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

Your Tuesday News 15th September 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

In worship yesterday, we explored the idea of forgiveness through Jesus' telling of the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. We discussed how God always forgives us for the mistakes that we make and so we must learn from that and make sure we forgive others when they do something wrong to us. We also discussed how important saying sorry, and showing we are sorry is, before expecting forgiveness. We prayed together and set our mission for the week: To forgive others even when it is difficult.



God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, parents/carers and families of St Francis for the calm and responsible way that you have all returned to school. As we are sure you can imagine, a vast amount of planning and preparation took place over many weeks to fully reopen school as safely as possible, so we are very grateful to you all for reading all the information carefully, sticking to the new rules and supporting us so positively. Please keep it up!

By contrast, however, one thing we have noticed is many parents/carers congregating around the school gate on Myers Lane after picking up the children. We ask you to move on as quickly as possible as this is making social distancing very difficult for the next group of parents picking up.

MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

Please make sure that any medicines are signed in through the school office. Please do not give medicine to your child to handover to the class teachers, even if it is a replacement. It is very important that we have all medicines registered properly in school.



Year 2



On Friday, Year 2 began their topic on Toys with a toy afternoon. We are starting off by thinking about the toys children play with now, so everyone brought in a toy from home and once Mrs George had given them all a precautionary wipe down, the children enjoyed sharing and playing with them together.



Soon we will be looking at some of the popular toys our parents and grandparents played with and deciding whose toys are best!

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATE

Please remember that booking forms for both clubs open on a Wednesday morning and close on Fridays at 3pm. Anyone not booked in, will not be able to attend the club. Please note: if you wish your child to have breakfast at Breakfast Club, they must arrive no later than 8:20am. Please ensure you give them breakfast yourself if they will arrive later than this. Breakfast Club costs £2 per session with or without breakfast.

FOREST SCHOOL



We are pleased that our Forest School provision is returning to St Francis this year, fully compliant with our Covid 19 risk assessment. This year, our providers are Mike and Chris from 'Go Wild Outdoors'. Children from Y1 - Y6 will enjoy a full Friday afternoon for one half term at some point this year. This half term, it is Year 5's turn. Please ensure that children arrive already dressed in their Forest School clothes and bring wellies to change into.



FRUIT CARDS

Fruit cards for KS2 children are available to buy in school at a cost of £2.50. If children would prefer to bring in their own fruit from home, they may do so, but this must be fruit only. All FS1, FS2 and KS1 children receive free fruit in school.

PARENT CONSULTATION

Yesterday, parents/carers were all sent a link to a letter regarding parent consultations. If you missed it, please find it here:

https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/additional-letters

Links were also sent out via text and/or email to book an appointment. If you have any issues with this, please email the office.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor (now known as Academy Councillor since we joined the Trust) on the school's governing body (now known as Academy Council). Any parent with a child on roll at the school, including the nursery, is eligible to become a Parent Academy Councillor.



Parent Academy Councillors are elected by other parents (if there are more expressions of interest than we need) and are vital to our Academy Council. Academy Councillors do not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school. The Academy Council's responsibilities include:

- setting the aims of the school and agreeing a wide range of policies;
- holding the school to account for standards and pupils' progress;
- preparing the annual school budget and monitoring expenditure;
- appointing school staff;
- ensuring that the school building and other facilities are maintained;
- · keeping in touch with parents and the local community

You do not have to be an expert on education to be an Academy Councillor, and we value the experience and skills that all Councillors bring to the role. However, you will need to demonstrate skills and experience that will enhance governance at the school, a commitment to undertake training and a willingness to engage in the life of the school and its strategic development. There are 6 Academy Council meetings each year. Councillors need to set aside time to be able to be effective: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school and to undertake training and updating.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate, please email your expression of interest to the school office at office@stfrancisbrad.co.uk no later than Friday 25th September.

CHOIR UPDATE



Very sadly, we are unable to have a choir for the time being, due to the Covid 19 restrictions and guidance on singing in large groups. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will get back to singing! Many of the children have been asking about Young Voices which usually takes place in January. Unfortunately, the event cannot go ahead on the original dates planned, however, we have just received notification that the dates have all been rescheduled and our new date is Thursday 10th June. Keep your fingers crossed that the situation stays safe and we are able to sing again together soon and that Young Voices is able to go ahead in June.

PACKED LUNCHES

If your child brings a packed lunch from home do not include any foods which contain nuts. Nut allergies can be very severe in children if they even come into contact with foods containing nuts.

As a healthy school we also advocate that children bring healthy lunches from home, so please do not include lots of chocolate, crisps and sugary items in your child's lunch.



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

At St Francis, we believe the partnership between home and school is vital to the well-rounded education of each and every child. To that end, we have put an agreement in place, which strives to ensure the very best in this partnership for all of our children. Last week we sent out a link to this agreement on our website. If you missed it, please find it here:

https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/home-school-agreement

We ask all parents/carers to take the time to read through this.

If you have any issue with the information on this agreement, please email the school office outlining your concerns by Friday 25th September 2020. Please note: we will assume that you are in agreement with this if we do not hear from you. Thank you for your co-operation.

ABSENCE REQUESTS

If you need to request an absence from school, please could you fill in an Absence Request Form. You can download one from the website at https://stfrancisbd.sites.schooljotter2.com/edit/7683323 or request one from the office. Email requests cannot be accepted.



PARENT PAY AND UNIFORM

School ties and book bags are now available to buy on Parent Pay. We would ask all parents to activate their Parent Pay account in order to achieve our goal of becoming a cashless school. If you need a reminder of your log in details please ask the office. We can email or text your details if you would prefer.

SCHOOL JOTTER APP

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded our School Jotter app. We will begin to use this facility more to communicate with parents. We will send out letters, notices and of course the newsletter. This is FREE to download from your App Store This will save school an enormous amount of money on the ever increasing costs of paper and printing.



BIKEABILITY TRAINING

A letter has been sent through our app today to Year 5 and 6 parents with details of Bikeability training in school. If you have not yet downloaded the app, the letter can be found on our website here: https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/additional-letters
