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

Your Tuesday News 27th April 2021 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

On Sunday, it was 'Good Shepherd Sunday', so yesterday morning in worship we reflected on what it means for us as Jesus' sheep and Him our Shepherd. We listened to the Gospel reading in which Jesus tells us that he is our Shepherd who looks after us. We discussed how this meant that no matter how hard life becomes or how upset or angry we may feel at times, Jesus will always be by our side, encouraging us to follow Him. We prayed together and set our mission of the week: to remember that even during the difficult times, Jesus is always with us.



Our virtues worship this week will centre around the virtue of GRATITUDE.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done Year 5 on achieving 100% attendance last week for the second week in a row. We still need to make a bigger effort to achieve our target of 97%.

| CLASS | % ATTENDANCE w/b: 19.4.21. | %ATTENDANCE this year to date | |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| FS2 | 96.67 | 95.84 | |
| Year 1 | 99.31 | <mark>97.94</mark> | |
| Year 2 | 96.33 | 96.28 | |
| Year 3 | <mark>97.67</mark> | 95.17 | |
| Year 4 | 96.77 | 97.63 | |
| Year 5 | 100.00 | 95.86 | |
| Year 6 | 95.00 | 95.71 | |
| Average | erage 97.39% 96.34% | | |
| TARGET | 97.00% | 97.00% | |

School Council Update

At our School Council meeting we discussed different outdoor activities for each class to do on Fridays leading up to the end of half term. For example Year 6 are doing obstacles this week.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Merit winners last week: Miras Pearson, Maisie Walker, Nikhil Ahir-Sharp, Max Maloney, Poppy Beck, Phoenix Lacey, Evie Pickard and Poppy Grant.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Aine Clegg for being a super-duper writer! Aine has visited Mrs Haines a lot recently to showcase her independent writing. Aine is an author in the making.

Big Cat Reading Award: Jonah Beck for increased reading at home.

Maths Award: Spencer Devine for engaging so well on Maths Shed at home.

Well done to all our Superstars !!

Maths Shed

Well done to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 for lots of hard work in learning their times tables this week! Particular mention goes to Spencer-James Devine, Pippa Hudson, Lily-May Cousins, Madeleine Newill and Matteo Honey for completing more than 30 games in one week!

We are aware that some classes have had problems accessing the assignments on Maths Shed - this has hopefully been rectified this week but please do speak to your child's teacher if you are unable to access the lists on Maths Shed.

Well done St Francis and keep up the good work!





| Top Spelling Groups | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| # | Group | Score | | | | |
| 1. | Year 4 2020-21 | 47,524,595 | | | | |
| 2. | Year 6 2020-21 | 35,270,490 | | | | |
| 3. | Year 3 2020-21 | 22,948,780 | | | | |
| 4. | Year 1 2020-21 | 15,369,089 | | | | |
| 5. | Year 2 2020-21 | 9,239,808 | | | | |
| 6. | Year 5 2020-21 | 7,226,086 | | | | |

Nursery at After School Club

Children in our Nursery (FS1) are now 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



Hello Sunshine! As the weather is thankfully becoming warmer, please remember to ensure your child has a hat (with name label) in school and that sun cream is applied before coming to school. Children in foundation stage are encouraged to have a labelled bottle of suncream in school as they are outside for much longer periods of time. Many thanks.

Staffing Update

As often happens at this time of year, we have some staffing changes to inform you of. Many of you will remember Miss Trotter, who went on secondment to another school approximately 2 years ago. Miss Trotter has now secured a permanent position at this school and so will not return to St Francis in September. Miss Robson, our current Y1 teacher, has secured a permanent position at Beckfoot Allerton where she will start in September. Miss Dearden, our current Y6 teacher, has secured a position at Crossflatts Primary School. We are very sad to see these three members of staff leave the St Francis team, but we are hugely grateful to them all for their hard work and dedication to our children throughout their time here at St Francis. We pray that they will be safe and happy as they take the next step in their careers and we wish them the very best of luck.

Mr Mallon, the Year 3 maternity cover teacher, has sadly resigned from his post due to ill health. Mrs Horne, as you are aware, is due to have a baby in August. After the half term holidays she will be working from home for a few weeks due to covid safety measures and then will officially go on maternity leave towards the end of the half term. Please continue reading for information on new teaching staff....

Over the last few weeks, we have successfully recruited three new teachers to our school: Miss Britz, Mrs Jalil and Mrs Standley. Miss Britz will officially start at St Francis this week working alongside Miss Burgess in Year 3, due to Mr Mallon's resignation. She will then continue at St Francis in September. All Year 3 parents should have received a letter yesterday detailing this. Mrs Jalil will officially start in her role here at St Francis after the half term holidays in readiness to take over from Mrs Horne when she goes on maternity leave and then she will continue at St Francis in September. Mrs Standley will join St Francis in September. As it is still early in the term, it is yet to be decided which year groups these three new teachers will teach in September. A further update regarding this will be given later this term. We are very excited to be welcoming these new members of staff to our St Francis team. I am sure you will all give them a warm welcome just as our staff will.

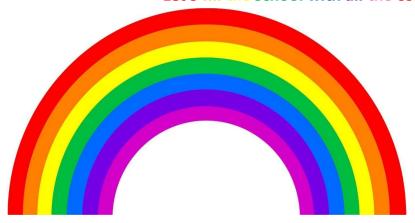
Parent Reading Survey

Today, you will have received a link direct to your phone to a Parent Reading Survey. As a school, we are always looking to improve what we do and parents' views play an important part in this. I would be very grateful for your constructive feedback as we continue our drive to further improve reading provision at St Francis.



Are you ready for our Rainbow Day on Friday? 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.



Foundation Stage – red

Year 1 – orange

Year 2 - yellow/gold

Year 3 - green

Year 4 - blue

Year 5 - purple

Year 6 - pink

Please remember that instead of simply paying £1 for the privilege of not wearing uniform, this time the PFA are asking for children to donate a gift in their class colour so that these can be made up into hampers ready to be raffled off. For example, if your child's class colour is red, children might bring in a box of maltesers or some red bubble bath.

If your child has PE on Friday, please just ensure that they are wearing trainers ready for their PE lesson. On this occasion, we are happy for them to do PE in their chosen outfit with suitable footwear. Similarly for Year 6 who will continue to have Forest School - please ensure that they bring suitable footwear and a warm coat with them in case the weather is cold.

Forest School

Last Friday at Forest School Year 6 learnt how to build two types of camouflage tents, which were used during the war for shelter and protection. We are really enjoying linking our WW2 topic to our outdoor learning!









Nursery Provision

We have places available in our fantastic nursery in September for 15 hour and 30 hour provision.

In September we are offering more choice of options for parents to take their nursery provision. We are offering two and a half day blocks and 3 day blocks. We are still offering morning provision but not afternoon provision. We think this will be of more benefit to parents. If you have any queries about nursery care please do not hesitate to call the office.



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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

