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



Your Tuesday News 13th April 2021

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship



Welcome back and happy Easter everyone! I hope you have had a wonderful time over the Easter break and spent quality time with your family and friends. We are thrilled to have all the children back and we are keen to get working hard throughout this summer term.

Yesterday in worship, we explored the incredible event of the Resurrection, when Jesus rose from the dead into



a new life with God. We worked together to set up our new worship table which is now dressed in white for Eastertide. As you can see from the photograph, we have chosen different symbols to represent the different messages we have taken from Jesus' resurrection. The children all took a bunch of daffodils for their worship tables in classrooms and also a picture of a daffodil, on which they have written their class' mission for the week.

Our virtues worship tomorrow will centre around the virtue of being TRUSTWORTHY.

Thank you

Thank you all so much for your amazing support throughout our Friday Fundraisers during Lent. In total, we raised a fantastic £556.61. As promised, part of this will be donated to Catholic Care and the rest will go to the PFA who continue to work hard for the benefit of our children and our school.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Thank you to all the participants of the egg decorating competition. Some of the entries were incredible and extremely imaginative. Mr Bullock had a very difficult job as head judge. The winners are as follows:

Overall Winners: Orla and Pippa Hudson EYFS: Alfie Dunn and Reuben Connell KS1: Freddie Dunn and Stevie Brankin

KS2: Hannah Berry, Lily-May Cousins, Lucas Heppleston and Phoebe Clapham

Runner up: Scarlett Sahebjam

The name of the teddy was Marshmallow and the winner was Kiera in FS1.

The number of sweets in the jar was 545 and the winner was Finley in Y6 with a guess of 544.

PFA News

The money that was originally paid for the school disco tickets before last lockdown will now be put into the PFA account. We thank you for your generosity. The PFA are currently working towards raising enough funds to buy some much needed playground equipment for the children and some of our very own forest school equipment. We will update you with our purchases and how much money was spent on them very soon.

In the meantime, please get ready for our Rainbow Day. We would like children to be as whacky as they possibly can. We don't want anyone to hold back with their colours.

Let's fill the school with all the colours of the rainbow.



Library Update

Thank you to everyone for your support of our book amnesty before the holidays. It helped us to reset our whole library system and get it back up to date. Over the holidays, the library has had a bit of a 'facelift'. The furniture has been rearranged to make books more accessible for the children and all the books have been categorised in the hope that the children will be able to find books to suit their levels and interest more easily. Throughout this tidy up, we have set aside a lot of books that we no longer need in school - some because we already have a number of copies or something very similar or some because we already have so many in that category. As a result, we will have these books on display throughout school pick up time this afternoon for you to take for your children to read at home if you would like to. There is no cost for these, but there will be a donation box available if you would like to make a donation which will be put towards our continuous drive to keep our book stock new, fresh and up to date.

Now that our library has been reset, our Year 5 librarians under the leadership of Mrs Gallucci will be monitoring the return of books more closely. Please see below for how this will be done.



- All children take out a library book for up to 3 WEEKS
- •FS and KS1 children take out a library book in addition to their phonics/Big Cat book
- KS2 take out a library book (of any level) in addition to their Accelerated Reader book (must be the colour they are currently on)



- After 3 weeks, if the book has not been returned, children will receive a reminder letter.
- Children will then have 1 more week to return the book.



- •£1 fine if book is still not returned.
- •£5 fine for a lost book.
- All fine money will go towards new quality texts to support our Guided Reading lessons and towards new up to date library books.

Y1 Reading and Phonics

There will be a virtual meeting this <u>Thursday 15th April at 4pm</u> (not 3:30pm as previously advertised) for all parents of children in Year 1. The meeting is for information on Reading and Phonics and will be essential for parents in supporting their children in these areas. Please be assured that parents are not required to have cameras or microphones on so please do not be deterred by the online nature of the meeting! It will be great to 'see' you all there.

Nursery at After School Club

From this week onwards, children in our Nursery (FS1) are welcome to attend our After school Club as well as Breakfast Club. Children must be booked in via the form available on our website

here: https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/breakfast-club



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance champions. We are below our attendance target for this year so we need to make a concerted effort in this last term of a difficult year.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b:29.03.21.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	88.51	95.82
Year 1	90.48	97.87
Year 2	95.40	96.36
Year 3	91.67	94.84
Year 4	97.28	97.58
Year 5	88.46	95.45
Year 6	94.25	95.67
Average	92.29%	96.22%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

School Milk

Just a reminder for children who have turned five years of age that if you wish your child to have school milk you have to order and pay for it through School Milk UK. Children who are entitled to benefits related free school meals are also entitled to free school milk. Benefits related free school meals are different to the universal infant free school meals that all children up to Year 2 are entitled to. Benefits related free school meals entitles you to other benefits including free uniform and, in certain cases, free school trips.

To order your child's school milk go to: www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk



If you think you could be eligible for free school meals you can get further information and apply here: https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/

Are you entitled?

Swimming

Swimming for Year 5 will resume on Monday 26th April. Pupils will need to bring their swimming kit every Monday. Swimming is part of the curriculum for all children in Year 5.





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NOTSETY 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



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.