St Francis Catholic Primary School

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

Your Tuesday News 2nd March 2021

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Continuing on our Lenten journey and our theme of 'A New Way Forward', yesterday we looked at Luke's Gospel reading of the Transfiguration. We noticed how Jesus made time to escape the hustle and bustle and business of the towns and his work, by going up Mount Sinai with some of his disciples. It was only once he found the peace and tranquility that he was bathed in a beaming light, Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him and God spoke to Him and the disciples. Not only did this moment send a clear message to the disciples that Jesus was the Son of God, but it also gives us a message of the importance of finding time for peace. Often, it is in times of peace that the greatest ideas or messages come to us. This led us into our mission for the week: to find a short time each day to find peace.

Tomorrow we will continue exploring the virtue of HOSPITALITY by exploring how hospitable Fr Pedro Opeka was who worked as a missionary in Madagascar. Fr. Pedro created an organisation called Akamosoa to provide continuous support for poor people who he had discovered living in a dump in the hills of Madagascar. We are really looking forward to learning more about Fr. Pedro and his wonderful work.

Please don't forget to join our worships this week:

Monday morning Gospel Worship: 10am (KS1 and KS2)
Wednesday morning Virtues Worship: 10am (KS1 and KS2)
Thursday morning Stations of the Cross: 10.00 am (KS1 and KS2)
Friday morning Merit Worship: 10am (whole school)

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

Baby news!

We are very excited to announce that Mrs Horne is expecting her second baby! We are thrilled for her, her husband and her little boy, Alex, who is to become a big brother this August. Congratulations!

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Click on the relevant link which takes you to a very short and simple booking form. Please do take us up on this offer for further support. We want to help as much as we can.

LEARNING SUPPORT CLINIC Schedule	
Mondays: 2:15pm-3pm	Y1 – Miss Robson Y5 - Mrs Horne Y6 – Miss Dearden
Tuesdays: 2:15pm – 3pm	Y2 – Miss Martin Y3 – Mr Mallon Y4 - Miss McDermott
Wednesdays: 9am-9:50am	All year groups Miss Burgess/Miss Breen/Mrs Haines
Wednesdays: 10:45am – 12:30pm	
Wednesdays: 2:15pm – 3pm	Y1 – Miss Robson Y5 - Mrs Horne Y6 – Miss Dearden
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Full re-opening of school

We are so excited to welcome back all of our home learners to school again on **Monday 8th March**. It will be absolutely wonderful to have the whole school community back together again, albeit with all the covid restrictions still in place. Parents/carers should note that attendance at school will become mandatory again from Monday 8th March, meaning that the usual attendance rules and regulations will apply once again. I will write to all parents/carers by the end of this week, once our plans and risk assessments are all in place and ready to share. Please bear with us as we continue to work hard to put these in place.

Coronavirus Testing for Families of Primary School Children

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, starting with schools fully reopening, we all need to play our part to help protect each other. This is why all of the staff at St Francis test themselves twice weekly using rapid lateral flow tests.

From 1st March 2021, you can help too. If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Please visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff to find out more information on accessing the tests.

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