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

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'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Since the church celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, in worship yesterday we focussed on the question - Who is the body of Christ? We started by exploring the fact that in the Gospel reading, Jesus referred to himself as the 'Bread of Life'. We recognised how bread comes in many shapes and sizes and is different from country to country around the world, but everybody knows what bread is and has eaten it at some point in their life. In this way, bread is



an extremely important resource for life - just like Jesus is so important in our lives. This is why Jesus chose bread as his body (and wine as his blood) in order to remember Him. When we receive communion at Mass, we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and we are joined together with Him through receiving his body and blood. In this way, it is us that become 'The Body of Christ'. We ended by praying together and setting our mission for the week: to show our 'togetherness' and open our heart to Jesus by finding someone in our house or our classroom to wave and smile to.

Welcome Back!

This week, we have opened up three new bubbles. Our bubble for children of key workers has now grown into two bubbles - green and red. A very warm welcome to the new key worker children who have joined us in these two bubbles this week. Welcome back to the Year 6 children who have returned to school in purple and orange bubbles. It is lovely to have you all back. Well done to all the children in every bubble who have been working really hard and also remembering to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly while maintaining social distancing as much as possible. You are all doing a great job!

Keep going!

Well done to all the children who are staying at home for now. All of your teachers are really impressed with how well you are engaging with your learning at home. We miss you all but it is great to see your work coming into to Google Classroom and the home learning account. Really well done to parents/carers as well for balancing so much at home and work whilst supporting your child's learning. Keep going - you're doing a superb job!

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Reception Class Bubble

Following the survey results for our Reception class children, we are hoping to continue with our plans to open up a Reception class bubble next week - Monday 22nd June. A letter for parents/carers of children in this class will be coming out later this week along with a video to show your children what Reception Class will now look like in order to help the children understand how their routines will be different and some new rules that are now in place.



Merit Worship

Our virtual Merit Worship will be back this Friday. We will text out a link for all those children and families at home so that you can take part in it and the children in school will take part in their bubbles. We are looking forward to celebrating everyone's gifts and talents again.

Reading Books



Three months ago, during the week leading up to school closures, we sent home several reading books with each child so that they had something to read at home during lockdown. For the children who have returned or are returning very soon, we now request that these books are brought back as soon as possible as stocks are running very low! Please be assured that we will ask the children to place these books in a box and they will be stored away for at least 72 hours before being returned to the library shelves for others to borrow.

We are currently operating a 'no-touch' policy in our library and reading areas. As always, we want to encourage our children to read, but we must keep the books as clean and as free of germs as possible. Therefore, children will visit the library individually with an adult. Children will be able to browse the books without touching and then the adult will wipe their chosen book with a sanitising wipe before the child takes it out. From today, children can take these books home to read.

Transition

We know many parents/carers and children will be wondering what is happening about transition this term and when children will get to meet their new teacher for September. We ask you to please bear with us at the moment. Due to the complex circumstances regarding Covid 19, we are not able to make robust plans for September in the normal time frames. However, please be assured that plans are underway and we will communicate them to you as soon as they are ready. Thank you for your patience.



Huge congratulations to Reuben, Zach, Aoife and Aine on their tremendous effort to raise money for Bradford Central Food Bank. Collectively, the children ran a grand total of 110 miles raising a whopping £995! We are extremely proud of them for supporting such a brilliant charity in this way.

Well done all of you!


