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

Your Tuesday News 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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

## Worship

Yesterday, the feast of The Presentation of the Lord was celebrated in church, which we discussed in worship. However, since this week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is 'Find Your Brave'. In worship yesterday, we discussed what bravery is and how sometimes fear or uncomfortable feelings can get in the way of being brave. We shared different examples from the Bible of when people were brave and, following this, we listened to Matthew's Gospel reading of when Jesus calmed the storm, which showed the disciples being brave. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week, which is: to be brave and try something new



This Wednesday, KS2 children will attend mass with the parish in church at 9:30am. The children will lead the hymns and the readings. Please do join them if you are able to.

Thank you to Year 4 for leading us in a beautiful worship last week all about friendship. This Thursday, 6th February, Year 3 will lead us in their class worship and the following week, Thursday 13th February, Year 5 will do the same. Parents/carers and families are welcome to come along and join them in this.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.

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## Children's Mental Health Week



To recognise this important issue, each class will be focussing on supporting children in being brave in their circle times this week. The children will also have an opportunity to share their examples of when they were brave with their classmates. Please talk to your children about Children's Mental Health Week. The charity 'Place 2 Be' has some very useful information and resources to support you with this on the following two websites:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk>

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

**Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%**



We have had a bad week for attendance and our figures have been brought down significantly. We need to ensure that we are achieving our target of 97%. Well done to FS2 on being our attendance champions with 99.33 %.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 27.01.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.33	96.07
Year 1	98.33	96.51
Year 2	89.03	96.36
Year 3	90.00	96.54
Year 4	97.78	96.00
Year 5	98.06	97.12
Year 6	96.13	94.26
<b>Average</b>	<b>95.52%</b>	<b>95.98%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00</b>

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## TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Joy Uko, Aiofe Blyth, Ethan Bolland, Annabel Daly, Ava Green, Adam Elkazaz, Jaden Whittingham, Alfie Garth and Daniel Berry.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Emelie Longbottom for always doing the right thing. She can be relied upon to make good choices and be a good role model. Emelie tries her best in everything she does.

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 6 2019/20	181,192,504
2.	Year 3 2019/20	117,841,628
3.	Year 5 2019/20	31,980,646
4.	Year 2 2019/20	15,104,109
5.	Year 1 2019/20	9,645,916
6.	Year 4 2019/20	5,365,749
7.	FS2 2019/20	291,222



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

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### PARENTS NOTICES – Please note below:

Please note, there will be no Year 6 Writing Club or KS1 Multi-skills club next Tuesday 11th February

### Academy Consultation

Thank you to the few parents who joined us last Thursday at the parent consultation meeting regarding Academy conversion. We hope you found it useful. Please note, the consultation period closes on 14th February. Any questions should be sent to [consultation@bcwcat.co.uk](mailto:consultation@bcwcat.co.uk) or alternatively speak to Mrs Haines or Mr Copley.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February there will be a change to the menu, buttermilk chicken burgers will be served instead of sausages.

### Year 1 Come Dine With Me

Year 1 parents/carers are warmly invited to observe a phonics session followed by Come Dine With Me in the school hall tomorrow morning/lunchtime. All Y1 parents/carers should have already received a letter with all the details about this. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to this event and we hope you find it to be both enjoyable and useful.



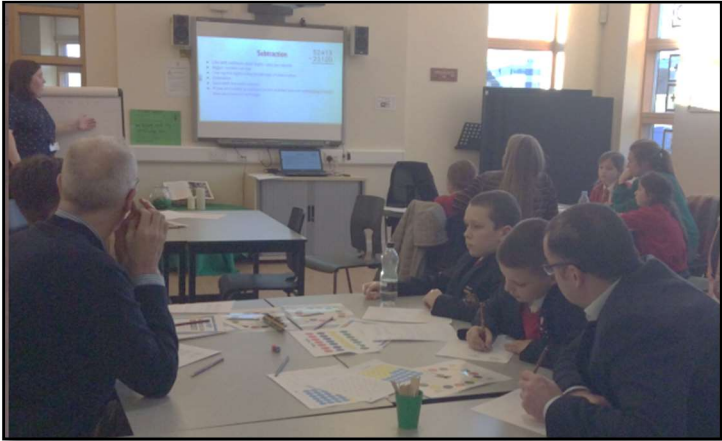
**Years 5 and 5 Maths Fluency Workshops**



This Monday evening was the turn of Year 5 and 6 for their Maths fluency workshops, with parents/carers working alongside their children. We gave information on what is covered on the Y5/6 Maths curriculum and how parents can support at home. There was also an opportunity to work together through different times table fluency games before Miss Burgess shared the written calculation methods, there has been a number of changes since many parents were at school, especially around the

vocabulary used.

