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## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Years 1 and 5 with 100% attendance. Please be aware that children who are isolating are not counted as absent. They are expected to be doing home learning and as such are given a present mark.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 02.11.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.52	97.46
Year 1	100	98.21
Year 2	97.77	97.82
Year 3	97.59	98.22
Year 4	97.71	98.76
Year 5	100	97.09
Year 6	94.83	96.05
<b>Average</b>	<b>97.77%</b>	<b>97.65%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Merit winners last week: Colby Firth, Stevie Brankin, Isla Naylor, Ashton Haigh-Greaves, Elizabeth Bingley. Well Done everyone!!

Big Cat Merit for reading: Scarlett Sahebjam in recognition of superb reading at school and at home this week. Practicing each day leads to great improvements in reading.

Maths Award: Kyle Riley for all his hard work on Maths Shed. He has been practicing adding within 10 and has done a superb job of learning his maths facts.

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1.	Year 6 2020-21	105,136,200
2.	Year 4 2020-21	77,433,126
3.	Year 3 2020-21	31,060,521
4.	Year 1 2020-21	28,563,909
5.	Year 5 2020-21	14,806,282
6.	Year 2 2020-21	7,934,768
7.	FS2 2020-21	241,110



1.		Abigail Dawson	Year 4
2.		Scarlett Zaborowski	Year 6
3.		Lily-May Cousins	Year 4

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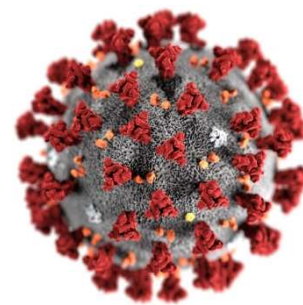
## Performance Poetry

Just before we broke up, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 all performed their chosen poems as part of our performance poetry programme. Year 1 did a wonderful and funny poem all about different jelly beans. Year 2 performed a poem penned by the talented Miss Martin herself which was called 'What's in the box?' and linked to their topic on toys. Finally, Year 3 did a wonderful performance of 'The School Kid Rap'. All three classes did a brilliant job of performing in an empty hall whilst having their performances beamed into the classrooms via video link. They all spoke with such confidence. Well done everyone! We are really proud of you



## Covid 19 Update

Due to single positive cases in each bubble, last Friday and over the weekend, we closed the Year 3 and Year 4 bubbles and a Breakfast Club bubble. A full risk assessment took place and children and staff identified as having been in close contact with the positive cases were informed and asked to stay at home for an isolation period and engage in home learning.



As is the case for many people around the world, this situation can be very difficult. For a school in particular, closing a bubble or having individual staff members having to isolate, can have a knock on effect for other classes in school and maintaining the right adult to child ratios. We are hugely grateful to the large amount of parents and families, who have been and continue to be so understanding and supportive at this time.

We know there have been one or two occasions this term when we have not been able to communicate messages as speedily to families as we would normally have liked. This has mainly been due to dealing with notifications of staff absence due to needing to isolate, or dealing with a large number of families where our support or advice has been needed in making decisions on isolating their children. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused any of our families. As we sure you appreciate, there will very likely be stumbling blocks along the way when running a school during a global pandemic. We ask for your continued patience and understanding as we continue to put our very best efforts into providing the best quality education we can whilst dealing with the numerous challenges.

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## Home Learning

As you are aware, our home learning systems were put in place immediately after going into the first lockdown on 23rd March. We also set up our home learning email account ([homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk)). Since then, we have made updates to improve our systems even further and put in place additional measures to ensure the continuity of the children's education should they need to isolate individually or in the event of a bubble closure. These are outlined below:

August 2020	Updated and further improved our home learning systems
Late August 2020	Produced our home learning policy
Early September 2020	Placed the home learning policy on our website and communicated it to parents via text with a link to the relevant website page.
Late September	Carried out a parent technology survey, so that in the case of a bubble closure, we knew straight away which of our families needed to loan devices from school.
Throughout the Autumn term	Communicated with parents of isolating children when necessary. Class Teachers have worked hard to continue isolating children's education through our home learning systems in accordance with our policy.

Ensuring the continuity of education for your child is a two-way process, and we respectfully ask you to engage in the information we send out and the systems we put in place. On October 22nd 2020, it became a legal duty under the 'CoronaVirus Act 2020' for schools to provide home learning which is as aligned to teaching happening in school and to our own curriculum as much as possible.

Moreover, we, as a school and as professionals, are passionate that our children all get their full entitlement to their education and for it to be of the best possible quality. Thank you to everyone in our school community who has engaged with us and supported us throughout this testing time. We want to continue working together with all of our families to ensure all of our children achieve their potential.



Our very small group of hardworking volunteers are working away in the background, trying to organise some events for this term to raise much needed money for our children and their education. As you can imagine, this is not an easy task during the current lockdown, but they are coming up with some fantastic innovative ideas that can hopefully be done whilst complying with covid restrictions. They really need some more people to help them organise these events. If you can give just a small piece of your time to help them, please email the office and we will pass on your details with your permission to the Chairperson, Mrs Lousia Whitehead. Many thanks in advance.

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We have very kindly had a donation of girls' baby clothes and other baby items. If anyone would like any of these items, please email the office stating which ones you are interested in.

Items available are:

Girls' baby clothes:	Travel Cot; 0-3 months; 12-18 months;	Blue Bumbo seat; 3-6 months; 2-3 years	Maxi Cosi car seat; 6-9 months;	9-12 months;
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## Fitbits



We are aware that a growing number of children are wearing Fitbits to school. Please note that school will not accept responsibility if any Fitbits are broken, damaged or lost. Children are expected to take care of their Fitbits themselves and not allow them to become a distraction in class. If they do become a distraction, their class teacher will ask them to remove it until the end of the day and the child may be asked not to wear it to school. Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

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Year 6 have started a very exciting and current history unit, Civil Rights. Last week the children made their own banners to represent the recent issues in the world and the importance of treating everyone equally. Here are just a few examples of the work from our hook afternoon!

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**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**