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

## Your Tuesday News 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

#### Worship

As it was Ascension Thursday last week and this was celebrated in churches on Sunday, we focussed our worship on this yesterday. Year 2 were particularly impressive with their knowledge of the Ascension as they have been learning about it recently. We discussed how upsetting it must have been for the disciples losing Jesus again after his death and resurrection but we talked about how Jesus reminded the disciples that he is always with them, no matter what. We found this to be a real comfort, so we set our mission for the week: to remember that Jesus is always with us.

Our virtues worship continues this week looking at the virtue of GENEROSITY. We will learn all about Oprah Winfrey and the generous work she has done.

Thank you to everyone who sent in a single flower last week for our virtual May Devotion. Despite it being much lower key than usual, we managed to have a very beautiful and celebratory liturgy last Thursday in honour of Our Lady.







#### **EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:**



Our Attendance Target for this year is 97.00 %

Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance champions last week.

#### Remember 'Every School Day Matters'

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	%ATTENDANCE
	w/b: 10.05.21.	this year to date
FS2	90.41	95.52
Year 1	97.93	<mark>98.00</mark>
Year 2	<mark>97.00</mark>	96.36
Year 3	<mark>97.28</mark>	95.38
Year 4	98.70	<mark>97.72</mark>
Year 5	94.81	96.03
Year 6	96.67	95.76
Average	96.11%	96.39%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

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Our Merit Winners last week: Fraser Munden, Grace Kirby, Elsie Worsley, Anna Houtmeyers, Louisa Hobson, Macy Chivers, Pheobe Clapham and Finley Carroll. Well done everybody.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Bobby Jones for being such a positive member of class. He never hesitates to reach out to his classmates and support them when they need it. He always shows a high standard of learning at all times. A true role model!

The Big Cat Reading Award: Henry Jenkins for a superb effort in Guided Reading this week. Henry has thrown himself into 'A Planet Full of Plastic' and has shown an excellent understanding of some new vocobularly.

Maths Award: Casey Nolan for her growing confidence with her Maths work. She has shown great determination and focus on some extremely tricky fractions and percentages work recently.



#### Performance Poetry

This Thursday, Year 1 and Year 4 Children will be performing their chosen poems as part of our performance poetry programme, live from the school hall this coming Thursday. A link for Year 1 and Year 4 parents/Carers will be sent out on Thursday morning via text message if you would like to join us at 9am.

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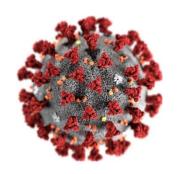




Top Spelling Groups		
#	Group	Score
1.	Year 4 2020-21	137,918,182
2.	Year 6 2020-21	33,221,558
3.	Year 3 2020-21	28,801,536
4.	Year 5 2020-21	16,095,374
5.	Year 1 2020-21	12,524,651
6.	Year 2 2020-21	6,141,372
7.	FS2 2020-21	97,932

#### **Covid 19 Update**

We have had several queries over the last week as to whether we are relaxing Covid measures in and around the school grounds due to the Prime Minister's announcement last Monday. Whilst we are as keen as everyone else to get back to normal, unfortunately the local rates of transmission are still high compared to national data and therefore we are continuing with all of our protective measures.



According to Public Health England, Bradford has made enormous progress in vaccination and infection control but local infection rates (50 per 100,000) are still above the national averages (21 per 100,000). Specifically, Bradford's rate for 4-10yr olds is still high (67 per 100,000). There are still 30 schools across the District with clusters of 2+ cases in the last 14 days (covering 22 out of 30 wards) with evidence of some transmission in some schools. So a district wide preventive approach is still required rather than introducing interventions in single areas or schools after the event. In addition to this, a positive case has been detected within our St Francis school community, so the virus is still very much present. For this reason, I respectfully ask everybody to please continue to wear a face covering if you can, maintain a 2 metre distance and continue to encourage your children to wash and sanitise their hands regularly.

I thank you as always for your continued support on this matter.

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#### And they're off!

Year 6 set off on their residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall yesterday after some uncertainty over recent months as to whether they would ever get there! We hope and pray that they keep safe throughout their time away and that the rain disappears and the sun shines through! You can keep up to date with their adventures through Twitter: @stfrancisbrad

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#### **PFA Update**

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets so far. The PFA have decided to extend the buying time for the colour-themed hampers. It will now be drawn on Friday 18th June, so there is plenty of time to buy some tickets after the holidays at £1 per strip.



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#### **Y3 Farmer's Market**

Well done to Year 3 who yesterday cooked all morning to bring some



delicious delights to the Y3 families through their Farmer's Market. Sumptuous scones, scrummy sausage rolls, and fancy flapjacks are all on offer today. The baking aromas coming out of the kitchen yesterday were amazing. Well done Year 3!



#### **Lunchtime Supervisor**

We are looking to recruit a new Lunchtime Supervisor from September, working from 12pm-1pm each day. We want someone who loves working with children, has a sense of fun and humour and is committed to working at our vibrant and hard-working school. If you would be interested in this role, please contact the school office for an application form.



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#### **New PE days**

Reception – Friday

Year 2 - Thursday and Forest School Friday

Year 4 - Monday and Thursday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday and Forest School Friday

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Swimming Tuesday

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#### Please note school has now got a new email address:

Now we have converted to an academy our school email address has changed and is now: <a href="mailto:office@fra.bcwcat.co.uk">office@fra.bcwcat.co.uk</a>

If you have been emailing our old email address <u>office@stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk</u> then your email will not have reached us as this is no longer available.

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#### **Pupil Reading Survey**

The results of the pupils reading survey will be sent out to parents with this newsletter as a separate document. Please look out for it.

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Finally some more pictures from our Year 6 children at Winmarleigh Hall who look to be having good weather and a fantastic time.







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