

# **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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

As a school community, we came together in prayer following the announcement of Queen Elizabeth's passing on Friday morning and took part in 1 minute silence. Yesterday morning in worship, we reflected on everything we knew about Queen Elizabeth and shared memories of a wonderful Monarch and our fantastic Jubilee Day back in June. We discussed our school virtues and how Queen Elizabeth demonstrated so many of them in her dedication to being a servant to our country. Eve, one of our Mini Vinnies, led us in prayer and we set our mission of the week: to be of service to others by holding the door open for each other.



PLEASE NOTE: As a bank holiday has been announced, school will be closed on Monday 19th September as a mark of respect for the State Funeral of our late Queen Elizabeth II. School will reopen on Tuesday 20th September.

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The Feast day of St Francis is on Tuesday 4th October. To mark this very special occasion we will be having a special Mass in school at 9:30am. This will replace the usual Mass of the day in church and all families and parishioners are all warmly invited to come along.

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We will be holding our first meeting on Monday 3rd October in school at 5:30pm. In a very relaxed and informal meeting, we plan to set a series of dates and events across the school year which we really hope will raise much needed funds for our school and our children's education. **Everybody** is warmly invited to come along and find out more about what we do and how you could contribute. Please note, any support at all is greatly appreciated, even if you are unable to commit to every event. Many hands make light work!

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#### **School Start Time**

Please note, school starts at **8:40am**. Whilst the doors remain open until 8:50am, this is only for children who are running a little late. Please try and get your child to school promptly at **8:40am** as learning begins straight away. Many thanks.

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#### Coffee and Chat

Our Coffee and Chat mornings are back every Monday morning from 8:45-9:45am in the small hall. Simply come through the main office after dropping off the children. Everyone is very welcome to come along, including babies and toddlers. There will be tea, coffee, juice and biscuits, plus toys and books for the children to play with. Mrs Wright, our Parental Involvement Worker, will be delighted to see you there.



We respectfully ask all of our parents/carers to keep up to date with payments for both clubs and not run into arrears. If you could please clear these arrears as soon as possible. Please log on to ParentPay and check your account.

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## Gardening Club

Our keen group of little gardeners will be working hard this term on planting spring bulbs ready for



next year. We are extremely grateful to Homebase on the Enterprise 5 Retail Park who have donated over 150 bulbs. We can't wait for spring to see all the colour sprouting up around our school.



## **Exploration Hook day next**

Year 6 will be having their Polar Exploration Hook day next Tuesday (20th September). Children will need to come to school in scruffy clothing for some outdoor activities - this includes wellies, walking boots or old trainers. Thank you.

Nylah in Year 4 has auditioned for Snow White at the Bradford Playhouse and has a place in the show.

Well done Nylah!!



## **Lending Library**

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In the reception area by the office there is now a small but growing lending library with books and magazines to borrow. This is for all parents and staff to use as we know many in our school community are keen readers. Simply take a book or magazine that

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you fancy and return when

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you are done - no need to sign anything out. If you have a few books to contribute to the area, please let Miss Burgess know.

Day	Date	Time	Year group	Event
Tuesday	13/09/2022	3:15pm	Whole School	Roald Dahl Bake Sale
Monday	19/09/2022	All Day	Whole School	School Closed for State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
Wednesday	28/09/2022 to 30/09/2022	All Day	Year 6	Winmarleigh Residential Trip
Tuesday	04/10/2022	9:30am	Whole School	St Francis Feast Day Mass
Wednesday	12/10/2022	11am to 12:30pm	Year 6	Come Dine With Me
Thursday	13/10/2022	9:00am	Year 6 & FS2	Buddies Assembly
Friday	14/10/2022	All Day	Whole School	Book Fair - In School for 1 week
Monday	17/10/2022	3:30pm to 7:15pm	Whole School	Parent Consultations
Wednesday	19/10/2022	3:30pm to 5:15pm	Whole School	Parent Consultations
Friday	21/10/2022		Whole School	Break up for half term holidays
Tuesday	01/11/2022		Whole School	Return to School

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs. Haines or Miss. Burgess