

St Francis Catholic Primary School

Myers Lane, Bradford BD2 4ES

Tel/fax: 01274 638520

Executive Headteacher: Mr D. Copley

Head of School: Mrs A. Haines

Email: office@stfrancisbrad.co.uk

Website: www.stfrancisbradford.sch.uk

 [@stfrancisbrad](https://twitter.com/stfrancisbrad)



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

Your Tuesday News 25th February 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Lent begins this Wednesday on Ash Wednesday. Our KS2 children will walk up to Mass in Church to receive the ashes.

In worship yesterday, we introduced our new Lenten theme for this year - 'MY ROCK IN WHOM I TRUST'

Our theme is inspired by the hymn entitled Eagles Wings which we will learn and sing throughout Lent. It reminds us that God is always dependable and always protects us. Each class received a large rock representing God. Every child (including FS1 and FS2 children) received a pebble, which they will paint and put their name on. The children will bring their painted pebbles to worship next Monday. They will then keep them with them in their classrooms – like always having God by their side collecting all their worries and fears. When they go to their saying sorry / penitential service or confession, they will place their stones under our 'Tree of Trust.' This will symbolise letting go of all their worries and fears and placing them in God's hands for he is 'The Rock in Whom We Trust.' We prayed together and then set our mission of the week: To share a worry or a fear with a trusted person.



During Lent we will be holding Lenten Prayers each Thursday morning at 8:30am in the small hall. Each week we will focus on two or three of the Stations of the Cross. These are very short, peaceful and reflective moments, which we encourage you to join us in.

As we have always done, we will be supporting Catholic Care's Good Shepherd Appeal during Lent. Catholic Care provides genuine care and concern for the disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised in society. It is also a charity very close to our school as many of our children and families benefit greatly from its service. Our School Councillors are currently planning a range of fundraising events to take place every Friday throughout Lent. They will let you know the details of these in next week's issue of the Tuesday News.

On Wednesday, 8th April at 9am (our last day of term), we invite all our parents/carers, parishioners and families to share in the Stations of the Cross in our main hall. This will be a very reflective and poignant occasion which will mark the end of our school Lenten journey during Holy Week. We hope you can join us.

Thank you to Year 5 for a leading us in a beautiful class worship all about love, just before we broke up for the half term holidays. The children shared very personal messages of love and also people who inspire them. Well done to all!

Year 1's Class Worship will take place at 9am on Thursday 5th March. As always, parents/carers and families are very welcome to join them.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines



Huge congratulations and thanks to our hardworking Mini Vinnies who prepared our Valentine's Cafe during the last week of term. The amount of families who came along to support this venture in aid of The British Heart Foundation was incredible. Thank you all so much for your support. The Mini Vinnies raised a whopping £338.57 through the café and our 'Red Day'. Fantastic! Thank you also for your support of our 'Red Day'.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



There are not many green on our attendance chart this week. We need to push hard for the remainder of the year to get to our goal. Year 6 are our attendance champions this week with 97.74%

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 10.02.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.00	96.31
Year 1	97.67	96.73
Year 2	96.45	96.52
Year 3	93.87	96.84
Year 4	96.30	96.17
Year 5	94.84	97.09
Year 6	97.74	94.46
Average	96.26%	96.30%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Milla Christie, Luka Tsiklauri, Sophia Shaw, Isabel Symons, Imogen Bakes, Eliza Zaborowski, Cora Mullarkey, Spencer Devine, Sienna Lancaster and Evan Maloney.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Grace Artist for being an exemplary St Francis pupil. Grace is a pleasure to have in school and always works hard.

The Big Cat Merit Award was presented to Oscar Lightfoot for his wonderful effort and progress with reading both at home and at school.

Our Mathstronaut was Evie Pickard

Grace competed in The East England Theatre Festival 2020. She achieved 1st Junior Tap, 2nd Junior Ballet, 3rd Junior Modern, 4th Junior Song and Dance, 1st Ballet Duet & 1st Modern Duet.



