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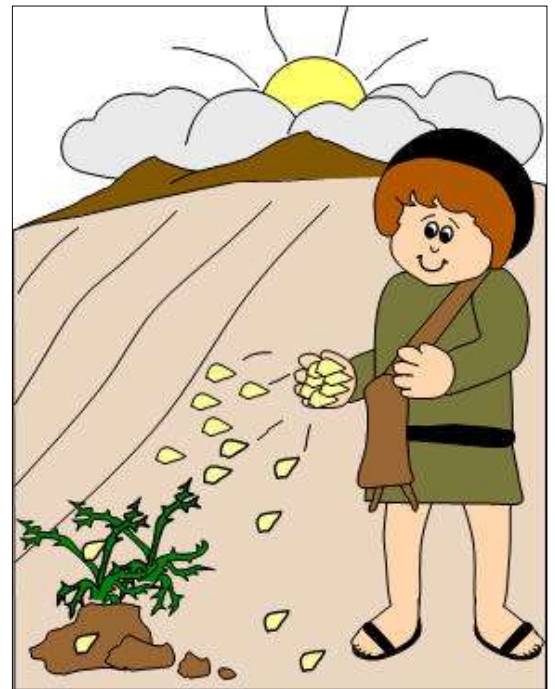
Your Tuesday News 14th July 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

In worship yesterday, we explored the Parable of the Sower which was Sunday's Gospel reading in church. We made connections between how the seeds grew, to our own lives. We finally came to the conclusion that Jesus' message to us through this parable is to seize opportunities that God provides for us, whether that be a small thing such as trying out a new sport or making a new friend, or something more significant, such as taking the opportunity to make a change in ourselves or to listen to God's Word and think how it could change our lives for the better. This parable really spoke out to our Year 6 children in particular who are experiencing their final week with us here at St Francis. This next big stage in their lives is a real God-given opportunity for them to seize and make the best of. We prayed for them and set our mission for the week: to see every opportunity that God gives us and make the most of each one.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines





Year 6 Leavers

This week is of great significance for our Year 6 pupils as this is their last week at St Francis. We are exceptionally proud of them all for all they have achieved at St Francis. They have all grown up into fine young people and we know they have a bright future ahead of them. We will miss them all greatly but we wish them every ounce of good luck.

Final Special Merit Worship

As is St Francis' tradition, we will be going ahead with our Final Special Merit Worship this year, but obviously this will be pre-recorded and shared via our website on Friday morning. We will text out a link to you and inform parents of children who will be receiving an award.

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

This Friday, 17th July, we will be holding our '**Alfie Joe Barraclough**' Day in school. Many of you may remember one of our former pupils, Alfie Joe, who very sadly passed away over 4 years ago. This Friday would have been his 14th birthday and in honour of his memory we are inviting all the children (**except Year 6**) in bubbles to come to school dressed in blue. We hope the sun shines brightly as we remember the shining star that Alfie Joe was.



Full Opening of School in September

We are pleased to confirm that, in line with government guidance, school will open fully to every year group in September. Children from Y1-Y6 will be warmly welcomed back on **Thursday 3rd September 2020**. Children starting in FS1 and FS2 will also be very warmly welcomed into school in September, but, as is normal practice, these children will start in smaller groups, building up gradually to full classes over the first few days of the term. Specific dates will be given out to parents of these children very soon and will be communicated by email.

Please note, the government's stance on pupils' attendance from September:

Attendance expectations

In March when the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was increasing, we made clear no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school.

Now the circumstances have changed and it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- *parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;*
- *schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence*
- *the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct*

It is therefore our expectation that all children will return to school in September.

Communication of plans for September

We are aware that parents/carers will want to know the details of our planning and risk assessments before we open in September. Please be assured that we are currently working on all of these and will be submitting them to the BCWCAT Trust Board, which we are now part of, on Friday 17th July when we must await approval. Once we have gained this approval, we will write to you with all the details and information you require. We will make this letter and our risk assessment available on our website and will text out a link to them to every parent/carer, so please look out for this over the holidays.



