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

Your Tuesday News 11th February 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34

This week at St Francis, we will be celebrating God's teachings on Love. Ms Jennings asked the children in worship yesterday 'What is love?' The children gave some lovely replies which led us on to the most important view, that love is important to show everyday through the smallest of acts such as a smile. We discussed how Jesus taught us love through different stories in the Bible and how we could follow this today. One example of this was 'The World Needs More Love Letters' founded by Hannah Bucher. She started writing love letters to strangers who were lonely, sad or needed some reassuring words to help them persevere. This is now a huge volunteering programme throughout the world. As a school, we will be writing our own love messages for our family, friends and neighbours, which will be displayed on our 'Wall of Love' at this week's Mini Valentines Café. Children, parents and carers will



also be able to add to this Wall of Love at the Café. Children will also be using 'Gods conversation hearts' to discover where important teachings on love are throughout the Bible and how we can follow those teachings today.

Well done to Year 3 for leading us so well in their Class Worship last week which was all about Jesus the Teacher.

On the first Wednesday back after the half term holidays, Key Stage 2 children will be walking up to church for the Ash Wednesday Mass. This signifies the beginning of Lent. All the children will receive the ashes as a symbol of their faith and penance. Please come along and join us if you are able to.

This Thursday, 13th February, Year 5 will lead us in their class worship at 8:55 am in the large hall. All parents/carers and families are welcome to come along and join them.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done everyone. There was a marked increase in attendance last week with two classes achieving 100%. Well done to FS2 and Year 1.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 03.02.20.	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	100%	96.26
Year 1	100%	96.68
Year 2	99.68	96.53
Year 3	99.68	96.99
Year 4	99.26	96.16
Year 5	98.71	97.20
Year 6	94.84	94.29
Average	98.88%	96.30%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Ava Illingworth, Tommy Munden, Colby Firth, Max Maloney, Lincoln Stanley, Lucina Jarvis, Maisie Hardaker, Gracie Bakes and Cole Hunter.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Daniel Wilkinson for being a star pupil. Daniel contributes confidently to all aspects of school life. Thank you Daniel.

Our Big Cat Merit Award was Maisie Walker for putting 100% into her accelerated reading and getting top marks.

Our Mathstronaut was Callum Butterfield.

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 3 2019/20	127,082,323
2.	Year 6 2019/20	102,394,478
3.	Year 4 2019/20	83,653,992
4.	Year 5 2019/20	43,954,183
5.	Year 2 2019/20	23,284,272
6.	Year 1 2019/20	10,735,382
7.	FS2 2019/20	498,932



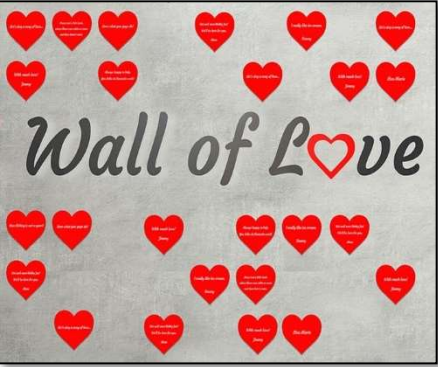
#	Pupil	Groups
1.	Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.	Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.	Florence Underwood	Year 4 2019/20

Congratulations to Amelia McTasney in Year 4 who successfully guessed the code for the safe and took £12 home. The safe will be reset with a new code and £10. Remember to be in with a chance of guessing it you need to score over 500,000 points on maths shed.

PE KITS

Please could you ensure that PE kits are clearly marked with children's names and in clearly marked PE bags. There have been several PE kits gone missing recently so could you take a few minutes to check that your child has not brought home the wrong PE kit by mistake or that you have not got more PE kit than you should have. If so please could you return to school. Thank you.

Mini Vinnie’s Valentine Café



We would like to invite you and your children to our Mini Vinnie’s Valentine Café on Thursday 13th February 2020, 3:15 pm to 4:15pm.

“Our love is not to just be words or mere talk, but something alive and active.” (John 3:18)

As a Mini Vinnie, we have pledged to help those in need. We would like to raise money for the British Heart Foundation, and would love you to support us in helping an important charity that helps many. Donations will be welcome at the café.

The Café will have some lovely treats and refreshments matching the theme of Valentine’s Day. We will also be hosting a number of activities that your children can take part in such as creating a valentines card, finding out about British Heart Foundation and more.

RED day.
In support of British Heart Foundation, we will be asking children and adults to be wearing red on Friday, February 14th. A donation of £1 would be appreciated.





Thank you to everyone who came along to our Maths workshops (for Years 5 and 6) and our Writing Workshops (Years 1 and 2) last week. It really was great to see so many of you there. We hope you found them useful. If you need a little reminder or were unable to make it, the presentations used at both workshops will be available on our website very soon.

Last week's Come Dine With Me event for Y1 was a great success, with so many parents/carers coming along to eat dinner with their children. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to come along. We hope you enjoyed your dinner and that the phonics taster session you observed was useful in helping you to support your children with their phonics at home. The next Come Dine With Me event will be for Year 2 and will take place on Wednesday 25th March. A letter with all the information will be coming home after the half term holidays.

Space day

On Friday Year 5 had a Space day. They became NASA scientists for the day and investigated some ‘Martian Soil’ from Mars to understand how we may know there are signs of life on Mars. The children also became science teachers and had to create their own lessons on how to teach Year 3 children why we have day and night. Phoebe and Jack were given NASA space badges for being super scientists for the day.





Safer Internet Day

Today is Safer Internet Day. The children have been completing activities today and working towards an Online Safety Assembly on the afternoon of Tuesday 25th February at 2.30 pm. This will consist of songs, raps and poems by the children of Key Stage 1 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

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 immediately after the children's assembly outlined above. 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, Key Stage 2 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 Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 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.

An online safety questionnaire has been sent home. Please can you complete this and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Here is our holiday schedule for the next academic year. Please note this is for the school year starting September 2020.

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 21st July 2021

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