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

Your Tuesday News 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

## Worship

On Sunday, churches around the world celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday before Advent begins. In our worship yesterday, we explored the meaning of the Parable of the Sheep and Goats. In this parable, Jesus says some important words, 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' We imagined what our own lives would be like if we didn't have lots of food, toys, furniture or even a proper home. We also discussed together what kinds of things we could do to help people who are sick, lonely, homeless or hungry. Then we thought more deeply and discussed together what the world would be like if there was no one or no charities that provided help and support for all these different struggling people. We agreed together that it is everyone's job to look after each other and we can do this in many different ways - small or large. We prayed together and set our mission for the week: **To choose someone in need to pray for and then tell that person that you prayed for them.**

## The Parable of the Sheep & Goats



## Virtues Worship



This morning, Miss Robson led us in our Virtues Worship which was exploring the virtue of CURIOSITY. The children were introduced to Professor Brian Cox and all he has learned, discovered and passed on through his own virtue of curiosity.

## Advent

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We are really looking forward to preparing ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ during this time. Our theme this year is **'We Wait Upon You Lord'**

Once again this year, our Advent charity is for Catholic Care **'A Baby is Born - Gianna Project'** which supports young and new mums with newborn babies. Throughout Advent, we are collecting items for mums and babies to pass on to the project. If you have any unopened nappies, baby clothes, nappy creams, soothers, etc.... please leave at the school office. Thank you in advance.

## Travelling Crib

At some point during Advent, each child in Nursery and Reception Class will receive a travelling crib to take home. There will be full instructions inside of what to do with it at home. The cribs will be quarantined for 72 hours before being loaned out to the next family. We hope our Foundation children and their families enjoy a peaceful time whilst exploring the Christmas story together.



### **The Giving Manger**

To encourage our children to think of others during Advent, we are inviting them to contribute to 'The Giving Manger'. The children will help to prepare the manger for the birth of Christ, by writing on pieces of 'straw' a good deed that they have done for someone else and putting the 'straw' in the manger. This could be doing the washing up at home, sharing a toy with their sibling, doing a job for their teacher, etc...

Throughout Advent, the manger will become more and more full with good deeds, whilst also becoming more and more ready for our Lord to be laid in it at Christmas.

### **Saying Sorry Service**

Reception Class and KS1 children will take part in a Saying Sorry Service with Fr Anthony on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The bubbles will be seated 2m apart from each other and Fr Anthony, whilst having the opportunity to cleanse themselves from sin during this very special season.

### **Penitential Service**

KS2 children will take part in a Penitential service on the same day. Again, their bubbles will be distanced from each other. Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate confession after the service as we usually do, due to all spaces in school being used and a social distance not being in harmony with the Act of Confession.

### **Advent Mass**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 children will walk up to church in their separate bubbles to celebrate our annual Advent Mass with Fr. Anthony. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents and families to this very special occasion as we would usually do, but we still hope this will be a very special, reflective time.

### **Christmas Liturgy and Carol Service**

We know families will be missing our annual KS1 Christmas Liturgy and PFA Carol Service. Unfortunately, these are just not possible this year. However, plans are in the pipeline for a virtual Christmas Liturgy. Watch this space....

### **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers**

Arrangements are currently underway for Christmas Dinner Day, which will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day. This will be held in memory of Alfie Joe Barraclough, a former pupil of our school, who very sadly passed away at Christmas time 5 years ago. Donation of £1 will be greatly appreciated.



### **St Francis Virtual Christmas Disco!**



We are so excited to tell you that we will be holding a Virtual Christmas Disco on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The disco will be launched on our school website and will include all of the children's favourite hits and dance routines and of course some popular Christmas tunes as well! The children are invited to submit their song requests and shout outs for their classmates by emailing:

[homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk). The deadline for these is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

December. We would be grateful if you could make a small donation instead of buying a ticket. Donations can be made on parent pay. We will let you know when and how you are able to do this.

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 17.12.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	Not in school	97.54
Year 1	99.12	98.38
Year 2	99.63	98.09
Year 3	98.04	98.21
Year 4	96.55	98.66
Year 5	96.54	97.23
Year 6	93.30	96.02
<b>Average</b>	<b>97.19%</b>	<b>97.73%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>


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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Isaac Kiwomya for working his socks off at home on Google Classroom. Isaac has done every piece of work set for him and more! It is brilliant to see him still loving his learning whilst at home. Well Done Isaac !!

The Big Cat Reading Award: Leo Raistrick in recognition of superb reading at home this week. Practicing each day leads to great improvements in reading.

The Maths Award: Hannah Berry for some superb reasoning work. She has taken time and care to compose clear and logical explanations, which shows how deeply she understands her learning. Brilliant work Hannah – keep it up!!

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups
1.		Scarlett Zaborowski	Year 6 2020-21
2.		Connie Shackler	Year 4 2020-21
3.		Lily-May Cousins	Year 4 2020-21



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 6 2020-21	78,192,194
2.	Year 4 2020-21	77,127,808
3.	Year 3 2020-21	35,978,720
4.	Year 1 2020-21	26,054,367
5.	Year 2 2020-21	7,172,863
6.	Year 5 2020-21	6,203,624
7.	ES2 2020-21	1,751,142

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Look out this week for a Smartie Tube coming come with your child. The PFA are running a Smartie Tube competition to raise much needed funds for school. Full instructions will come with the Smarties!!

Unfortunately, last week we were unable to offer hot school dinners as normal, due to our kitchen staff having to isolate. Fortunately, this week we have some of our kitchen staff back and therefore we are able to offer hot meals again, however on a limited menu, which is outlined below:

	Hot meal choices	Cold meal choices
TUESDAY	Cheese and onion lattice  Jacket potatoes with various fillings	Ham/cheese/tuna sandwich
WEDNESDAY	Sausage, vegetables and potatoes  Panini	Ham/cheese/tuna sandwich
THURSDAY	Pizza  Jacket potato with various fillings	Ham/cheese/tuna sandwich
FRIDAY	Fish  Panini	Ham/cheese/tuna sandwich

**School Dinners**

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A polite reminder to all parents that any medication (including inhalers) must be signed in by the parent/carer through the office.

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Cleaner required (Fixed Term) required from December 2020 for 10 hours per week Point 1 (£9.30 hourly rate). Do you want to come and share your gifts and talents in an outstanding Catholic school that strives for excellence in all areas? Then this is the place to apply. The Governors invite applications from persons who wish to join our happy, hard working school. All applicants must be committed to play a full part in the life of our school and actively support our Mission Statement.

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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**