TUESDAY NEWS

8th November 2022

Catholic Life

Yesterday, in worship, we read this Sunday's Gospel where Jesus explained that all people are alive to God, even if they die. November is a time we remember all those who have died, particularly those in our families. Although this can be sad, we can trust in Jesus's promise that those who believe in him can be with him in heaven. We also spent some time reflecting on what we thought Heaven might be like and what questions we had about it.

Our virtues worship this morning focussed on the virtue of KNOWLEDGE.

On Friday this week, our Y5 Mini Vinnies will represent our school at a remembrance service at Undercliffe Cemetery.

On Sunday 20th November, we will celebrate our Y3,4,5 Family Mass at St Francis church at 11am. Of course, everyone no matter which year group your child is in is invited to come along as always, but Y3,4,5 children will choose the hymns and lead the readings. We are hoping this will be a really family-friendly, uplifting occasion for our children and families in which we can all grow closer to God.

COMING UP SOON...

Wednesday 9th November (Y1,2,3) and Thursday 10th November (Y4,5,6) both at 2:30pm
JU:MP Fun Afternoons – Please sign up on the Google Form which was text out.

Week Beginning Monday 14th November
St Francis Kindness Week

Monday 14th November – Odd Socks Day! Let's celebrate our uniqueness and our differences and pay £1 towards our hardworking PFA.

Friday 18th November at 2:15pm – Come along to our special assembly to see what our children have been doing and learning about throughout out Kindness Week, with special performances from our children and staff choirs.

Wednesday 16th November, 11am–12:30pm

Y5 Come Dine With Me – A chance to come and share in a lesson with your child and then have lunch with them in the dinner hall afterwards. A Google form will be sent out this week for you to register so that we know how many people to cater for.

Thursday 17th November

Non-uniform day. Children to bring in chocolate donations for the tombola stall at the Parish Christmas Fair, which takes place in school on Sunday 4th December.

Sunday 20th November, 11am
Family Mass (Y3,4,5) at St Francis church, as outlined above.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Reuben in Y2 for receiving Mrs Haines' Headteacher award for such a positive and hardworking attitude in Gardening Club. Reuben is always helpful and keen to share. Mr Green Fingers!

CONGRATULATIONS to Esther in Y2 for achieving the Big Cat Reading Award for being an avid reader! She is always reading books in school and at home. We can really see this paying off in our phonics lessons.

WELL DONE to all our Class Merit Winners last week

FS2: Aaryan
Y1: Amiyah
Y2: Alfie
Y3: Phoebe
Y4: Mahrahaza
Y5: Lincoln
Y6: Nancy

20 Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	14th November	All week	All	St Francis Kindness Week (Anti-Bullying)
Tuesday	15th November	9:30am	Y2	Trip to Undercliffe Cemetery
Wednesday	16th November	11am-12:30pm	Y5	Come Dine With Me
Sunday	20th November	11am	Y3,4,5	Family Mass at St Francis church
Thursday	24th November	3:30pm OR 5:30pm	KS1 (Y1/2)	Parent and Child Maths Workshops
Thursday	24th November	N/A	All	Donate an edible Christmas themed price for the PFA Family Bingo Night
Friday	25th November	All day	Y5	Jorvik Viking Centre (York) trip
Tuesday	29th November	3:30pm	All	Mini Vinnie's Christmas Cafe
Thursday	1st December	6:15-8:15pm	All	PFA Family Christmas Bingo
Monday	5th December	9:30am-11am OR 1-2:30pm	EYFS (nursery/Reception)	Advent Workshops
Tuesday	6th December	9:30am-11am OR 1-2:30pm	EYFS (nursery/Reception)	Advent Workshops
Wednesday	7th December	9:30am	All	Advent Mass in school
Thursday	8th December	9:30am-11am OR 1-2:30pm	EYFS (nursery/Reception)	Advent Workshops
Friday	9th December	All day	All	Christmas dinner and PFA Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday	13th December	9am OR 2pm	EYFS (Nursery/Reception)	Nativity
Wednesday	14th December	9am OR 2pm	KS1 (Y1/2)	Nativity
Thursday	15th December	6pm	All	PFA Carol Service in school
Friday	16th December	N/A	All	Break up

WEDDING BELLS!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Mr and Mrs Crowther (formally known as Miss McDermott), who got married over the half term holidays. We pray they both have a lifetime of love, and happiness together.

NOTICES

In November, We Remember

Poppies and other remembrance items are now on sale in the office and throughout the month of November.
Our Remembrance Tree is now on display in our small hall. If you would like to bring in photographs of loved ones who have passed away to place on the tree and/or write a note of remembrance on one of the poppies to place on the tree, you are very welcome to do so. Please just come to the office entrance at your convenience.

WOW WALKING!!

Last week, all our children came together to agree a calmer and safer way to move around school, which they have named 'Wow Walking'! Our older children have been setting a fine example around school of our new wow walking and our younger children have been working really hard to 'wow walk' around our school corridors. Please ask your child all about it!

Follow this link to our website for a list of warm spaces in our local area during this challenging time of rising cost of living:
https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/piw

Last Week in School....

EYFS Parent/Child Maths Workshops

Thank you to all our EYFS parents/carers and children who came along to our Maths Workshops with our Maths Leader, Miss Burgess. We hope you came away with plenty of ideas, resources and understanding of how to support your child with their Maths learning.