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

#	Pupil	Groups
1.	 Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.	 Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.	 Lily-May Cousins	Year 3 2019/20

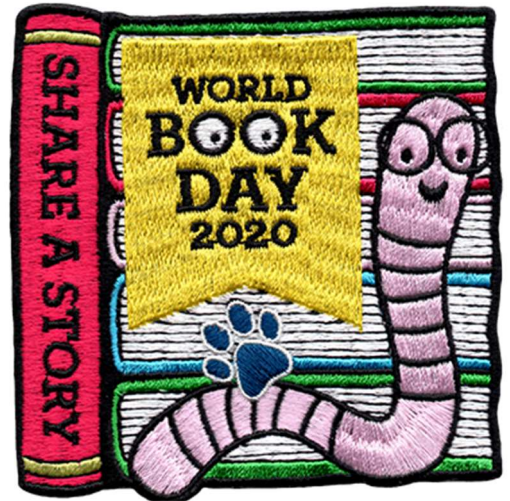


#	Group	Score
1.	Year 3 2019/20	69,138,354
2.	Year 5 2019/20	30,013,888
3.	Year 1 2019/20	7,036,475
4.	Year 2 2019/20	5,572,858
5.	Year 4 2019/20	5,253,966
6.	Year 6 2019/20	4,556,132

World Book Day

World Book Day is just around the corner - Thursday 5th March. As we have done the last few years, pupils are invited to either come dressed as their favourite BOOK (not film!!) character or in their pyjamas. The exception is in FS1 and FS2 where children are asked to come dressed up as a dalmatian from 101 Dalmatians.

As part of the day, we would like to promote a love of reading to our children and we would like some volunteer parents/carers to help us out. We invite you to become a 'Secret Reader'. You can choose which year group you would like to read and the book you would like to read. We can even help out with providing the book if you need us to! The idea would be to read either a full book (for children from FS1 - Y2) or a chapter of a book for KS2, if more appropriate. It will only be 10 minutes (unless you would like more time of course!!) and we can work times around you. If you would be interested in being one of our 'secret readers', please ring or pop into the office and let the office staff know. PLEASE DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILDREN if you sign up - it's a SECRET!! Sssshhhhhh!!!



for

We are also holding an 'Extreme Reader' challenge. Children have to bring in or email in a photo of themselves reading in an interesting or extreme place. There will be a prize for the most extreme reader in each class, chosen by our School Council. The prizes will be awarded at the end of the Y1 Class Worship on World Book Day. Please look out for entry forms coming home with your children.

Online Safety Information session for parents

Today at 3:15pm, our PCSO, Geoff Woodrow, will be leading an online safety session for parents immediately after the children's assembly. 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. An online safety questionnaire has been sent home. Please can you complete this and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.





Year 5 will be taking part in Forest School very Thursday afternoon this half term. Please ensure the children have appropriate footwear and clothing with them on these days.

Friday Coffee Mornings



Some of our parents/carers have already met Mrs Wright, our new Parental Involvement Worker. From this Friday, 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.

PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS



Disco

The ever popular disco is back on Thursday 26th March. Tickets are priced at £4 each which includes entry, crisps, drink and free entry into an Easter Egg Raffle. Sweets and glow sticks will be on sale separately.
FS2, Year 1 & Year 2 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (parents are welcome to stay but this is no longer compulsory)
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Please complete the slip below and return to school with the money enclosed.

Mother's Day Gift Shop

The PFA Mother's Day Gift Shop will open on Monday 16th March. Children will be able to choose gifts for mums, grandmas or anyone special in their lives. There will be a lovely selection of gifts to choose from, all will be priced at £2.50. Children can buy as many gifts as they would like. Please complete the slip below and return to school with the appropriate amount of money, children will be taken to the gift shop during break times to choose their gifts.
Also, the name of every child who buys a gift will be entered into a draw to win a £20 voucher for Lolabelle's Boutique on Bolton Road.

✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Classes:

I would like _____ tickets at a cost of £4 each and enclose £ _____

Signed: Date:



✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Classes:

I would like _____ Mother's Day presents at a cost of £2.50 each and enclose £ _____

Signed: Date:

