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

Your Tuesday News 23rd November 2021

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

As it was the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, our worship yesterday focussed on the kind of King Jesus was. We discussed how He was a very humble king and did not want to be seen as important wearing a gold crown. Instead he saw himself as a Servant King and in fact was crowned with thorns just before He was sentenced to death by Pontious Pilate. We took our inspiration from this and set our mission for the week: To follow Jesus' example of being humble by putting others first.

The feast of Christ the King signifies the final Sunday of the church's year. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Please find all the information about Advent below:

Advent at St Francis 2021

Our theme this year is 'GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD' and is all about following Jesus' example of being the light for others to follow.

Advent prayers will take place at **8:25am** every day in the small hall for children, parents/carers and staff. Everybody is warmly invited. It is a very special and peaceful way to start the day during advent. Please do try to come along.

Once again, we will have our **Giving Manger** this year. The children will be given opportunities throughout Advent to write on pieces of 'straw' whenever they do something for someone else and lay them in the manger in readiness for the birth of Our Lord.

As is tradition at St Francis, our Advent charity is **Catholic Care's 'A Baby is Born - Gianna Project'** which looks at giving baby baskets to young mums who are struggling with newborn babies. This will be set up in the entrance way for donations to be put in.

On Wednesday 1st December, Reception and KS1 children will take part in a **Saying Sorry Service** with Father Anthony. KS2 children will take part in a **Penitential Service** followed by confession with Fr Anthony for those children who have made their Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our very special **Advent Mass** will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 10:30am. Everybody is very welcome to come along to take part in this very special occasion.

We are thoroughly looking forward to our very first **Foundation Stage Nativity** on Monday 13th December at 9am and 2pm and also our **KS1 Nativity** on Tuesday 14th December at 9am and 2pm.

The final Advent event is the annual **PFA Carol Service** on Thursday 16th December at 6:30pm. Our St Francis School Choir will be performing and leading the carols and this year, it is with great pleasure that the brand new Staff Choir will be performing as well. It is always a wonderful occasion of music and celebration whilst reflecting on the Christmas Story and a very important date in the PFA calendar for much-needed fundraising. Please pop it in your diary and come along!

Thursday 2nd December	Years 1/2 Parent and Child Writing Workshops – 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm
Tuesday 7th December	Advent Mass in school at 10. 30 am
Thursday 9th December	Year 3 trip to Cliffe Castle
Friday 10th December	Christmas Dinner Day and PFA Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13th December	EYFS Nativity – 9.00 am and 2.00 pm
Tuesday 14th December	Years 1/2 Nativity – 9.00 am and 2.00 pm
Thursday 16th December	PFA Carol Service at 6.30 pm
Friday 17th December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Return to school

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%

Congratulations to Year 3 who are our attendance champions. Years 4 and 5 were very close runners up.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 15.11.21.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	92.00	93.74
Year 1	96.00	95.56
Year 2	94.61	97.03
Year 3	98.71	97.90
Year 4	98.44	96.70
Year 5	95.00	97.49
Year 6	98.21	96.52
Average	**96.13%**	**96.42%**
TARGET	**97.00%**	**97.00%**

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Parent and Friends Association

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.

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