Results of the Parent/Carer Survey – Oct 2022

At our Parent Consultation Evenings, we asked parents/carers to fill out an online survey. 84 of you responded, which we are very grateful for. Below is the results and how we hope to address any issues:

You said.....	Our response...
87% say your child is happy in school.	We are delighted that on the whole our children are happy in school. This is the most important thing for us.
91% say your child is safe in school.	Again we are delighted to hear this.
80% agree that school makes sure pupils are well behaved.	Again, we are delighted that the vast majority of our parents/carers feel that we deal with behaviour well, especially in light of us developing a new behaviour and relationships policy. Managing behaviour is something we are continuously reviewing.
48% say that your child has not been bullied and 25% say that school deals with bullying quickly and effectively	We are so pleased that so many children have not experienced bullying in our school and that many of you feel that if any bullying has taken place, you are satisfied with how we have dealt with it. Our PSHE Curriculum is purposely designed so that children are regularly taught strategies to deal with issues in friendships. Next week, simultaneous with the National Anti-Bullying Week, we will be holding our St Francis Kindness Week, in which there will be a special focus on what bullying is and how we can deal with it.
84% say school makes you aware of what your child will learn during the year	It is great to hear that so many of you feel that we share information about what the children are learning about. At the beginning of every term, the Teachers send out a curriculum overview which sets out what the children will learn about in each subject that term. Copies of these can be found on the class display boards outside the school building on the class pages on our website.
23% say you have not raised any concerns with school and 61% say that when you have raised concerns with school, they have been dealt with properly.	We continue to try our very best to deal with any issues or concerns as promptly and as appropriately as possible. We always ask that parents/carers go to the Class Teacher first, then if necessary to the Key Stage Leaders who may bring the issue to Miss Burgess or Mrs Haines if they feel necessary. Our Key Stage Leaders are: EYFS Leader: Mrs Needs KS1 Leader: Ms Jennings KS2 Leader: Mrs Horne
78% of parents of children with SEN/D say that the school gives the children the support they need to succeed.	We are very proud of the provision we put in place for children who have SEN/D. We continue to work with the Local Authority, other schools in our Trust and external services and expertise to do the very best for these children.
80% say school has high expectations of your child.	We are delighted to hear this. Having high expectations of our children in order to enable them to reach their potential is very important to us.
72% say that school lets you know how your child is doing	The ways in which we let Parents/Carers know how their child is doing in school are as follows: • Autumn term (October) Parent Consultation • Spring term (March) Parent Consultation • Summer term (July), Teachers write detailed formal school reports for every child • Come Dine With Me event which gives parents/carers the opportunity to observe a lesson • Share Our Learning (Y1-Y6) in which Parents/Carers are invited to take part in a lesson with their child and then look at their books • Stay, Play and Learn (EYFS) sessions in which Parents/Carers can come and spend time with their children in our EYFS setting • Regular Parent/Child subject workshops so that Parents/Carers can see what is expected in the child's learning and to enable them to support their child at home • Teachers make themselves available to speak to Parents/Carers about any concerns and/or learning needs via phone/face to face appointments when necessary. • Meet the New Teacher sessions are put in place in July ready for children moving to their new classes in September If there are further ways in which we could help Parents/Carers know more about their child's learning, please do let us know.
93% say that there is a good range of subjects available to your child.	This is great to hear as we are very passionate about ensuring we have a broad and balanced curriculum, which enables all children to thrive in different ways.
72% say that your child can take part in extracurricular clubs and activities.	We are trying our best to offer extracurricular clubs and activities but being a one form entry school with such a small number of staff, this is often very difficult. It must be noted that staff who offer extra curricular clubs are doing so of their own good will and we are very keen to not charge parents/carers for these sessions. Currently, our extra curricular clubs are: • Benchball Club (after school) • Dance Club (lunchtime) • Girls' Football (lunchtime) • Choir (lunchtime) • Art Club (after school) • Mini Vinnies (after school) • School Council (lunchtime) • Digital Leaders (lunchtime) • Librarians (lunchtime) We know that there are very few extracurricular activities available to EYFS and KS1 children but this is due to the fact that more adults are required in terms of adult:child ratios for supervision and also that they are often very tired at the end of the school day.
92% say they would recommend our school to another parent.	This is fantastic to hear! Thank you all for your feedback.

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS

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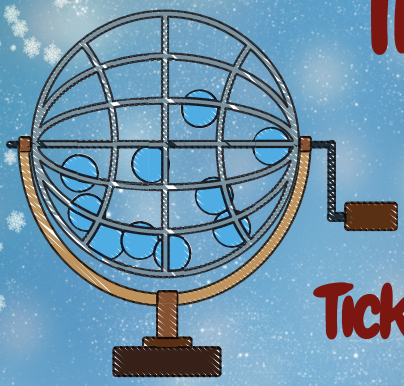

Thursday, 1st December,

6:15pm – 8:15pm

Tickets available only via ParentPay:

£4 per adult

£2 per child

Ticket price includes pie and peas/hot dog/vegetarian option

Drinks will be sold separately

Families are asked to donate edible Christmas items (selection boxes/mince pies, etc) to school on <u>Thursday</u> <u>24th November</u> as bingo prizes