

# **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 29th June 2021

#### 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

In worship yesterday, we reflected on Sunday's Gospel reading all about Jairus' daughter.

We noticed together just how much the idea of caring for others was present in this story and how important this is. We looked back on the virtues we have explored so far this year and discussed which ones we felt were most pertinent to the idea of caring.

The children suggested gentleness, courtesy and hospitality. We then prayed together a finger prayer which gave the children the opportunity to reflect on putting other people before themselves. We set our mission of the week:



To put others first by caring for them whilst not forgetting about ourselves.

Our virtue this week is SELF-CONTROL and we looked at Bear Grylls as a good example of this virtue in our virtues worship this morning.

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Please note: the new dates for First Holy Communion are the 17th and 18th of July. We will write to parents with further information shortly.

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#### **Bubble Closures**

You may be aware that last Friday, we unfortunately had to close the Y3 and Y6 bubbles due to positive cases of covid being confirmed in these bubbles. In addition to this, we had the very difficult decision of postponing the First Holy Communions that were due to take place at the weekend. Please be assured that decisions like these are not taken lightly and an awful lot of thought, risk assessing and consideration goes into arriving at a course of action. The Delta variant is very much on the rise across Bradford and it is a variant which spreads more rapidly among children. I therefore ask that you continue to wear a mask and social distance at drop off and pick up. We all need to work together as much as possible to avoid any further bubble closures. We really want the whole school to be together as we approach the end of a very turbulent year. Many thanks for your continued support.

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Despite the bubble closures on Friday, we had a wonderful Aspirations Week last week. It was brilliant to see so many people from the different worlds of work virtually meeting the children and answering lots of really interesting questions. From vets to window cleaners, postmen



to plumbers, journalists to re-recording mixers in film editing suites, the week was a wealth of inspiration for us all! The children also worked hard during the week on their 'Make £5 grow' project. It was a real shame that the selling of their products had to be cancelled right at the last minute due to the bubble closures. In addition to this, the life skills that children learned were met with great enthusiasm and we hope they continue to work on these at home.

Thank you to everyone who got involved. This is now going to be a yearly fixture on our St Francis curriculum. We are looking forward to next year's already!

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#### **Transition**

Unfortunately our transition plans for this Wednesday are now postponed due to the bubble closures. They have been rescheduled to the following week, **Wednesday 7th July.** The opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher(s) will be done virtually over Google Meet on the same day. There will be three meetings available: one at 4:15pm, one at 4:45pm and one at 5:30pm. Please note, parents/carers only need to attend one meeting per teacher. We have three meetings available to accommodate families with several siblings and people's different working patterns. Please also note that the Y6 transition meeting for parents of the current Y5 children will include information about the residential trip to Winmarleigh which will take place in September 2021.

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

# Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Year 1 are our attendance champions this week closely followed by Year 4!

Well done Year 1!

| CLASS   | % ATTENDANCE       | %ATTENDANCE        |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
|         | w/b 21.6.21        | this year to date  |
| FS2     | 95.30              | 94.63              |
| Year 1  | <mark>97.93</mark> | <mark>97.97</mark> |
| Year 2  | <mark>98</mark>    | 96.64              |
| Year 3  | 94.86              | 95.46              |
| Year 4  | <mark>97.06</mark> | <mark>97.66</mark> |
| Year 5  | 97.73              | 96.27              |
| Year 6  | 94.95              | 95.39              |
| Average | 96.54              | 96.28              |
| TARGET  | 97.00%             | 97.00%             |

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Last week's merit winners: Freddie Sherlock, Reuben Connell, Ava Illingworth, Esme Taylor, Alice Upton, George Illingworth, All Year 4, Amelia McTasney, Jack Williams.

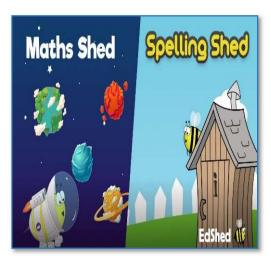
Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Lewie Gaffey for being an excellent role model around school and sharing his gift and talent of art with us all. His roman helmet is an absolute triumph!

The Big Cat Reading Merit: Sarah Ahmed who has done an amazing job on her reading tests!

Maths Award: Lucia Zanella for her unbelievable improvement in her scores on the Multiplication Tables Check.

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| Top Spelling Groups |                |            |  |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|--|
| #                   | Group          | Score      |  |
| 1.                  | Year 4 2020-21 | 36,508,780 |  |
| 2.                  | Year 6 2020-21 | 35,699,565 |  |
| 3.                  | Year 3 2020-21 | 24,104,948 |  |
| 4.                  | Year 5 2020-21 | 7,854,426  |  |
| 5.                  | Year 1 2020-21 | 7,333,939  |  |
| 6.                  | Year 2 2020-21 | 6,251,563  |  |





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## Performance Poetry

Due to so many children isolating and a shortage of staff, performance poetry for this term is now cancelled.

I am very sorry for this inconvenience.

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### **PFA Update**

Thank you to everyone for getting involved in our rainbow day and raffle earlier this term. It was a tremendous success raising the school a whopping £340! Thank you so much for all your support and generosity and a huge thank you to our small number of dedicated and hardworking PFA members. We will update you with how the money has been spent in due course.

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