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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

### **'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

#### **Worship**

This week we say a fond farewell to our brilliant Year 6 children. This is a bitter sweet occasion as we are excited for them embarking on the next chapter of their lives at secondary school, but we are so sad to lose them and will miss them greatly. Our Year 6 children have been fine ambassadors for St Francis; not only this year but throughout their whole time here. They have proved themselves to be mature, reliable and hardworking






young people and we are incredibly proud of every single one of them. We wish them huge good luck in their new schools. God bless Year 6. We say thank you, goodbye and God Bless to: Lily B, Catherine, Jake and Louis and family, Millie, Theo, Harry, Emma and family, Isabella, Matthew and family, Herbie, Lewis, Sophie, Ruby L, Hasnain and family, Ruby N and family, Kieran, Sarah and family, Joseph, Alfie and Millie and family, Amelia and Rose, Silver and family, Lily W and family, Lauren and family and Mya and family. We also say goodbye to Elizabeth and Alexander and family and Dominika and family.



Yesterday, we celebrated a beautiful End of Year Mass. Staff and Y6 led our readings and prayers and Year 6 led a very poignant communion reflection based on the poem 'Footprints in the Sand'. The singing by the whole school was fantastic and the occasion was a wonderful celebration of our remarkable Year 6 children. We thank you for exploring your special gifts with us and for helping us all grow towards God during your time with us.

God Bless - Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Every week we look to celebrate being outstanding every day. Each class is collecting shells, anchors and pearls and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Merit Worship Leaderboard		
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
FS	Whitley's Little Winkles	
Year 1:	Breen's Brave Barracudas	 
Year 2:	Martin's Mighty Manatees	
Year 3:	Finding Duckworth's Dory's	
Year 4:	Trotter's Terrifying Tiger Sharks	
Year 5:	Speake's Super Stingrays	
Year 6:	Langham's Squid Squad	

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 3 who are our final attendance champions with a fantastic 100% attendance last week.

Well done, we managed to achieve our annual attendance target of 97% at the final week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 09.07.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.00	96.17
Year 1	98.00	96.93
Year 2	98.97	96.75
Year 3	100.00	97.66
Year 4	98.62	97.51
Year 5	92.22	97.12
Year 6	97.04	97.63
Average	97.40%	97.11%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: FS – Bella, Y1 – William, Y2 - Avaya, Y3 - Gracie Mae, Y4 – Dominika and Rose, Y5 - Lily and Y6 - Catherine.

The Big Cat reading merit was awarded to Amelia in Y1 for her amazing enthusiasm towards reading which has resulted in fantastic progress.

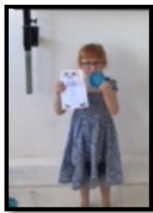
Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's award was given to Year 6 for working hard all year and sharing their special gifts and talents while growing towards God.



Summer won this trophy for being star of the week in her horse riding Lessons. Well done Summer!

Rose has achieved her 200m at swimming, she has been working hard perfecting all the different swimming styles. At the weekend her Performing Arts team at CC Dance Academy put on Wizard of OZ show at Guiseley Theatre. They all did so well





Well done to Isabelle Quinn in FS2 for doing her first ballet exam and getting her first Rosette and well done for Millie Quinn in Y4 for getting highly commended in her bronze ballet exam.



If your child has been exploring their special gifts outside of school then please send the office an email so that we can celebrate this in our newsletter.

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Join Bradford Libraries this summer for the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge 2018 for children 4 to 12 years old. The challenge is a national initiative to encourage children to continue to read throughout the holiday.

Every child who joins will receive a poster with six Beano character stickers to collect. There are also bookmarks, colour-in card glasses and wristbands to collect as they read more books. Every child who reads six books will receive a certificate and medal to mark their achievement. Mrs Haines will invite all the children who complete the challenge, to bring their medals and certificates to our first merit worship in September.

During the Challenge you can enjoy drawing comic characters, watching rib tickling comic performances, meeting the Dogs Trust, discovering animal tricks or learning a few from a magician or simply creating your own comic story. For further event details go to [www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries) or contact your local library.

### Library book amnesty

Please could all parents and children check if they have any school library books at home. We need to have them all back in before we break up. Children are allowed to have one library book at home over the holidays.

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**Please note the office is closed on Friday mornings from 8.15 – 8.40 for staff briefing.**

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### Penalty Shoot Out

You should have returned your sheets with the money by now, but if you still have some money outstanding send it into school as soon as you can. So far we have raised over £2,500. Many thanks to all our parents and children for your efforts.



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### Wedding bells are ringing!!!

During the summer holidays, Miss Langham will be getting married!! We wish her and her future husband huge good luck and we look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Horne.

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### Safeguarding

A message from Breakfast Club. Please could children not play on the Muga pitch until all breakfast club children have left to be registered before being taken to class.



**Health and Safety**

We ask that parents are extra careful when driving on Myers Lane and around school at busy times. We recently had an accident which caused injury and distress to one of our parents. Please ensure the safety of our children and parents by driving safely.

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**Leavers’ Liturgy**

The Leavers’ Liturgy will take place this Friday at 2:30pm. We warmly invite Year 6 parents and families to come along and share in a celebration and reflection of Year 6’s journey at St Francis.

Final Merit Worship will take place on Thursday at 9.00 am where attendance prizes and special merits will at awarded.

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**Thanks a Million!**



Mrs Haines and Mr Copley would like to say a huge thank you to our very small but hardworking group of Parent Council members. Throughout the year, you have worked tirelessly for our school and our children. Without this hard work, our children would not have benefitted from some very exciting school trips, interesting and engaging brand new books for our library and many many other important resources that all help to provide a top quality education for our children. We are so grateful for all that you do for our school.

Thank you also to the parents and families of our children for all your support throughout this year. We are so grateful for your participation in worships, assemblies and masses and working with us to provide the best that we can give to our children. We hope you enjoy some quality family time together over the summer holidays.



We would also like to thank our incredible and inspirational St Francis staff. You are all so committed to our children and go above and beyond to ensure that they get the very best provision throughout the school day, a top quality education and the best opportunities to share their special gifts. Most of all, you make school fun for our children! Thank you and enjoy your well-earned rest.

Last but by no means least, we thank our amazing children. Throughout the year, they have worked so hard and engaged so well in school life. Their enthusiasm is infectious!! Children-we wish you a very happy and safe summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.



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**If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Haines or Mrs Laptew**