Thank you so much to all the parents and children who came along and braved the windy conditions. You all worked really hard and had some amazing ideas. As always we would love to see more parents and children coming along; it is always relaxed and fun but informative. Next up for the workshops will be Year 1 and 2 ... more information to follow nearer the time.



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On Friday Year 2 video-called Ann Daniels, a real life polar explorer from Bradford and asked her some questions about her adventures. She told us she was once stalked by a polar bear for three days! She was very impressed by our questions, especially because we didn't ask about Santa Claus!

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**EYFS News**

EYFS have enjoyed their learning in the Chinese Restaurant. Then we tasted noodles and prawn crackers  
*"I love these", said Bobby.*  
*"I like noodles, so yummy", said Esme.*



EYFS thoroughly enjoyed having their families in class to 'Stay, Play and Learn'. Thank you to all those who could come.

Friday Coffee Mornings



Some of our parents/carers have already met Mrs Wright, our new Parental Involvement Worker. After the half term holidays, Mrs Wright will be hosting coffee mornings every Friday morning from 8:40 am for any parents/carers and families. Anyone attending Merit Worship are invited to come along once worship has finished. These will be very relaxed, informal occasions where you can grab a cuppa and have a chat with other parents/carers. Babies and toddlers are all very welcome as well and there will be plenty of toys, games and books available for them to play with. Furthermore, Mrs Wright has a wealth of experience and information, so if you did need any advice or help with anything, she will be more than happy to give you the right information. The first coffee morning will take place on Friday, 28th February. We hope to see many of you there.

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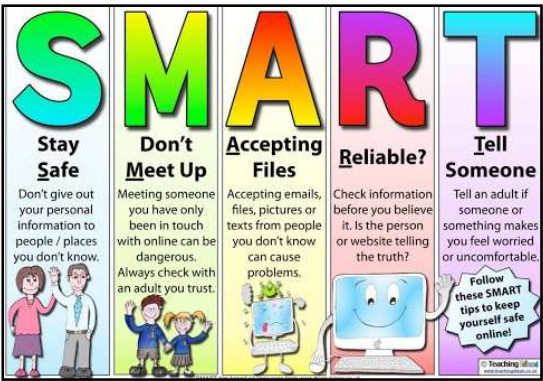
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day. The children will be completing activities on the day and working towards an Online Safety Assembly on the afternoon of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm. This will consist of songs, raps and poems by the children of KS1 and 2. All parents are warmly invited to attend. See below for details of the session for parents following the assembly.

Materials for Safer Internet Day for parents and children are available to download at [www.saferinternet.org](http://www.saferinternet.org)

Online Safety Information session for parents

On Tuesday, 25th February at 3:15 pm, our PCSO, Geoff Woodrow, will be leading an online safety session for parents. Last year when we held this, we were very disappointed that only one parent attended. We cannot stress enough how important it is for parents/carers to attend this session as online safety is becoming more and more complicated and problematic for our children. Our Computing curriculum educates all of our children on online safety and in addition to this, KS2 children have regular workshops over the course of the year with our PCSO. Furthermore, our staff have annual online safety training, so we hope you can see the huge importance we put on this as part of our safeguarding and curriculum offer. The session is open to ALL our parents/carers but we are opening an online booking system for parents/carers of our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children, as we believe it is of particular importance to the parents/carers of children of this age. **Our After School Club will be readily available (at no cost) for children of parents/carers attending the online safety session.** We look forward to seeing you there.



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Mini Vinnies Valentine Café

Our team of Mini Vinnies are organising and hosting a café on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15 pm for all parents, friends and parishioners. The proceeds of the café will go to The British Heart Foundation. Please support our young Mini Vinnies in this venture.

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