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Your Tuesday News 16th March 2021 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday we were delighted to invite Fr Anthony into school to lead FS2 and KS1 in their saying sorry service. In addition to this, Fr Anthony led the KS2 children in a penitential service. Sadly, we are not able to hold confessions at this time as we usually would due to Covid restrictions, but hopefully going forward into the new academic year in September this will again be possible.

Tomorrow in our virtues worship we will be exploring the virtue of MERCY.

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the sponsored walk/run that took place in some terrible rainy weather on Friday afternoon. Well done to all of the children for braving the elements! So far we have had a massive response and will let you know the final total. Thank you also to the children who have contributed to the sweet jar competition. This will be open until we break up for the Easter holidays so keep the 50ps and the guesses coming in! This Friday, the Student Council (with the PFA) are holding a competition to guess the teddy bear's name. Again, this will cost 50p per guess and donations can be brought into school or paid through parent pay.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are coming up in the next fortnight. Due to Covid, these consultations will take place over Google Meet. There will be three evenings in which parents/carers can make a 10 minute appointment with their child's class teacher. The booking system will operate as usual and a text will be sent out for you to be able to make your appointments. We have decided to spread the appointments over 3 shorter evenings in order to limit the time teachers are sitting in front of screens. The dates and times are as follows:

FS1: Thursday 25^{th} March 3.50-4.50: Monday 29^{th} March 3.30-5.00: Tuesday 30^{th} March 3.30-5.00: FS2: Tuesday 23^{rd} March 3.30-6.00: Monday 29^{th} March 3.30-5.00: Tuesday 30^{th} March 3.30-5.00: Y1 – Y6: Thursday 25^{th} March 3:30 to 6.00: Monday 29^{th} March 3:30-5.00: Tuesday 30^{th} March 3:30-5.00:

Please ensure you make an appointment as soon as possible so that you get the days and times that suit you. Every parent/carer is expected to have an appointment with their child's teacher as this is essential in supporting the progress of the children. It is even more vital during covid times. Please respect the teachers by making your appointment within the given time frames above, as it is not fair to expect them to hold extra appointments on top of these. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



We shall begin recording our weekly attendance figures from this week. We will not include the yearly figure as this is not an accurate figure due to lockdown.

Our attendance	champion	last week is	Year 4
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CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	%ATTENDANCE
	w/b: 08.03.21.	this year to date
FS2	96.00	
Year 1	96.88	
Year 2	95.86	
Year 3	<mark>98.67</mark>	
Year 4	<mark>99.02</mark>	
Year 5	<mark>97.78</mark>	
Year 6	98.33	
Average	<mark>97.50%</mark>	
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

Merit winners last week: Amiyah Butler, Kiera Rajakaruna, Betsy Martin-Griffiths, Ethan Bolland, Nylah Doherty, Lucas Harrison, Grace Butler, Owen Sutcliffe and Lexi Harrison. Well done everybody!!

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: James Taylor for being a St Francis Superstar. James never fails to greet me with a smile. His enthusiasm for school life is simply infectious and his reading of 'Dinosaur Roar' as a masked reader was SUPERB!!

Big Cat Reading Award: Alice Upton in recognition of the fact that Alice has read 31,344 words since the start of lockdown! Alice has been making her way through the Worst Witch series and is really enjoying her reading, which is lovely to see.

Maths Award: Henry Jenkins for some fantastic home learning on subtraction. We absolutely loved his video of showing his dad how to do column subtraction using numicon. Great work Henry!







Ton Spelling Groups





Top Spelling Groups			
#	Group	Score	
1.	Year 6 2020-21	164,639,412	
2.	Year 4 2020-21	95,109,977	
3.	Year 3 2020-21	16,363,097	
4.	Year 5 2020-21	12,837,044	
5.	Year 2 2020-21	11,641,896	
6.	Year 1 2020-21	9,979,077	

Parental Involvement and Support

We have now developed a page on our website with links for parents to access support with various different issues ranging from managing money to supporting children with their English/Maths. Please follow this link to have a look:

https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/piw

BOOK AMNESTY!!

We are running very very low on reading books and accelerated reader books in school at the moment which is causing lots of problems. In order to address this issue, we are planning a book amnesty! On Monday 29th March, we will ask for **ALL** school books that children have at home, in their trays and in their bags to be returned to the library or the KS1 reading area. This will include books that they are in the middle of reading. The idea is to get all school books back onto the library system where we can reset the whole logging system and then we can start afresh. All children will then be able to either take a new book out or get the book back that they were in the middle of reading on



Wednesday 31st March (the last day of term), where they will be properly scanned out and logged on our library system. Please support us in ensuring we have enough books in school for every child to read at their level. Many thanks in advance.

Science Week

Well done to our St Francis Scientists - Last week we celebrated all things maths, science and technical. Lots of activities can continue at anytime so here is the link to try some out at home: https://www.britishscienceweek.org/app/uploads/2021/02/BSQ_BSW_PACKS_0221_Primary_v15.pdf

Here are some of our younger scientists: EYFS were looking at growing seeds without soil and Year 1 explored bubbles.







BCP Livestream Event

Following the fantastic Bradford Catholic Players show on Saturday 27th February, a wonderful donation of £8073 has been made to BCWCAT.

All our thanks must go to the generosity of the BCP followers, the Catholic community across the region, as well the BCP board and Carroll Cleaning Company. This kind donation will be used to purchase chrome books to help our Catholic schools.
