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

Your Tuesday News 17th March 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Yesterday, Ms Jennings retold the biblical story of 'The Woman at the Well' (John 4). We discussed how we have lots of needs in our life but our main need, for our sins to be cleansed is fulfilled by Jesus. The woman at the well had made many mistakes but as soon as she listened to Jesus she understood who he was and how she could be forgiven. It does not matter who you are, as long as you listen to God's Word you will be forgiven. Then we took two minutes to quietly meditate and reflect on a Lenten prayer as it states on our Mission this week to find a time to quietly reflect and listen.

Thank you to our FS2 children who led a wonderful worship last week all about friendship. The children did so well standing up and speaking in front of all their parents and the KS1 children. We are very proud of them! Well done everyone!

We continue to hold our Lenten prayers every Thursday morning at 8:30am in the small hall. This week, we will be following Stations 8 and 9 of the Cross as we journey through Lent.

Our hardworking Mini Vinnies are continuing to lead worship in different classes each Friday in Lent. Last week, they led worship in Y1 and this week they will be leading worship in Y2. Thank you so much to all of you for the thought and effort you put into each one of them.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended parent consultations last week. We hope you found it useful. For those who did not attend, your children's class teachers will be getting in touch with you. We are also very grateful for the feedback you gave us which is outlined overleaf, also with how we plan to address some issues that were flagged up

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year. We made a fantastic £605 which means £363 comes back to school for us to spend on even more quality books for our children. We really appreciate your support.

FS2 Stay, Play and Learn

Thank you to all our families who enjoyed Stay, Play and Learn this week.



Writing Week

This morning, something very strange had occurred in our school grounds... As many of you noticed coming into school some bizarre items had got stuck in one of our trees. We didn't know how they had got there so we asked the whole school to investigate! After some quality discussion with children in other year groups and some interesting suggestions, we finally came inside to find out what it was all about. Have no fear everyone....it is simply the launch of our Writing Week! The items stuck in our tree are the items which feature in the book 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers and all the Writing the children produce this week will be inspired by this book.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 5 who are our attendance champions for last week with 99.03%

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 09.03.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date:
FS2	96.33	96.37
Year 1	97.33	96.88
Year 2	97.42	97.01
Year 3	99.03	97.39
Year 4	90.00	95.67
Year 5	99.03	97.14
Year 6	92.26	94.55
Average	95.91%	96.43%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS




Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Jemima Jackson, Charlotte Symons, Isla Hardaker, Jack Baldwin, Isabelle Quinn, Lewie Gaffey, Miley Dunn, Matthew Travis and Olivia Hryniewiecka

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Joy, Mila, Betsy Aine, Isabella and Ava for being such a superstar. They showed such confidence and star quality when retelling their story.

Our Big Cat Merit Award was presented to Poppy Beck for developing a love of reading. This has helped her make great progress.

Our Mathstonaut last week is Elizabeth Reynard.

This Thursday, FS2, Y1 and Y2 children will perform their chosen poems as part of our Performance Poetry programme. Unfortunately we are now not able to invite parents along.

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



1.	Year 3 2019/20	144,630,426
2.	Year 5 2019/20	44,318,330
3.	Year 6 2019/20	36,483,302
4.	Year 2 2019/20	29,011,247
5.	Year 4 2019/20	13,012,840
6.	Year 1 2019/20	3,521,038

Bolton Road Crossing

The crossing lady will not be present for the foreseeable future at the Bolton Road crossing. Please be extra careful when crossing this road.



Corona Virus update

We appreciate that parents/carers are concerned about the current situation regarding coronavirus. The latest guidance from the Department for Education is as follows:

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. **Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal**
- if any member of the household displays symptoms, the whole family should stay at home.
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home

Please be assured, if this guidance should change, we will inform parents immediately.

As a school, we have decided to put extra measures in place:

- Today your child will come home with their water bottle. We ask you to wash the water bottle thoroughly so that your child can bring it back tomorrow. From then on, water bottles will come home every evening to be washed and brought back the following day.
- Your child will also come home with their PE kit today. PE kits now need to be washed after every time they are worn and only brought in on PE days. PE days are as follows:

FS2 Wednesday morning: Year 1 Tuesday/Wednesday: Year 2 Thursday afternoon: Year 3 Monday/Thursday: Year 4 Wednesday/Thursday: Year 5 Tuesday: Year 6 Wednesday afternoon
- In addition to this, we have unfortunately had to make the difficult decision to not have parents, carers or families to attend any worships, events or coffee mornings etc. from now on until further notice. Our usual merit worships are now suspended. Performance poetry will go ahead this week, however we can now not invite parents/carers.
- The PFA have decided to postpone the School Disco until a later date. All monies received will carry over to the new date.
- Year 2 Come Dine With Me will also be postponed to a later date.
- The Year 4 visit to Saltaire is also to be postponed to a later date.
- The Schools Prom the choir were attending on 31st March has been cancelled. Ticket money will be refunding in due course. Please do not contact the box office or school office at this stage.

