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

Your Tuesday News 12th January 2021

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

It was lovely to see everyone in school and at home for our first live Monday worship. Despite a few technical hitches, the children gave some lovely answers. Sunday celebrated the Baptism of the Lord in church and this was the Gospel reading we shared. First, we discussed how it was a big gap from last week's visit by the Three Kings to this week's baptism. Lots of children listened carefully to the story and could explain what happened to Jesus during the baptism – the voice from Heaven being God, the Holy Spirit that came down as a dove and the importance of water. Our older children explained that last week's



story and this week's were similar in that they both represented a new birth for Jesus. This is the same for us when we are baptised as babies: we are 'born' into a new life with God. And just like this new chapter in Jesus' life, God speaks from Heaven and calls Jesus a new name: 'son'. God the Father was telling everyone that Jesus was His child! We can also be given a new name by God – son, daughter, and child. Jesus is one of the Trinity of God. We are different to Jesus because we are not God. But we are adopted into His family and called children of God!

Our mission this week is to show we say 'Yes' to the invitation to be part of God's family through our good actions.

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Virtues to Live By

Virtues worships have now changed to every Wednesday due to the new timetable we have put in place during the partial closure of school. Tomorrow we will be focussing on the virtue of humility. We will be looking at the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern and the humility she showed during the New Zealand coronavirus lockdown back in Spring last year.

Attendance

During this current lockdown we will not be recording our attendance figures on here. Attendance is being recorded differently according to Government guidelines.

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners (18.12.20): Beau Cyprien, Anabell Daly, Fabian Naylor, Alfie Walton, Adam ElkaZaZ, Miley Dunn and Inda Makombo. Well done everyone

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: ALL the children at St Francis for being FABULOUS SUPERSTARS this term. Every single child has coped brilliantly with all the changes and worked their socks off.

Reading Award: Elsie Worsley for superb reading at home and at school. Practicing each day leads to great improvements in reading and this has shown in her recent assesement.

Connor McCullen entered his first ever times for his individual swim medley on the 20th December at Leeds Swimming Club. The times have been released and he is the 6th fastest in Yorkshire and 87th fastest in the whole of the UK! This wasn't done under race conditions so his actual times post COVID are expected to be even faster! Well done Connor we look forward to seeing your progress.

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Top Spelling Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 6 2020-21	81,407,932
2.	Year 5 2020-21	59,684,420
3.	Year 4 2020-21	54,098,097
4.	Year 3 2020-21	24,023,333
5.	Year 1 2020-21	17,766,071
6.	Year 2 2020-21	10,264,772
7.	FS2 2020-21	49,914



Top Spellers

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups
1.		Scarlett Zaborowski	Year 6 2020-21
2.		Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020-21
3.		Olivia Wilson	Year 5 2020-21

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Forest School

Due to the current circumstances, our Forest School provision has had to be cancelled for the time being. Once school reopens fully, this will resume and we will reorganise the timetable and communicate this with you when it is ready.



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Cancellation of statutory assessments

The Key Stage 1 SATs, Key Stage 2 SATs, Year 1 Phonics Screening and Year 4 Times tables screening have all been cancelled for this year due to the coronavirus crisis. However, this does not mean that your child's progress and achievement will not be recorded in any way. As a school, we will continue to carry out our own in-house assessments for every year group as we normally would.

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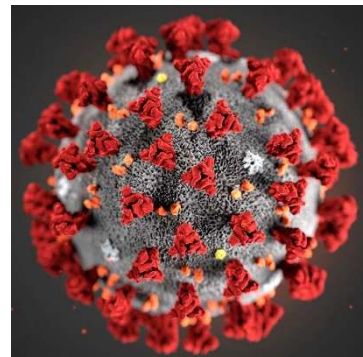
National lockdown: stay at home messaging

- You must stay at home. This is the single most important action we can all take to protect the NHS and save lives
- You must not leave your home unless necessary
- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or bubble

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Covid 19 update

We are so grateful to our whole school community for the positive manner in which everyone has got on board with the partial closure of school during this latest national lockdown. As you are aware, the situation is ever-changing which impacts on how often we share information with you and that we often have to change our plans and amend our risk assessment. We are grateful for your continued patience and understanding. Our most up to date risk assessment to reflect the partial closure of school is available for your information on our website here:



<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/home/covid-19>

Our Trust's CEO, Mr Simon Sprague, has sent out an important letter today, followed by a separate important letter from Mrs Haines. Please take the time to read both of these as they have essential information

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Home Learning



Well done to parents/carers and of course the children for getting to grips with home learning once again. Since the original national lockdown last Spring, we have further improved our home learning and this is all set out in our most up to date home learning policy, which can be found on the main home learning page on our website here:

[https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/learning/home-learning.](https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/learning/home-learning)

Please note: our home learning email account is manned throughout the day by staff, in and amongst teaching the children in school. We ask you to please be patient in waiting on a reply. We completely understand that the majority of our parents/carers are working from home and that children's work may not be submitted until the evening outside of working hours. This is absolutely fine. We just ask you to understand that staff will not reply after 5pm as they have the next day's lessons to plan and organise and also need time to rest and relax. They will of course respond the following day.

Top Tip!

Pupils can scan work from home if they are using paper if they have an iphone or ipad. They simply go to 'notes' click on the camera function and select 'scan documents'. Then send a copy to the home learning email address: homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk

Towards the end of this week, we will survey parents/carers of children at home for your feedback on our home learning systems. We will also survey critical worker parents and parents of vulnerable children for your feedback on our on-site education provision. As always we welcome your feedback - both positive and constructive. The following week, we hope to survey the children (whether at home or at school) to gather their views on the provision we have put in place for them.

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