



# 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

## Worship

As we enter Holy Week, each morning we will take the time in worship to reflect on three main events - Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and the Crucifixion. Yesterday, the children enjoyed taking part in an interactive version of Palm Sunday. They also showed an excellent understanding of why Jesus chose a donkey to ride into Jerusalem rather than a more majestic animal like a horse. The children demonstrated how well they understood that despite Jesus being the Son of God, he wanted to be seen as a normal person. Our mission throughout Holy week is to remember to thank Jesus.



Throughout our journey through Lent and under our theme of 'A New Way Forward', we have followed Jesus's journey through The Stations of the Cross, we have prayed together every day and we have been challenged each day with an act of kindness put forward by different members of staff. Each Friday, we have taken part in different fundraising activities led by the School Council in conjunction with the PFA. After the holidays we will be in a position to inform you of the final amount of money we have raised altogether. We are proud to be splitting this amount between Catholic Care and the PFA who work tirelessly to raise funds that go directly towards benefitting our children.

Tomorrow we will break up for the Easter holidays. At the end of yet another turbulent term, I would like to thank all of our pupils, families, staff and governors for your patience, understanding and perseverance. I really hope we manage to have a less challenging summer term, in which the children will have much more stability in school and the whole school can get back to the thriving community it was before lockdown. Obviously, all of our covid measures and restrictions must remain in place, but I am looking forward to a term where teaching and learning can be back at the heart of what we do here at St Francis. In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy, peaceful and holy Easter.

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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

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance champions.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 23.03.21	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	90.34	96.07
Year 1	95.45	98.08
Year 2	93.13	96.39
Year 3	95.30	94.93
Year 4	97.40	97.59
Year 5	94.66	95.66
Year 6	94.79	95.72
<b>Average</b>	<b>94.43%</b>	<b>96.34%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>

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## TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Alfie Dunn, Matteo Honey, Isabel Symons, Hannah Berry, Eliza Zaborowski, Harley Firth and Elizabeth Bingley

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Esme Firth for having such a positive start back to school after home learning. It is a pleasure to see ow happy and enthusiastic

Collins Big Cat Reading Award: Beau Cyprien for superb reading in school. She is really trying with her reading and can now use her phonics well to support it.

Maths Award: Eve Taylor for her positive attitude to Maths, even when she is finding work challenging. She always makes time to support others with their work too.

### Top Spelling Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	46,569,640
2.	Year 6 2020-21	34,982,285
3.	Year 1 2020-21	18,589,300
4.	Year 2 2020-21	16,861,718
5.	Year 5 2020-21	16,357,598
6.	Year 3 2020-21	9,145,965
7.	FS2 2020-21	415,544



### Top Spellers

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

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Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Egg Decorating Competition:

Joint overall winners: Pippa and Orla Hudson

Year Group winners: FS1 – Alfie Dunn; FS2 – Reuben Connell; Year 1 – Freddie Dunn; Year 2 – Stevie Brankin; Year 3 – Hannah Berry; Year 4 – Lily-May cousins; Year 5 – Lucas Heppleston; Year 6 – Phoebe Clapham

Runner up: Scarlett Sahebjam



# Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who made appointments and got on board with the technology to attend the virtual parents consultations this week and last week. We hope you found them useful in gaining an understanding of the progress your child is making in school. After Easter teachers will be in touch with any parents who did not make an appointment or were unable to attend.

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## After School Club Update

We are very pleased to inform you that we are now in a position to be able to offer places for **Nursery** children in our After School Club from the week beginning 12th April when we return to school after Easter. This will be at the usual cost of £7 per child which includes a light tea. Bookings must be made in advance. All the information you need can be found on our website here: <https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/breakfast-club>



**Please note, there will be no After School Club tomorrow, Wednesday 31st March.**

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## PE Sessions for the next term are:

FS2 – Friday	Year 1 - Thursday and Friday
Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday	Year 3 - Monday and Friday
Year 4 - Monday and Wednesday	Year 5 - Thursday and Friday
Year 6 - Tuesday and Forest School on Friday	

## Updates on swimming and forest school

We are still awaiting confirmation of when the swimming pool will be reopening officially and we are also in talks with forest school about additional sessions for the classes who have missed this year, which are likely to be in the final half term.

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## Holiday Clubs

Kanga Sports are offering holiday sports sessions for children who are eligible for Free School Meals.

They want all children to have the opportunity to be active, healthy and feel positive and have created a timetable for FSM children to access over Easter which provides free live zoom clubs, Kanga daily challenges and active PE lessons.



The timetable can be accessed here with full instructions for parents on how to take part in each activity: <https://www.kangasports.co.uk/>

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## Book Amnesty!

Thank you to all the children and families for bringing all the school books back to school over the last couple of days. Mrs Gallucci and the Year 5 librarians are very busy scanning them back on to our system. All children will come home with either a new book tomorrow ready for the holidays or with the one they were in the middle of reading. Many thanks for your support with this.



## PFA Update

Before last year's lockdown, the School Council had been promoting their School Disco which should have taken place at the end of the Spring term. Many people had paid money for tickets for this, which the PFA still have. If you would like your money to be refunded, please email the office by tomorrow, Wednesday 31st March (the last day of term) and the PFA will arrange your refund. If we have not heard from you by this date, the money will be put into our school fund which will go directly towards benefitting your child's education. Many thanks.



# RAINBOW DAY

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April



**Foundation Stage – red**

**Year 1 – orange**

**Year 2 – yellow/gold**

**Year 3 – green**

**Year 4 – blue**

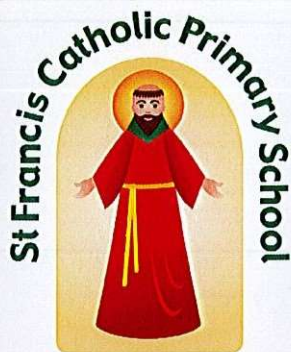
**Year 5 – purple**

**Year 6 - pink**

To take part please wear clothes in your class colour and bring a gift for a hamper in your class colour.

All donations will be used to make up 8 coloured hampers that will be raffled in the build up to the Spring Bank holiday.

Help us raise vital funds for playground and Forest School equipment



## St Francis Catholic Primary School Nursery

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# Nursery Places

## available for 3-4 year olds



**15 and 30 hour funding available  
for eligible 3-4 year olds**

**Covid compliant visits are very warmly welcomed and encouraged  
Please simply email/phone the office**

**Our nursery children are taught  
by fully qualified teachers in  
bright and stimulating surroundings.**

**Wraparound care from 7:45am-6pm  
will be available from 12th April 2021.**

**We are able to offer flexibility of hours.**

**Reserve your child's place now**



**We will have spare nursery places in September, please spread the word about our fantastic nursery provision here at St Francis.**