



TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Last week's merit winners: Jude Gale, Findlay Dowling-Rhodes, Bobby Jones, Alfie Marshall, Mason Nolan, Amelia Whitehead, Kayl Walker and Sorchia Elói. Well done everybody!!




Mrs Haines Headteacher's Award: Maisy Dunn for being an absolute joy! Maisy continues to love her learning, embrace all that school offers and most importantly, enjoys helping others. What a star 🌟🌟🌟

Big Cat Merit Award: Matteo Honey for superb reading at home and in school this week. Practicing each day leads to great improvements in reading. He is a reading superstar 🌟🌟🌟

Maths Award: Elizabeth Bingley for some superb work on fractions, decimals and percentages. She has persevered with some extremely tricky problems and is making excellent progress. Well done 🌟🌟🌟

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Top Spellers

#	Avatar	Pupil
1.		Scarlett Zaborowski
2.		Rhys Leak
3.		Noel Mullarkey



#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	83,975,307
2.	Year 6 2020-21	75,676,474
3.	Year 5 2020-21	45,830,875
4.	Year 3 2020-21	45,739,526
5.	Year 1 2020-21	20,270,767
6.	Year 2 2020-21	18,235,490
7.	FS2 2020-21	773.375

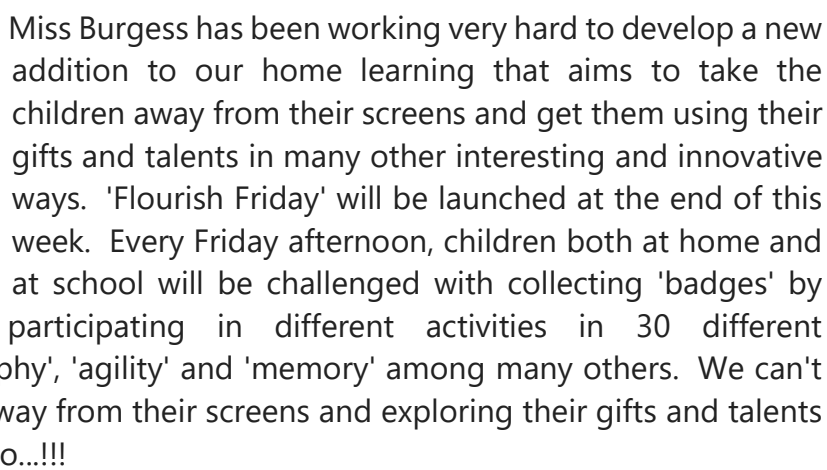
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Children's Mental Health Week

This week, it is National Children's Mental Health Week. This couldn't be more important at the moment. Whether children are at home or at school, life is very restricted and different for them all so we want to support them in keeping their minds, as well as bodies, healthy. To that end, I am preparing a 'job' each day for all the children to do that aims to support a healthy mind. Yesterday I gave the job of finding 5 minutes in the day to



meditate. Today's job is to get out of the house or the classroom into the fresh air - this could be part of the daily exercise allowance in the local area or simply in the garden.

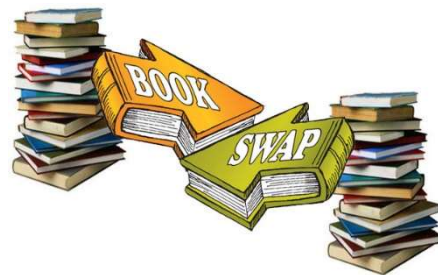


Home Learning Updates

It has been very pleasing to see a mixture of adults and children accessing appointments with class teachers and/or other teachers in school to address any issues or problems they may be experiencing with their learning. If you or your child is having any problems with home learning, please simply email the office to make an appointment within the time frames outlined below:

In order to support our families further, and to make all our home learning information clearer, we have created a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section on our main home learning page found here: <https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/learning/home-learning>
We hope you find it useful.

Please simply email the home learning account if your child needs to change their book. Keep reading a little and often with your children. It makes a massive difference to their progress.



On Thursday afternoons, Mrs Gallucci will run the KS2 book swap in the small hall. This is all done covid safe. We ask parents/carers to wait outside whilst the children come in one at a time to hand in the completed book and then choose a new one within the colour they are currently assessed on. Please keep encouraging your child to read and do accelerated reader quizzes and to pop in to the weekly book swap.

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Thank you to the vast majority of our families for taking the current lockdown and all its rules and restrictions seriously - particularly those rules which apply to our school specifically. Your support and resilience during this very challenging time for everyone is wonderful. Please hang in there and keep going - you are doing an amazing job, whatever your circumstances.

Sadly, there are a minority of families who are choosing to flatly ignore the government guidelines and our own school rules and restrictions during this current lockdown. The situation nationally and locally is extremely serious. Last week, the number of positive cases in the Bolton and Undercliffe ward was in the highest 5 wards in Bradford and just the week before, Eccleshill and Idle were in the top 5. This potentially deadly virus is literally on our doorstep. Over the past few weeks some children in school have shared stories of the sleepovers they have had at other people's houses or the various different houses they have been to for tea or at the weekend. If you are uncertain what the current rules are on child care and/or socialising, please see below:

It is against the law to meet socially with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble. You cannot leave home for leisure or recreational purposes (such as a picnic or a social meeting).

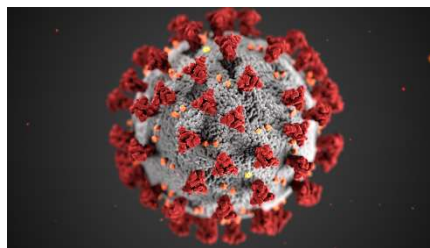
- A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to anyone under 14. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.
- Members of either household can provide childcare in a home or public place. This includes overnight care.
- You can only have one childcare bubble with one other household. This means no household should be part of more than one childcare bubble.
- **You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.**
- If you form a childcare bubble, it's best if this is with a household who live locally. This will help prevent the virus spreading from an area where more people are infected

The full government rules and restrictions can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

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It is quite simply a kick in the teeth for many of our families, who are managing the increasingly challenging task of keeping their children at home doing home learning, when they hear about other families flaunting the rules. It is also extremely worrying and upsetting for many members of the St Francis staff who are choosing to compromise their own health and that of their families to come into work every day to ensure your children get the best deal in their education. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to stick to the national rules and restrictions - the main message could not be clearer - **stay at home.**



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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