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

Your Tuesday News Tuesday 9th November 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

In yesterday's worship we looked at Mark's Gospel when the old widow gave just two coins to the temple treasury compared to the more generous gifts of others, yet Jesus said to his disciples that this was worth more than the others had given. We explored this by looking at different objects like a Lamborghini, a diamond ring, some new trainers, some books and a loaf of bread. We thought how for some people in our world, who are hungry, that in fact that loaf of bread was worth the most. We decided that Jesus was teaching his disciples that the monetary value of what we give to God is



not important, instead what is important to God is our motivation, that is, why we are giving what we give. Finally we prayed together and set our mission of the week: to be like the old widow and give generously.

On Wednesday 17th November, Year 4 will walk up to church to join the parish and lead their Class Mass. All parents/carers are very warmly invited to share in this Mass with them, which begins at 9:30am.



Blessed Christopher Wharton Feast Day

Monday 22nd November, is the feast day of Blessed Christopher Wharton who is our Trust's patron saint. The day will be commemorated with a Trust wide mass at St Walburga's church. Due to the size of our Trust and the on-going requirement for social distancing in church, each BCWCAT school will be taking 5 children to represent our school, whilst the rest of the school will join in with Mass virtually from their schools.

In the 9 days leading up to the Mass, all of our Trust schools will be praying the Novena. The Novena is a spiritual devotion consisting of reciting a set form of prayer for 9 consecutive days, in petition for a divine favour or in preparation for a liturgical feast or as participation in an important event.

We are also participating in an arts project centred around the Light of Christ. Our children will be working in key stage teams to develop a piece of art for each key stage and these will be displayed at the back of St Walburga's church.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 6 who are our attendance champions last week. Also well done to Year 2 who also achieved over 99% attendance last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 02.11.21.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	92.50	93.62
Year 1	96.25	95.38
Year 2	99.16	97.05
Year 3	96.25	<mark>97.60</mark>
Year 4	94.91	96.09
Year 5	<mark>97.90</mark>	<mark>97.69</mark>
Year 6	<mark>99.55</mark>	96.21
Average	96.64%	96.23%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Our Merit winners last week: Fraser, Ava, Teddy, Eliza, Henry, Bella, Cullen and Owen.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Ellie for being such a positive member of the St Francis family. Ellie is such a good role model, who is reliable and enthusiastic in all that she does. What a superstar.

Big Cat Reading Award: Luka always puts lots of effort into his reading and it really shows. Great job Luka keep it up!!



As is tradition at St Francis we will be remembering our loved ones throughout the month of November. I invite all our children to bring photographs of anyone special to them who has passed away to put on our Remembrance display and fill out a poppy for our Remembrance Tree.



Poppies will be coming around school over the next week for children to buy. There are also other items available to purchase from the school office. We have snap bands, wrist bands, reflectors and zip tags. These vary in price from 50p to £1.50. Please come to the office if you wish to buy any of these items. All money goes to the Poppy Appeal.

Upcoming Dates - Please put the following dates in your diary:

Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day – donation to Catholic Care of £1
Thursday 18 th November	Years 5/6 Parent and Pupil Writing Workshops – 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm
Friday 19 th November	Celebration Assembly for FS2 – Y6 – 2.30 pm . Come dressed as 'one kind word' and bring a donation of £1 for Children in Need. All parents invited.
Sunday 21 st November	Year 5 First Holy Communion at 12.15 pm.
Thursday 2 nd December	Years 1/2 Parent and Child Writing Workshops – 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm
Tuesday 7 th December	Advent Mass in school at 10. 30 am
Thursday 9 th December	Year 3 trip to Cliffe Castle
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day and PFA Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity – 9.00 am and 2.00 pm
Tuesday 14 th December	Years 1/2 Nativity – 9.00 am and 2.00 pm
Thursday 16 th December	PFA Carol Service at 6.30 pm



PFA Update

Our small band of parent volunteers are working away organising some much-needed fundraising events in the run up to Christmas. The very popular annual PFA Carol Service is back this year, with singing supported by the school choir and refreshments afterwards. Please do come along and support this very special event on Thursday 16th December at 6pm in the school hall.

Enrichment

Tomorrow, Year 5 will travel to York and experience what life was like for the Vikings at Jorvic Viking Centre.





On Thursday, Year 4 will virtually experience life in Italy on their Italian wow day!

Out of School Clubs

Our Breakfast Club and After School Club are now becoming over subscribed. Please could you remember to fill in the booking form which comes out on Wednesday morning and you have until 3.00 pm on Friday afternoon to make your bookings. If you have already done your regular booking you don't need to do this again. It is now difficult to make a last minute booking.