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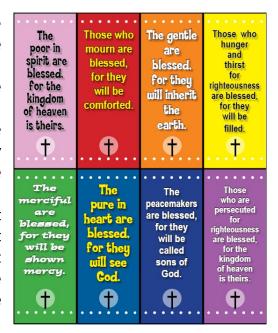
Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

# Your Tuesday News 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

#### 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

#### Worship

This morning, we gathered together virtually to explore the Beatitudes which are shared by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. We discussed how Beatitudes is a very old word meaning 'blessing' and we explored together what a blessing is. The children came up with some lovely examples, such as when the Priest blesses you on the forehead at Church, when we say a prayer and when we receive gifts of love and kindness. We then discussed some tricky questions – what about people who don't have a home, or those who don't have a family? Are they not blessed? Has God forgotten about them? We discussed whether this meant that they were not blessed. The children thought very deeply about these and offered answers such as 'it doesn't matter if you are not as lucky as other people, you should still be blessed' and 'these people are still blessed because they are guided by God'. We came to the final conclusion that actually everyone is blessed



when God is with us. He is in our hearts when we choose to love Him and follow His commandments. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week: To recognise one blessing we have in our lives and talk about it with a friend.

#### Virtues to live by

Tomorrow Miss Burgess will explore the virtue of knowledge and why it is so important.

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#### **Covid 19 Update**

Thank you to all our children and families for the way in which you embraced all the new systems and rules throughout the last half term. We are so proud of our whole school community but most of all, our children, who just took it all in their stride.

Yesterday, we sent out a letter to all parents/carers with further updates and amendments to our risk assessment in light of the new lockdown coming into effect this Thursday. If you missed this letter, simply follow this link to read it: https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/additional-letters

#### **EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:**

### Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 2 who are our attendance champions. Well done to everyone else who has achieved over 97%

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	%ATTENDANCE
	w/b: 19.10.20.	this year to date
FS2	<mark>97.97</mark>	<mark>97.56</mark>
Year 1	<mark>97.24</mark>	<mark>98.02</mark>
Year 2	<mark>99.33</mark>	<mark>97.82</mark>
Year 3	98.00	<mark>98.27</mark>
Year 4	<mark>98.69</mark>	<mark>98.86</mark>
Year 5	91.29	96.77
Year 6	<mark>97.32</mark>	96.19
Average	<b>97.12%</b>	<mark>97.64%</mark>
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Merit winners last week were: Ellie Varley, Alice Upton, George Illingworth, Lewie Gaffey, Casey Nolan and Clelia Cappelli. Well done everyone

Mrs Haines Headteacher's Award: Olivia Wilson for going above and beyond in her school work this term. Olivia has done so much extra work at home and is loving her learning. Well done!

The Big Cat Merit for reading: Ava-Grace Gamble: in recognition of superb reading at home this week Ava-Grace can't wait to show her reading journal because she is so proud of how regularly she is reading at home. She has been working hard in phonics and this is really paying off in her reading and writing.

Maths Shed Award for maths: Lily-May Cousins for all her hard work on Maths Shed. She is top scorer and is clearly working very hard to learn her Maths facts. Very well done Lily-May.

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#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	25,063,532
2.	Year 1 2020-21	16,659,689
3.	Year 2 2020-21	6,423,630
4.	Year 3 2020-21	3,191,193
5.	Year 6 2020-21	2,644,105
6.	Year 5 2020-21	1,440,456



#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups
1.		Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020-21
2.		Lucas Harris	Year 4 2020-21
3.		Rebelo A	Year 2 2020-21

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#### **Social Media**

We politely remind you not to post anything on social media sites about our school or name any of our staff in such posts. All parents/carers have agreed to our Home School agreement, which clearly states:

"Internet safety and being aware of the dangers present when using the internet is of paramount importance for our children. We all need to work together to ensure that our children are able to use the internet safely.



#### The SCHOOL will:

- Promote online-safety through the curriculum, assemblies and e-safety week.
- Provide safe search engines for children to use in school and from home.
- Inform parents of any concerns we have regarding online-safety.

#### The FAMILY will:

- Be aware of their social responsibilities with regard to using the internet and related technologies, including treating others with respect.
- Not express any negative concerns or complaints on Social Media including naming children, staff or the school.
- Promote online-safety at home.
- Be mindful of social networking and be aware that many sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat are not intended for children under the age of 13.

#### The CHILD will:

- Listen to and follow advice provided for their own safety when using the internet.
- Report any worries regarding online-safety to their parents and to the school."

Even in these difficult Covid times, we are still making ourselves available to you as much as we possibly can to deal with any issues or problems. If you have any issues or questions with home learning, please email: <a href="mailto:homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk">homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk</a> For any other issues or queries or to speak to a specific member of staff please email or phone the office. Many thanks for your continued support on this matter.

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#### Flu immunisation

If you have signed the consent form for the flu immunisation, your child will receive this in school on Thursday, 19th November.

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#### **School Photographs**

The photographs that the children had taken before half term have now been in quarantine for 2 weeks. They will be coming home with the children today. Please return your orders by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.



#### **Choir update**

We are very optimistic of being able to set up a virtual choir. Parents of children in Years 3 - 6 who expressed an interest in this, received a letter before half term with more details. They were asked to email <a href="mailto:choir@stfrancisbrad.co.uk">choir@stfrancisbrad.co.uk</a> to confirm that their child would definitely like to join the choir and that they would be prepared to put in work at home to learn the melodies and lyrics using prepared resources. Thank you to all the parents who have emailed so far. The deadline for this is Friday, 6th November. We are really looking forward to hearing the children sing again - even if it is only virtually at this stage!

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#### **Bikeability**

Miss Burgess would like to thank all the Y5 and Y6 children who expressed an interest in Bikeability. Unfortunately, we did not have the sufficient interest for the Bradford team to come and run the session. In addition the current lockdown situation would



potentially have made this very difficult anyway. However we are keen to offer something for children keen on cycling - so please keep your eyes peeled in the summer term where we will look again at either using the Bikeability team or running something in school.

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#### **New PE days**

Here are the new PE days for the next half term:

- Year 1 Monday and Tuesday
- Year 2 Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 3 Tuesday and Forest School Friday
- Year 4 Thursday and Friday
- Year 5 Wednesday and Friday
- Year 6 Monday and Wednesday



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#### School app

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have already downloaded our new school app. So far, 124/145 families have already downloaded which is fantastic. If you haven't already done so, please download the School Jotter app and search for our school. It would be great if all our families use it and then we will be able to communicate with you even more efficiently through this.



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