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Together we are exploring our special gifts; 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



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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)

#### 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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#### A New Way Forward

The Student Council in association with the PFA have been working extremely hard organising covid compliant fundraising ideas for each Friday during Lent. Thank you to all the children for either coming to school or staying at home with AMAZING wacky hair styles last Friday. You all looked brilliant! Thanks to your generous donations we made £63 which is brilliant so thank you very much indeed.

This coming Friday, the Student Council is leading a competition of guessing how many sweets are in the jar. As always, the competition is open to children both at home or at school. It will cost 50p for three guesses. From tomorrow donations can be made through Parent Pay as a fundraising donation or by bringing the cash into school, once your child returns on 8th March. The proceeds each week will be split between the PFA (which will then go directly back into school) and Catholic Care - a charity which continues to support many of our families. Thank you in advance. Please find below an outline of the rest of the Student Council's plans for these Friday Fundraisers:

Friday 12th March- Sponsored Walk/Run around the school grounds

Friday 19th March - Guess the name of the teddy

Friday 26th March - Wear Purple day

Wednesday 31st March (last day of term) - Decorate an egg competition to be completed at home and brought into school.

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### Flourish Friday update



Last Friday saw another incredible afternoon of flourishing from all children; both at home and in school. In Foundation Stage, we had lots of healthy eating with soups, salads and fruit kebabs. In the rest of school we saw zoo creating, bun and pizza making as well as art and space study. The children at home amazed us yet again with some fantastic learning - we had photos of star gazing, pizza making, animal care and lots

of building! Then lots of videos of dancing, sports and instrument playing.

Please look at the website for each class' gallery of photos. Remember if your child has anything to share this can be done via the home learning email. We look forward to more flourishing this final Friday before we all return to school!

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#### **Learning Support Clinics -** The schedule below is still in place:

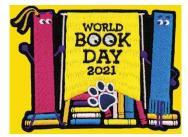
These sessions for home learners can be booked last minute if you or your child needs to speak to a teacher about an issue with their learning. We have now got a more efficient process in place to book a session. Simply go to the main home learning page on our website here:

https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/learning/home-learning

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	
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Fridays: 2:15pm – 3pm	Y2 – Miss Martin Y3 – Mr Mallon Y4 - Miss McDermott	
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#### World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

We are really excited for this year's World Book Day which takes place this Thursday 4th March. ALL of our children will have the opportunity to join in with our plans and celebrate reading and all the joy that books give us. Firstly, as has become tradition over the years, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. Parents/carers, please remember this is World BOOK Day and the aim is to encourage your child

to read, love and enjoy books. To that end, children must dress up as characters from BOOKS and not films. If your child is not a fan of dressing up, they are invited to wear their pyjamas instead so that they are all ready for a bedtime story!

#### The Masked Reader

Thank you to all the children who have sent in videos as 'masked readers'. We are currently beavering away to put the videos together ready for its debut showing on Thursday. The video will be shown in classrooms in school and made available through our website and Google Classroom for all of our home learners. We will also make entry forms available for all of our children to make their guesses on. The winner will be revealed at Merit Worship on Friday. Who will be behind the masks? TAKE IT OFF! TAKE IT OFF!





#### **Special Menu**

To celebrate World Book Day our kitchen staff are getting in on the act by serving up a very special menu. The children will be served up all kinds of delights all in-keeping with one of our all time favourite fairytales, 'Beauty and the Beast'.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff</a> to find out more information on accessing the tests.

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Winners: George Tsiklauri, Freddie Marshall, Leo Raistrick, Frejya Dowling-Rhodes, Emma Thomas, Abigail Dawson, Miley Dunn and Finley Carroll. Well done everyone!!

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Joshua Wilkinson for always sharing impeccable manners and being a positive influence around school.

Maths Award: William Saunders for increasing his independence and now being able to explain his answers. Well done!!





Top Spelling Groups		
#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	144,860,199
2.	Year 5 2020-21	60,402,992
3.	Year 6 2020-21	37,334,499
4.	Year 3 2020-21	22,463,517
5.	Year 2 2020-21	12,492,522
6.	Year 1 2020-21	11,656,556