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

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Your Tuesday News 13th October 2020 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday's worship centred around God's invitation to us all to be part of his Kingdom. We shared the Gospel reading of another parable - The Parable of the King's Wedding Banquet. We discussed how Jesus was teaching us how important it is to accept God's invitation. Even more importantly though is what qualities we bring to His Kingdom. We prayed together and then set our mission for the week -Every class started their mission with 'To show we accept God's invitation by...' and each class finished this with their own mission.



Virtues to Live By worship

This week Miss McDermott led us in our virtues worship where we explored the virtue of perseverance. We listened to the song 'Never Give Up' by Sia and listened out for the key messages that linked to our virtue. We then shared the parable of the Persistent Widow and thought about how the main character in this parable persevered. We brought this learning into a modern day context by listening to the story 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers and thinking about how this character displayed our virtue. Finally we came together in a prayer and set ourselves a challenge to persevere with something we are finding tricky this week.

Mass

Last week Year 3 enjoyed a walk up to church to celebrate Mass together as a class. This week, Year 4 are looking forward to doing the same. The children are all kept safe in their bubble and away from other parishioners so that Covid guidelines are adhered to. Children must wear their school uniform tomorrow and PE will be rescheduled for another day.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 3 on 100% attendance last week. Everyone in school should be congratulated on their attendance as we are achieving fantastic attendance considering the current situation.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 05.10.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
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FS2	96.00	<mark>97.10</mark>
Year 1	<mark>99.30</mark>	<mark>97.86</mark>
Year 2	<mark>99.33</mark>	<mark>97.24</mark>
Year 3	100.00	<mark>98.50</mark>
Year 4	<mark>99.35</mark>	<mark>98.80</mark>
Year 5	<mark>97.24</mark>	<mark>97.39</mark>
Year 6	94.29	95.79
Average	97.93%	<mark>97.52%</mark>
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

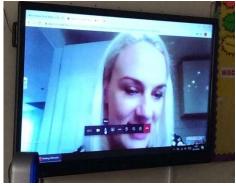
Adam in Year 4 passed is green belt on Krav Maga/karate. Well done Adam



Exploring Gifts and Talents

Children are invited to bring in awards/certificates/trophies that they may have achieved from their pursuits outside of school to Merit Worship on the <u>last Friday of every month</u>. The next date for this is on Friday 23rd October, our last day before breaking up for the half term holidays.

Secret Reader



Thank you so much to Anna's mum in Year 2, who was 'beamed into' the Year 2 classroom over video call last Friday to surprise Anna and her class as their Secret Reader. It was fantastic to have one of our parents support and promote a love of reading with our children. We wonder who may appear next week as the Secret Reader?! Covid can't get in the way of our love of reading! If you are interested in being a 'Secret Reader', please email or phone the office. We would love to welcome you 'virtually' into school!

COVID UPDATE

Home Learning

We completely understand that there are times when children need to isolate/quarantine at home and we support this for the good of individuals, our school community and our city. For children who are well and not ill, it is vitally important that, whilst at home, they engage in the home learning that Class Teachers are working very hard to provide. It is our intention that this home learning is not just 'time-fillers' but is actually the work that the children in school are doing with their teacher, so that we can keep their learning on track and there is much less chance of them falling behind. Of course,

we know it can be challenging for parents/carers to support the children with their home learning, especially if adults are trying to work from home at the same time. Please do contact us on the home learning email account (homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk) if your child is having any issues at all. Thank you for your continued support.



Social Distancing

Whilst staggered drop off and pick ups are fully in place and running smoothly on the whole, social distancing between adults at this time is still extremely important. Please keep **<u>at least 2m apart</u>** and leave the school site as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child(ren) so that we can minimise the amount of people on the site at one time. We also ask that **<u>only one</u> <u>parent/carer</u>** comes on to the school site for the same reason.



Forest School

At Forest School Year 5 have been building on their learning of 'Beowulf'. The children made a 'Grendel' out of clay and built what they thought his cave might look like. Great ideas and effort guys!!







School Photographs

Individual school photographs are to be taken in school on Tuesday 20th October. Due to the current situation we are unable to take photographs of siblings or families together, only children on their own. All children should come to school in uniform that day and if it is a PE day then this will be rescheduled for another day.

School Crossing Patrol

The lady who does the crossing patrol on Bolton Road is ill and will be off work for one month. If you cross over on Bolton Road please could you be extra careful and vigilant during this time. We wish the lady a speedy recovery.



Secondary School Applications

The closing date for online applications for Secondary Schools is 31st October. Now that all Year 7 open events have taken place, if you have not already done so, please can you ensure that you fill in the online application before the closing date. If you are applying for a place at a faith school, remember you will need to fill in a Supplementary Information Form available from the school you are choosing.



St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College





Breakfast Club

Unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to offer breakfast club on a 'drop in' basis as we have done in the past. This is the reason why we have to have a booking system. We are sorry that not all children who require breakfast club are able to have a place, therefore we have taken the step to charge for places which are booked but not taken. When parents book their child into breakfast club, but then do not use the place, this could be given to a family who needs the club but has not managed to secure a place. Please consider this when booking a place for breakfast club.

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew