

# **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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

# Worship

In yesterday's worship, we explored Mark's Gospel reading when the people of Nazareth questioned Jesus' importance. They referred to Him as 'just a carpenter' and failed to see that although Jesus may have looked like any ordinary human being, he was in fact the Son of God and it is important to open our hearts to Him and show our faith. We discussed together how this was like receiving a badly packaged gift but having something exciting inside. Some of our Reception Class children helped us to understand that by Jesus dying on the cross for us, he formed a bridge between earth and heaven for us to cross. We simply have to reject sin and put our faith in



him. We ended by praying together and setting our mission for the week: To show our faith in Jesus by loving each other.

Our virtues worship this week centres on the virtue of ATTENTIVENESS.

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#### **Bubble Closures**

We are thrilled to welcome back Y3 and Y6 after their 10 day isolation period. It is wonderful to have the children back in school. Unfortunately, the Y2 bubble had to close last Friday for 10 days due to another positive case. Today, sadly we have had to close Foundation Stage until 16<sup>th</sup> July due to a positive case. The number of cases is clearly on the rise not only in our local area but in our school as well. I urge all parents and carers to continue to social distance at drop off and pick up times and to wear a mask whilst on site. We desperately want to have all of our children in school where they belong so that they can enjoy all of the end of year celebrations as we draw this school year to an end. Thank you for your continued support.

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#### **Transition**

Our delayed transition week is going ahead this week on Wednesday 7th July. Even though the Year 2 bubble are now isolating at home, it is important that the transition arrangements go ahead otherwise we will run out of time. Year 2 children will be invited to attend a Google Meet with their new teacher, Miss McDermott (the link will be sent out via text message on Wednesday morning) and then will have a proper transition session with Miss McDermott once they return to school. Our FS2 children will have their transition session with Ms Jennings on the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

At the end of the school day, there are three opportunities to meet your child(ren)'s class teacher(s) virtually either at 4:15pm, 4:45pm or 5:30pm (5:15pm for Reception children moving up to Y1). These parent session will go ahead for AKK classes regardless of bubble closures. Links for these sessions will be sent out on Wednesday via text message. Year 5 parents, please note: information about the Y6 residential trip to Winmarleigh will be given at this meeting as well.

Year 6 parents, please note: The St Bede's and St Joseph's transition day on 7th July has been CANCELLED due to enhanced PCR Covid testing taking place.

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#### **Red and White Day**

In honour of England playing in the semi-final of the Euros on Wednesday night, we are inviting children to come to school dressed in red and white on Wednesday for the small cost of £1 to go towards school fund. Hopefully this will create positive energy for the England team to play their very best and get through to the final. **COME ON ENGLAND!!!** 



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After the success and engagement of last year's Sports Week, we are keeping lots of elements that the children enjoyed this year but adding an Olympic theme due to the upcoming event in Tokyo. This week we have our Olympic Torch in each class which the children will be adding to and learning about the Olympic values which it represents. During Sports Week, 12-16th July, each class will be given two activities each day to complete, a famous Olympian and an unusual sport to find out about. As well as a health question to discuss. Then on Thursday, weather permitting, we will be having traditional races in our bubbles with children competing as part of teams under the Olympic colours. Children will need to come to school in their sports kit on Thursday 15th July with a water bottle and sun hat.

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#### **End of Year School Reports**

Every child in school will receive an end of year school report on Friday 16th July.

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#### **Further staff update**

Miss Tempest Mitchell has been with us for over 2 years and has secured a job at Atlas Primary School as a teaching assistant. We would like to wish Miss Mitchell all the best and good luck in her new venture and thank her for all her work here at St Francis.

#### Y6 Fundraiser

As is tradition at St Francis, our Y6 children are organising an event to raise funds to go towards paying for the blazers for our Year 5 children moving into Year 6 in September. They are holding a Teddy Bear's picnic on Friday 16th July. All the children are invited to bring their favourite teddy bear into school and will eat their packed lunch or school dinner (Only a cold option will be available on this day) all at a cost of just £1. Let's hope the sun shines!

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#### Alfie Barraclough

Saturday 17th July 2021, would be Alfie's 15th birthday. Alfie is a very treasured former pupil of St Francis who sadly passed away just before Christmas in 2015. In honour of his birthday, on <u>Friday 16th July</u> (the same day as the Teddy Bear's picnic), children are invited to come in non-uniform dressed in as much blue as possible. This was Alfie's favourite colour and is a fitting way to remember him. We keep Alfie and his family in our thoughts and prayers.



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

# Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Year 2 are our attendance champions this week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	%ATTENDANCE
	w/b: 28.6.21.	this year to date
FS2	96.89	94.71
Year 1	95.52	<mark>97.89</mark>
Year 2	98.88	96.71
Year 3	No data	95.12
Year 4	96.45	<mark>97.62</mark>
Year 5	93.67	96.20
Year 6	No data	95.15
Average	96.28%	<mark>96.20%</mark>
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

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Our merit winners last week: Muhammed Aman, Salvador Albrow-Melia, Elsie Worsley, Dhillon Whittingham, Esther Uko, Nancy Jones, Keira Clayton and Theo Loughlin.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Alfie Leak for being a total superstar! Every time I visit Foundation Stage, Alfie is busy, busy, busy, working his socks off. But he always takes the time to greet me with his beaming smile.

Big Cat Reading Award: Nikhil Ahir-Sharp in recognition of superb reading at hoem this week. A HUGE effort on his part and he has nearly filled his reading record. A brilliant reading week. Well done!!

#### CSP Art Competition

Congratulations to Aine Clegg for her lovely work on flowers and Charlie Thomas for his bear. Both are runners up in the competition. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. The web site will be live on Mon

Please remember that our last day of school is Tuesday 20th July 2021.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

The Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021 starts on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. It continues until the end of September. Not only does it offer children from 4 to 12 years the opportunity to continue reading during the summer holidays but also plays a key role in supporting reading catchup after a difficult year.



Hello Parents, Carers and Children ,

## Have you heard about the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children from 4 to 12 years to read for Enjoyment during the school summer holidays.

It's free to join and only requires a library ticket. The FUN starts on **Saturday 10 July** at all libraries throughout the Bradford district

#### How does it work?

Pop down to your local library, ask to join the **Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021**, show your library card, giveyour name and school. You're ready to be a **Wild World Hero.** 

Or if you use the Order and Collect service to request books, just mention over the phone/email along with your name and school.

You can read **ANY** library books you like.

Children who join will receive a Wild World Heroes kit bag, complete with reading poster to record the books read, stickers and bookmark, and will be awarded a **Wild World Heroes Certificate** and **Medal** in September via your school.

And this year's theme - 'Wild World Heroes' - will <u>inspire</u> children to explore ways of caring for our planet and the environment.

For more information and updates visit <a href="www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries">www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries</a>









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