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

Your Tuesday News Date 29th March 2022

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Yesterday, we learned all about one of Jesus' most important parables; The Parable of the Lost Son. We focussed on three important words that had been missing throughout our version of the story - please, thank you and sorry. The children all worked together to put in these important words and we then prayed together and set our mission for the week: To use three important words: please, thank you, sorry



Virtues

Our virtues worship this week will focus on FORGIVENESS

Lent Update

Stations of the Cross

We are holding short reflections on different Stations of the Cross each Thursday at 8:30am in the small hall. Children, parents/carers and families are all warmly invited to come along.

Mini Vinnies

Our hard working and dedicated Mini Vinnies are leading a worship in Year 5 and Year 6 on Friday afternoon.

Saying Sorry/Penitential Services

This morning, children in FS2 and KS1 came together with their teachers and Fr Anthony in their saying sorry service. KS2 children came together for their penitential service, which was followed by confession for those children who have made their First Reconciliation.

Lenten Fundraiser - Egg Decorating Competition

The final Lenten fundraiser will be an egg decorating competition for ALL children. Details below:

- £1 to enter (Please pay on Parentpay)
- Deadline for entries Friday 8th April
- Winners chosen by Mr Bullock, our resident Art Teacher
- Winners announced on Tuesday 12th April (last day of term)
- Prizes for 1 winner from each key stage EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2
- All proceeds will go towards the PFA which in turn will benefit your child's education and school experience



We can't wait to see everyone's EGGcellent ideas!!!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Congratulations to Year 5 who are our attendance champions this week. They are the only class to reach our attendance target.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 21.03.22.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	85.67	93.08
Year 1	88.39	92.40
Year 2	91.03	95.80
Year 3	94.84	96.36
Year 4	96.07	95.13
Year 5	97.33	95.12
Year 6	92.76	95.20
Average	92.29%	94.72%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Our merit winners last week: FS1 - Jamal; FS2 - Findlay; Year 1 - Ella; Year 2 - Jonah; Year 3 – Daniel; Year 4 Isabe<mark>lle</mark>; Year 5 Phoenix; Year 6 – Cora; Well done everyone.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Nancy for being an exemplary pupil at St Francis. Nancy can always be relied upon to be a brilliant ambassador for the school. Thank you and well done.

Big Cat Reading Merit: Teddy for superb effort in reading and phonics.



Grace has successfully auditioned to train and perform with The English Youth Ballet in their production of Coppelia at St George's Hall on 22nd and 23rd April. Tickets are on sale now from the box office at St George's Hall in Bradford. Good luck Grace.

Nylah has won a trophy for dancing this weekend in Wales. She got second in her first lyrical dance and first place in her first duet. Well done Nylah



KS1 Writing Workshops

Thank you to all parents/carers and children who came along to the long awaited Parent and Child Writing Workshop. It was really great to have so many of you there and the children worked really hard at the end of a long day at school. We hope you found it useful. The slideshow which was used in the workshop is now available on our website here:

https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/parent-workshops

Parent Consultations Tuesday 5th April 3:30pm-7pm Wednesday 6th April 3:30-5:30pm

The booking system went live for the consultations on Friday 18th March and all parents/carers should have received a link to book a session(s) for their child(ren). If you have not already made an appointment, please make sure you do so as soon as possible. Please respect our teachers and their workloads by booking an appointment between these given times and not requesting them at other times. Many thanks in advance.

Volunteers required

Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, I am now in a position to invite volunteers to come into school to assist with listening to children read. If you would be interested in doing this, please pop into the office (or email/phone) to pick up a volunteer application form, which also requests two references. Once we are satisfied with these, you will be subject to a DBS check. Please do not be put off by these safeguarding measures but rather reassured that keeping your children safe is of the utmost priority. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Retirement Mass

As you are all aware, our wonderful, long standing Office Manager, Mrs Laptew, is retiring at Easter. We are holding a very special retirement Mass in school on Thursday 7th April at 2pm and parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is arriving in school this coming Friday and will be here for a week. It will be available before and after school each day and throughout each parents' consultation. By buying books, you are helping us to invest in more quality texts for our library and Accelerated Reader programme as we get a percentage of the profit back to spend on books for school. Thank you for your support.



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BCWCAT Newsletter

Here is the link to the latest newsletter produced by the Trust. It tells us what all the schools in the Academy Trust have been achieving. Please take the time to read this newsletter as it is a reflection of the commitment and love of learning throughout the Trust.

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