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

Your Tuesday News 1st April 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Last Sunday's Gospel reading was all about the death of Lazarus. You can read it with your children below.

There was a man named Lazarus who was sick. He lived in the town of Bethany, where Mary Magdalene and her sister Martha lived. So Mary and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

When Jesus heard this he said, "This sickness will not end in death. It is for the glory of God.

This has happened to bring glory to the Son of God." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, but when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then Jesus said to his followers, "Let us go back to Judea." The followers said, "But Teacher, the Jews there tried to kill you with stones. That was only a short time ago. Now you want to go back there?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not 12 hours in the day? If anyone walks in the daylight, he will not stumble because he can see by this world's light. But if anyone walks at night he stumbles because there is no light to help him see."

After Jesus said this, he added, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. But I am going there to wake him." The followers said, "But Lord, if he can sleep, he will get well."

Jesus meant that Lazarus was dead. But Jesus' followers thought that he meant Lazarus was really sleeping. So then Jesus said plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there so that you may believe. But let us go to him now."

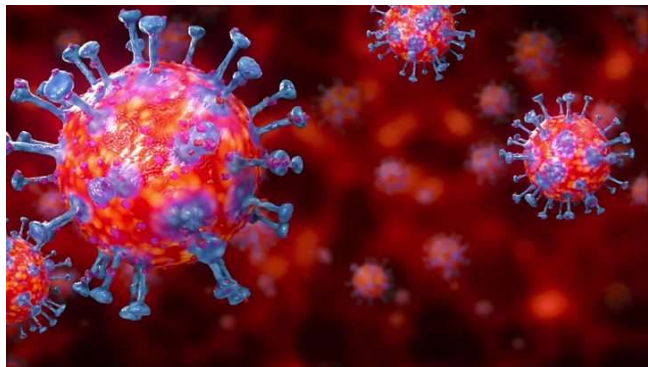
Then Thomas said to the other followers, "Let us go, too. We will die with him."

We are aware that families are missing the opportunity to share in the Mass each Sunday in church. There are two ways you can do this from home.



1. Mass from Leeds Cathedral with Bishop Marcus is streamed on YouTube every Sunday at 11am. Follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-xVdN6rMCG0sSgkx8Rulow/featured>

2. Mass at St Walburga's church with Fr Kieron Walker is streamed on Facebook live at 9:15am. Just go to Facebook and search the page of 'Parish of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross'



CoronaVirus Update

In this very difficult and uncertain time, we thank you all for your continued support. As a school, we are trying our very best to keep up communication with all our children and parents/carers in various ways and also provide education to all of our children.

Communication systems are outlined below:

- For general queries, please email:

office@stfrancisbrad.co.uk

- For home learning queries, please email:

homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk

- For day to day updates to whole school and critical worker parents and parents/carers of children entitled to free school meals we are using our school text messaging service
- When we need to know information from a large group of parents, we are using google forms posted on our website, with the link sent out on a text message.
- We are using our Twitter account to celebrate our children's learning at home. Please follow us @stfrancsbrad
- Home learning resources and activities, plus updates on school's current situation can be found on our website:

<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/>

The following sets out our home learning system:

FS1 and FS2

In addition to the home learning packs that were sent home/delivered before we closed, daily activities are posted by Mrs Needs, Mrs Shields and Mrs Whitley each day on our school website.

Go to our website - learning - home learning - FS1/FS2

KS1

Again, in addition to the home learning packs that were sent home/delivered before we closed, daily activities are posted by Miss Robson and Miss Martin each day on our school website.

Go to our website - learning - home learning - Year 1/Year 2

KS2

Also in addition to the home learning packs that were sent home/delivered before we closed, daily activities are posted by Miss White, Miss McDermott, Miss Jennings, Miss Dearden, Miss Speake, Miss Breen and Miss Burgess on Google Classroom. A parents guide to google classroom (plus some other useful guides) are posted on our website under learning - home learning.

We trust you are finding all of the lessons, tasks and activities helpful in home schooling your children. As always, if you have any issues or concerns, we are always happy to help if we can.

