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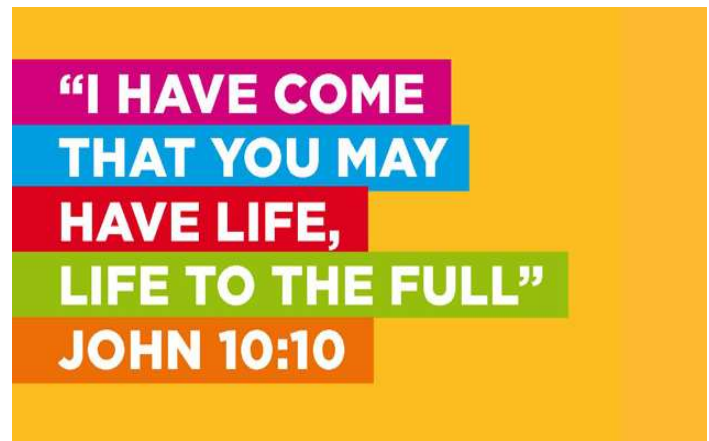
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Your Tuesday News 5th May 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship yesterday was led by Miss Burgess it celebrated both Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday. We first shared Sunday's Gospel reading in which Jesus tells us more about how we can live our lives. In the story Jesus refers to himself as the shepherd and in the story he calls each sheep, protects them and leads them to safety. He importantly tell us,

"I have come to give life – life to the full." Here he acknowledged that he gave us new life at Easter and like the sheep who recognised the shepherd's voice, we can learn to recognise Jesus' voice and hear Him speaking to us and leading us.



Following this, we thought about what we want to be when we grow up as part of the important date in the church's calendar where we reflect on vocations. It is also important that we give thanks for those living the religious life around the world and pray that more people hear God's call to serve. After listening to several people share why they liked their vocations, we had 6 important qualities: kindness, understanding, generosity, creativity, joyfulness and helpfulness. However these are not just for when we grow up, they can help us live life to the full now. We prayed together and then our mission was set to use one of the vocation qualities today.

Please encourage your child to carry out the mission and perhaps tell Miss Burgess what they did either through the home learning email account or Google classroom.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Mitchell and her partner on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy - Albie John Armitage. Both mum and baby are doing very well. Another beautiful baby to add to the ever growing St Francis family!

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

Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust

We would like to let you know that the plans for our school to join the Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust (BCWCAT), along with our family of Catholic Schools in Bradford and Keighley has now been finalised. As you already know, we work very closely together with other schools through The Catholic Schools Partnership Teaching School Alliance. Being part of the BCWCAT will benefit all the children in all our schools, helping us support one another as one family of schools.



A common question asked is 'How will this affect me and my child?' We would like to reiterate the simple answer to this question is that nothing will change.

Conversion to an Academy Trust is a legal and governance change. Our school will keep its identity, uniform, name, logo, mission and vision. We will continue to put you and your children first and will continue with our vision of 'Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day' and 'Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God'

On Friday 1st May 2020 the legal process was finalised. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and engagement throughout the process.

VE Day

This Friday, 8th May, celebrates 75 years since the first Victory in Europe Day at the end of WWII. Nationally, Friday is a bank holiday, so we do not expect our children to do any school work on this day. If we had been in school as usual, on Thursday, we would have been doing all kinds of activities related to VE Day and we would have been celebrating by having our own 'street party' on the school playground. Obviously, this is no longer possible, however the teachers have been busy preparing and sharing activities and resources to help children be able to celebrate VE Day at home. Please do share with us via the home learning email account or google classroom how you celebrate VE Day at home. You could even share with us on Twitter using our Twitter handle @stfrancisbrad and the hashtag #stfrancisveday



We hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating together and we look forward to seeing your VE activities.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Well done to all the children who received a merit last week. Also, a huge thank you to Kyle Riley for sending in a brilliant video of himself dancing to the Monster Mash which was shown at the end. Please do remember that you could be featured at the end of our Merit Worship each week dancing the Monster Mash. Just send in your video to homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk and then tune into Merit Worship on Friday to see yourself dancing away!

Well done to our virtual Merit Worship winners:

FS1: T'rahj Evans for her great attitude towards learning. T'rahj isn't just doing a little bit here and there; she is completing every single challenge set for her and has done so since day one of not being in school.

FS2: Bobby Jones for impressing us by working as hard at home as he does in school. Bobby you are brilliant !

Year 1: Alfie Marshall for working his socks off when in school and at home. Well done Alfie. We are all very proud of you. You are doing great!

Year 2: Isabelle Quinn for her dedication to her home learning. Isabelle completes every task to a very high standard. I was very impressed that she followed a recipe and baked some scones for St George's Day.

Year 2: Madeleine Newill for her commitment learning at home and keeping up with all your tasks and some amazing topic work on continents and oceans and the animal that live there.

Year 3: Cullen Shaw for his hard work and creativity in your home learning tasks.

Year 4: Joseph Rubery for his fantastic science work. We were so impressed with your living things and their habitats poster. Keep up the hard work!

Year 4: Kai Menic for his brilliant maths work and perseverance in his home learning and sending in him some fantastic work.

Year 5: Oliver Potter for his excellent home learning skills. Oliver's enthusiasm and effort is a model example.

Year 6: Samuel Hawker for his dedication and commitment to all areas of his home learning. We are so impressed, really well done!

Year 6: Rose Binns for her incredible home learning creations! Rose has seriously taken her learning to the next level with her school work, baking, and even helping her local community! We are so proud of you, well done!

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Zach Blyth for being exceptionally kind, patient and helpful with the younger children at our emergency childcare club

Maths Award: Alice Upton for some great Maths work at home. Miss Robson and Mrs Haines are impressed with your grouping and sharing this week.

Big Cat Merit Award: Willow Lillington for superb reading at home and Maisie Walker for her superb reading of Ratburger by David Walliams.

Update on our animal friends!

We are keeping all the St Francis animals safe during our time at home. Archie, the Y1 hamster is having a lovely time with Lucas and Mrs Heppleston. He is enjoying his treats and sleeping a lot! Frank is spending time with Mr Bullock and his rats. Apparently he enjoys talking to the rats and is keeping very well. The fish have stayed in school but are being cleaned and fed regularly by the staff. All in all - our animal friends are coping well in these unprecedented times thanks to staff looking after them.

The fish are being cared for in school by the staff and children who are attending school.





Archie enjoying his sweetcorn and playing in his wheel.



Frank looks really happy and well fed in his new home with Mr Bullock.



Mr Copley's puppy, Jasper, is enjoying his daily long walks and also likes watching Colonel (Captain) Tom walking in his garden.



Murphy, Mrs Haines' puppy, is loving having the family at home and stealing everyone's socks. He has also learned how to give his paw!

Finally, Miss White has just got a brand new golden labrador puppy called Ted, who is absolutely adorable!