School App (School Jotter)

There is now a school app available to download from your app store. This app is an extension to our website and will allow us to communicate news and information to you easily and immediately. The newsletter and any letters will now be sent out to you via this app. To download this app search for School Jotter and download this. Once this has downloaded, search for our school by name or postcode (BD2 4ES) and the school website will then be opened. The app is available now. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Virtual sports week

Thank you to Miss White for organising a very successful virtual sports week. The feedback and participation both in school and at home was fantastic.

End of Year School Reports

As stated in last week's Tuesday News, children's school reports were made available yesterday as follows:

- For children in school, a paper copy was sent home with your child yesterday.
- For KS2 children at home, a digital copy of your child's report was shared with you through our google drive yesterday. Hard copies are available to pick up from the office for the rest of this week until we close at 12:30pm on Friday 17th July.
- For Foundation Stage and KS1 children at home, we have no digital means to get a copy to each family, therefore hard copies are now available to pick up from the office for the rest of this week until we close at 12:30pm on Friday 17th July.

Breakfast Club/After School Club Changes

We are pleased to inform you that both our Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will reopen on Thursday 3rd September, however we have made some changes to the booking systems. Due to having to keep children in bubbles with their own year group, we can no longer run the Breakfast Club on a drop-in basis. From September, parents/carers will have to book their children into the club during the previous week. Parents/Carers have always had to book their children into After School Club, but this will now be done through an electronic form rather than a paper form. These bookings are essential so that we can ensure we have the required space, provisions and staffing for the club to continue to run smoothly, whilst ensuring that children from different bubbles do not mix. Below, sets out how this booking system will work:

- Wednesday morning - booking form released onto Breakfast Club/After School Club page on the school website
- 5pm Friday afternoon- booking form closes and is taken down off website
- Any children not booked on during this time, will not be permitted to attend Breakfast Club for the following week.
- Payment to continue through our Parent Pay system

Please also be aware that we are currently exploring potential cost increases of our Breakfast Club for September. Once a decision is made and approval is received from our Governing Body, we will communicate this with you.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our virtual Merit Winners last week:

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Caleb Hemmans for being so fantastic and hard working with his home learning. Caleb has completed all of his work either on an iphone or exercise books and has worked his socks off.

Year FS1: Teddy Wilkinson for his excellent work with coins and for being a dab hand with the kitchen knife!. Teddy made a delicious fruit salad last week and for all your hard work while we have been away from school.

Year FS2: Mila Hunter for being a super athlete during sports week.

Year 1: Daniel Wilkinson for his enthusiastic contributions to sports week. He really tried hard and encouraged his classmates to try their best.

Year 2: Nate for being a role model to the younger children in red bubble. He works hard in school and at home. He has impeccable manners and put in a super effort this week with virtual sports week.

Year 3: Rhys Leak for his amazing attitude and determination in our virtual sports week. He has shown off his amazing sporting talents and creative imagination in different tasks.

Ruby Barry for her hard work in green bubble. Ruby goes above and beyond making sure she produces her best work.

Year 4: Cora Mullarkey for settling back into school life effortlessly. She is showing a level of maturity ready for year 5.

Year 5: Matthew Travis for being a superstar with his home learning efforts. Well done Matthew.

Year 6: Nathan Spencer for his effort and contributions in the purple bubble and for always working hard especially at home during lockdown. Nathan even created his own recipes at home.



Mathstronaut of the Week

The Clapham family for some brilliant maths work at home. They have persevered and shown great resilience during lockdown.

Our Big Cat Reading Award

Maisie Walker for really impressing the staff in red bubble for bringing your reading book into school and changing it regularly.





MEMBERS OF ACCELERATED READER GOLD AND SILVER CLUB THIS WEEK 10 th July 2020	
Gold (100%)	Silver (80%+)
Natasha x 2,	Maisie
Lucas Eliza x 2 Lucia x 2	Lucas
Orla	
Mia	Ryley Zach



Jayden completed his grading to achieve a Green Tag Belt in Taekwondo last weekend. His instructor said he works really hard and performed brilliantly.

Well done Jayden!