Critical Worker Parents

We continue to offer emergency childcare for your children either here at St Francis or at St Cuthbert's (when the need is very low). As we continue providing childcare for those who need it, we will send out a link to you each Thursday in a text message, which will take you to a survey on our website. This survey will ascertain which children need our childcare provision and when for the following week. We ask you to complete this survey as soon as you possibly can, so that we have a clear picture of the need for the following week and we can then organise staffing and provisions accordingly. **Please note: even if you do not need childcare, please fill in the form.** We are aware that circumstances can change for families after having filled the form out - families may need to isolate or shift patterns may change at late notice, etc. We are more than willing to work around this, we just ask you to email the office to update us so that we can change our arrangements in response to this. Thank you for your ongoing support.



TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Performance Poetry

Just before school closed, our FS2, Y1 and Y2 children performed brilliant poems to the rest of the school as part of our Performance Poetry programme. FS2's rendition of "Has Anyone Seen My Dragon" was wonderful and the children were so brave and confident in their very first performance in front of the whole school. Well done! Year 1's performance of "Minibeasts" and Year 2's performance of "Wind on the Hill" were also brilliant. What confident children! Congratulations to all!



St Francis PFA News

Thank you to everyone who bought Mother's Day gifts this year. The gifts were a huge success and sold out completely! The gifts raised about £200 for school so thank you again.

The School Disco will be rescheduled as will all other PFA plans as soon as we return to school.



Thank you for everything you are doing at home with your children. We would just like to share a few pictures of the Learning of the Day which have been posted on our Twitter page from parents. We love what you have been doing – keep up the good work and stay safe everyone.

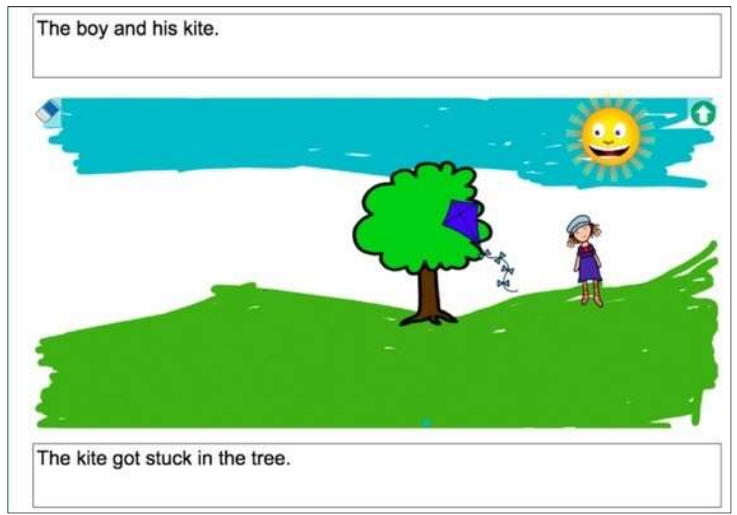
Here is the link to the Super Learning Page on the website where you can see more examples of great work from each class.

<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/learning/home-learning/super-work-page>

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



Lily May's Y3 presentation about Egypt

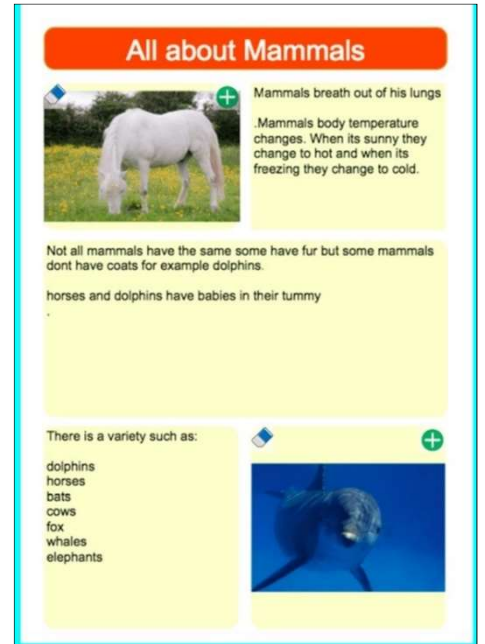


Krystal in Y1 made a front cover for the book 'Stuck



Theo and Sienna in Y3 and Y5 created a rainbow

Anabel in Y1 wrote a great information text about mammals





Abigail in FS2 learning about caterpillars turning into butterflies



Cullen in Y3 learning about Ancient Egypt – Journey to the Afterlife

