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

Your Tuesday News 16th November 2022

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday was the launch of our Kindness Week and so in worship, we focussed on Jesus' most important commandment - Love one another as I have loved you. Since the theme of the week is 'one kind word', we explored different words we can use to spread kindness, such as 'hello' and 'love'. We also discussed the term 'bullying' and what this is.



We agreed that the word STOP helps us to understand when and if bullying is taking place – if the unkindness is

happening Several Times On Purpose. We then agreed if this was the case, then it is time to Start Telling Other People. We prayed together and set our mission for the week: to choose a member of the class and say a kind word to them every day this week.

Year 4 Class Mass is taking place this Wednesday, 17th November in church at 9:30am. All parents/carers and families are warmly invited to come along and support the children.



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.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



A massive well done to Year 4 on 100% attendance. Sadly Years 2 and 3 just missed out but had a very impressive 99.3% attendance.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	%ATTENDANCE
	w/b: 8.11.21.	this year to date
FS2	96.33	93.97
Year 1	96.55	95.51
Year 2	99.33	<mark>97.31</mark>
Year 3	<mark>99.35</mark>	<mark>97.80</mark>
Year 4	100.00	96.51
Year 5	98.33	<mark>97.76</mark>
Year 6	<mark>97.14</mark>	96.32
Average	98.14%	96.32%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Our Merit Worship winners last week: FS1 Jack, FS2 Fraser, Y1 Salvador, Y2 Colby, Y3 Layla, Y4 Mason, Y5 Grace and Y6 Olivia

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Eden in Y5 for being a delightful student! Eden is really coming out of her shell and becoming more and more confident. It is wonderful to see!!

Big Cat Merit Reading Award: Esther in Y1 for a superb regular commitment to her reading and increasing focus



Performance Poetry

This Thursday, 18th November, Years 2, 4 and 6 are all performing their chosen pieces in the large hall at 9.00 am. Parents/Carers and families are invited to come along and support the Children.

Kindness Week

Our Kindness Week got off to a great start yesterday with our 'Odd Socks Day'! Thank you all for your generous donations which will go towards the Good Shepherd Appeal supporting Catholic Care. This morning the children explored the power of prayer and how this can support us when having troubles in our friendships. Tomorrow, we are really looking forward to hearing from the Student Council and our Digital Leaders as they lead us in their worship all about spreading kindness and combating bullying.

On Friday, children are invited to attend school in non-uniform and dressed as their chosen kind word or phrase. The fine is £1 for the privilege of doing this with all funds going to Children In Need. In addition to this, please join all the classes from FS2 - Y6 on Friday afternoon at 2:30pm in the large hall for a celebration of the whole week. Each class will be sharing their learning with everyone and I am sure it will be a great occasion and a fitting end to this special and important week.



Years 3 and 4 Parent and Child Writing Workshops

These will take place this Thursday, 18th November at 3:30pm or 5:30pm. Following the positive feedback from parents and children at the Years 5/6 workshops last week, we hope to see Years 3/4 parents and children this week, where we will look at how to support your child at home with their writing. Please note, these sessions will be very relaxed with no pressure on anyone at all. Please do come along if at all possible.

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

Thursday 18 th November	Years 3/4 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 21st 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	
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas	
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Return to school	

PFA Update



The PFA are running a Christmas raffle this year. Tickets are now on sale for £1 a strip. Money can either be sent into school with your child or paid online via Parent Pay (fundraising donations). There are various prizes on offer such as a gin hamper, world beers hamper and a chocolate hamper. It's definitely worth a shot!! If anyone has any good prizes they could donate, they would be gratefully received. Please simply let Mrs Whitehead (Chair of the PFA) know

or the office. Many thanks in advance.

Y5 Educational Visit

Y5 had a wonderful time at the Jorvik Centre in York last week as part of their History studies on the Vikings. The children loved being archaeologists and digging up ancient relics and they also loved experiencing the sights and smells of the Viking age as they were immersed in a Viking age experience. Thank you to all the children for their impeccable behaviour and representing our school so brilliantly. We are very proud of you all.

Y4 Italian Day

As part of their Geography studies on Italy, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed experiencing all things Italian last week when they made homemade pizzas and learnt all about Italian culture.









School Crossing Patrol – Bolton Road

Susan our crossing patrol lady on Bolton Road is leaving on Friday 26th November after seven years helping our families cross the busy Bolton Road. Unfortunately Bradford Council have not recruited another person yet, so until they do get someone to replace Susan please be extra vigilant when crossing Bolton Road.

We thank Susan for all her kindness shown to our children and wish her all the best.

Safe Handovers After Trips

We politely request that parents/carers respect school staff's instructions when children are arriving back from out of school visits. Safeguarding is our number one priority and therefore it is vital that we hand over all children to their adults in as safe a manner as possible. Thank you for your continued support.