We hope you understand the decisions we have had to make and that they are all made with everybody's health and safety in mind. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Results of Parent /Carer Survey – March 2020

110 people responded, which we are very grateful for. Below is the results and how we hope to address any issues:

1. How well informed do you feel about your child's education in the following areas:			
Classroom work: 84% Homework: 70% Well-being: 85%		We are pleased so many of you are happy with how we keep you up to date on your child's well-being in school. We will continue to keep this up. Regarding homework, in the summer term, each class teacher will write to you to inform you of the expectation of homework for that term for your child. We hope this will improve how well informed you feel.	
2. How helpful have you found the following workshops:			
	% Attended	% found it useful	We are so pleased that so many of you found these workshops useful. We will continue to offer as much as we can to support you with your children's learning. We would really like to see more parents/carers attend these events. We took your feedback on board from the last survey in October and we now offer the workshops at the most popular times – 3:30pm and 5:30pm. It is a concern that 17% of our parents believe that the online safety meeting with our PCSO was not relevant to their child. We would recommend that when we hold this meeting again next year, that you try your best to attend as it is relevant to all children in keeping them safe online.
FS2 Maths workshop:	17%	31%	
Y1/2 Maths Workshop:	21%	44%	
Y5/6 Maths Workshop:	29%	46%	
Y1/2 Writing Workshop:	21%	43%	
Y5/6 Writing Workshop:	24%	40%	
Online Safety Parent Information Meeting:	28%	39%	
FS2 Phonics Meeting:	13%	35%	
FS2 Phonics lesson/Come Dine With Me:	12%	29%	
Y1 Phonics lesson/Come Dine With Me:	17%	34%	
3. If you have any further suggestions of how we could improve our school, please comment below			
To be advised on how well my child does in the spelling test on a Friday		We will try to arrange for spelling test results to be reported home on a Friday.	
Would be nice to have something similar to stay & play sessions as in Foundation Stage - an opportunity to see our children's work and in the classroom as parents evening can sometimes feel a bit rushed.		From September, we will try to put sessions in for every year group where parents can visit the classroom and children can share their learning. For the rest of this year, we have plans for part of the Come Dine With Me events to be about sharing the children's learning.	
Please arrange transport for school trips.		We are sorry this has not been satisfactory. We have tried to reduce the cost of the trip by arranging for the children to be dropped off by parents since it is a local visit. For example, if we had hired a coach for the upcoming Saltaire trip, the cost would have gone up from £5 to £20 per child. We are always happy to assist parents with any difficulties if they flag them up to us.	
Make the full year's calendar up to date online and easy to access with more advanced notice of things like dressing up for world book day or other things like that!		We try to give as much notice as possible about events coming up through the regular calendar dates and information on the Tuesday News, plus extra reminders via text message. We will put together a calendar of events for the rest of this year, but parents must be mindful that these dates are subject to change due to unexpected meetings or other events coming up in the meantime.	
More after school sports activities		Currently we offer multi-skills sports club to KS1 and to KS2 – all free of charge.	
Communicating things is sometimes either slow or not at all		We communicate primarily through the Tuesday News which comes home with every child each week and is emailed to those parents who have signed up. It is also available on our website. We also communicate via regular text messages to remind parents/carers of upcoming events.	
Please make PE as important as the rest of the curriculum.		Every class from Y1-Y6 receives at least 2 hours of PE each week. In Y5, this includes swimming. During the half terms that classes have Forest School, they will have 1 hour of PE as Forest School is part of the PE curriculum. Foundation Stage access physical education in other ways, but recently they have started to have a weekly 30 minutes PE lesson in the hall. We also pay for a specialist PE teacher to teach Y1 – Y6 for a half term per year. He also offers a sports club after school once a week. Miss White as PE Leader has trained all of our Y5 Play Leaders up to run the daily mile at lunchtime and these children also run different kinds of games at lunchtime in addition to this. We have also recently paid for the company 'Skipping Schools' to come out to teach children about skipping and also to train up our Play Leaders in leading skipping at lunchtime.	
Please stick to after school clubs. Too much gets cancelled in this school. No consistency with them.		Currently we offer Singing Club, KS1 Multi-Skills Club and KS2 Multi-skills Club as after school clubs. Two of these clubs are led by Class Teachers voluntarily and completely free of charge. We understand it is frustrating if these clubs have to be cancelled, but class teachers have to attend meetings and training after school and therefore, in these circumstance, there is no other option but to cancel. Our After School Club, on the other hand, is never cancelled and has plenty of free space for any children from FS2-Y6 to come along to for just £7 including a healthy tea.	