharing lunch together in our dinner hall.

We are also really pleased that many of you are coming along to the phonics session before hand. We hope this will be useful to you in supporting your children with their phonics learning.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



After a great week last week, the attendance has taken a drop this week. Years 2 and 3 are our attendance winners with 98.71%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 13.01.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.67	95.68
Year 1	96.33	96.31
Year 2	98.71	96.74
Year 3	98.71	97.18
Year 4	94.81	95.98
Year 5	98.06	97.03
Year 6	92.58	94.09
Average	96.83%	96.14%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Nikhil Ahir-Sharp, Anna Houtmeyers, Grace Artist, Connie Shackler, Harley Firth, Summer Ali and Maisy-Lily Earle.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Isobel Symons for being a total delight. She approaches school life with such joy and enthusiasm. What a superstar.

The Big Cat Merit Award was presented to Kaleb Parker for his excellent commitment to reading at home and his fantastic progress.

Our Mathstronaut last week was Casey Nolan

Well done to Reuben Armitage (Y6) who strategically guessed 2020 for our safe code on Friday thus successfully identifying the first digit of the code - 2. Alongside the clue the second and fourth digits are the same hopefully this week someone will manage to open it and Claim the £11 prize!

The Countdown is over! Our new reward theme of MYTHICAL CREATURES kicks into action this week. Children will earn runes (5 points), gold coins (10 points) and precious gem stones (20 points) throughout the week. The class with the highest points at our Friday Merit Worships will receive a reward. Good luck everyone!






Lily-May took part in her very first panto at the weekend. She played the part of a fairy in Peter Pan, and she was amazing! Well done Lily-May! 😁

Lily-May and Lucas both achieved their 5 metre breaststroke award this week. Well done to both of you



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 3 2019/20	52,701,151
2.	Year 5 2019/20	31,766,154
3.	Year 6 2019/20	29,153,366
4.	Year 4 2019/20	11,389,752
5.	Year 2 2019/20	10,375,458
6.	Year 1 2019/20	8,460,798
7.	FS2 2019/20	125,602



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

Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust - A Diocesan Family of Schools

A letter has been sent out to everyone regarding our school joining the above Trust. If you have any questions or concerns then please come and join us to find out more about what converting to the academy means on any of the dates and times below:



Meeting Date and Time	Meeting Venue
Tuesday 28 th January 2020 2.30 pm & 5.30 pm	St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs Catholic Primary School Scotchman Road, Bradford, BD9 5AT
Thursday 30 th January 2020 2.30 pm & 5.30 pm	St Francis Catholic Primary School Myers Lane, Bradford, BD2 4ES

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, we will answer any questions you may have. Please either write to Mr Copley c/o St Francis Catholic Primary School, Myers Lane, Bradford BD2 4ES or email consultation@bcwcat.co.uk – please ensure you indicate you are associated with St Francis.

Y1/2 Parent and Child Writing Workshops

Unfortunately, we have had to delay the Y1/2 Writing Workshops. Please note that these will NOT take place on Thursday 30th January as previously advertised. They will now take place on **Thursday 6th February at either 3:30pm or 5:30pm**. Online booking will be available for these and details of how to book on will be given very soon.

Y5/6 Parent and Child Math Workshops

After the successful Foundation Stage Maths Workshops, we are now rolling out the Workshops to Years 5 and 6. Like at the Writing Workshops there is opportunity to find out more about the curriculum and there will be chance to work alongside your child on some fluency activities. As a result of feedback from the parent consultation survey, the workshops are at the most popular times of 3.30 and 5.30 pm. Please book online and we look forward to seeing you there.



Explore Learning

Last Wednesday afternoon saw a team of four Year 5 and 6 children – Ryley, Ella, Joel and Sienna - represent the school in the National Mathematician Award at the Explore Learning Centre. All four of the children showed brilliant maths knowledge and teamwork to try to solve two very tricky problems. As it is a national competition with

thousands of schools entering and only 5 being selected for the final, we are awaiting our result and feedback from the judges and can't give away any detail of the task. However, as a school we were incredibly proud of the children who were superb ambassadors for the school.

On Friday, **Year 2** experienced an 'Explorers' themed day. We made our own compasses and safari hats before heading out into the school grounds on an expedition. Our mission was to use a map to find letters that spelt out the name of a different famous explorer. When we got back to class, we researched some information about them and presented it to the rest of the class.



Holiday Schedule for 2020/2021

Please see below the holidays agreed by the Governing Body for the next academic year. Again we have two weeks at Spring Bank and an extra day after the October half term. Please note that there is no After School Club on the last day of each term i.e. 18th December, 31st March and 21st July.

School Holiday List 2020 / 2021

September start:	Thursday 3rd September 2020 (Foundation start date may be later)
Autumn half term:	Break up on Friday 23rd October, return Tuesday 3 rd November
Christmas:	Break up on Friday 18th December, return Monday 4th January 2021
Spring half term:	Break up on Friday 12th February, return Monday 22nd February
Easter:	Break up on Wednesday 31 st March, return on Monday 12th April
May Day:	Closed on Monday 3rd May
Spring Bank:	Break up on Friday 21st May, return Monday 7th June
Summer break:	Break up on Wednesday 21 st July 2021

After School Club

Our After School Club is going from strength to strength and continues to be popular. It is now essential that parents book for children in advance as places are not always available at short notice.

This week the children will be felting and making runes for class merits.

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