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

Your Tuesday News 4th September 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back after the summer holidays to you, your children and your families. We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The staff at St Francis have all been working hard over the holidays to make sure they have exciting and engaging plans for your children. We are sure your children will have a wonderful time in their new classes with their new teachers.



Although they started before the summer holidays, we would like to officially welcome our new staff to the St Francis family. As our new Assistant Head Teacher, we welcome Miss Stevie Burgess. In Year 3, we welcome Miss Erin White and in Y5 we welcome Miss Olivia Dearden. We welcome Mrs Cathy Barraclough who is new to our lunchtime team. We hope they have a very happy and successful year.

Worship

Mrs Haines led our first worship of the new school year this morning to welcome all the children back after the summer break. The children all looked extremely smart in their new school uniforms and started the year brilliantly by coming into worship sensibly and singing so beautifully. We discussed how coming back to school into a new class with a new teacher can make us feel nervous or worried. However, over time, the new classroom and new teacher becomes familiar and we start to feel relaxed and comfortable.

We reminded the children of the high expectations we have of them in their behaviour around school and we discussed the importance of being kind to each other and looking after each other. We set our mission of the week: to use kind hands, kind feet and kind words. Thank you to Year 4,5 and 6 for leading us in a start of term prayer:

Loving God,

Another term begins and we come back to school
Refreshed and restored by the break
Grateful for those we share our lives with,
For the memories of the past few weeks,
For the opportunities we have, which are denied
To so many in our world today.

We come back to school pleased to see our friends,
Determined to make the most of our talents,
To grow in understanding of the kind of person we are called to be,
To turn over a new leaf, perhaps,
To make up for the times we were less than our best self.
We come back to school and are grateful
For the energy and enthusiasm a new term brings,
For the optimism and good humour in the air.

Bless our school, keep us safe and well,
Keep us on the right path.
Bless our teachers and support staff
Who look after us and help us grow in knowledge and skills.
Bless the new pupils and staff
As they begin their journey with us,
May they very quickly feel at home.
Bless all our efforts to build up the Kingdom of God,
To make the world more just and compassionate
Beginning here, in this school of ours,
Our home from home.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

New Leadership Staffing Structure

Please note a slight change in the structure of our leadership team below:

- Executive Head Teacher – Mr Copley
- Head of School – Mrs Haines
- Assistant Head Teacher - Miss Burgess
- SENDCo – Miss Martin
- KS1 Leader – Miss Martin
- KS2 Leader – Miss Trotter
- EYFS Leaders – Mrs Whitley and Mrs Needs

Staffing Change

Miss Dylak who worked as a support assistant last year is joining our office team this year. She will work predominantly in the office but could be seen by the children working around school in class and at lunchtime.



Congratulations!

Over the summer holidays, Miss Langham got married and today we welcome her back to St Francis as Mrs Horne! We wish her and her new husband lots of joy and happiness in their new married life together.

Water Bottles

Due to the age of the water bottles in school, if you would prefer your child to have their own water bottle, please could you send one in to school with your child, labelled with their name and class.

Lost Property

At the end of the summer term, there was a lot of items of school uniform, bags, coats and shoes left behind in the KS1 and KS2 cloakrooms. Most of these were not labelled with children's names which makes it very difficult for us to get them back their rightful owner. We ask you to please make sure that every item of clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name. We also ask you to speak to your children about looking after their clothing and property at school. We have noticed how careless many of the children are becoming and their lack of responsibility in looking after their own belongings. We would like this to improve and consequently reduce the amount of lost property being left around school.

Dates for your diary:

Beginning of year mass – 21st September at 10:30 am. Everyone from our school and church community is welcome to join us.

Our first Merit Worship will take place on Friday 14th September. All parents and friends are welcome to join us and celebrate our childrens' gifts at any of our Merit Worship.

Feedback

As a school, we welcome feedback both positive and negative. We urge you let us know when you feel something has gone well in school or when something has particularly benefitted your child. In this way, we can continue our efforts to further improve the standards in our school and the quality education and experiences we provide for your children. Likewise, if you are unhappy about something in school, please talk to us. Please see below our quick step guide to making a complaint:



- Firstly, write down exactly what you are unhappy about. This helps everyone be very clear about your concern.
- Arrange an appointment with your child's Class Teacher or Key Stage Leader via the school office on 01274 638520
- Attend the appointment made and bring your concern written down with you.
- If you feel that your concern has not been addressed, then please arrange an appointment to see Miss Burgess or Mrs Haines
- In the event of your concern not being resolved, then please follow the procedure outlined in the formal Complaints Policy which can be found on our website.

AS STATED IN OUR HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT, PLEASE DO NOT EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Thank you for your continued support.

Making Payments

Can we ask that, when possible, please use Parent Pay our online payment service, as this is the most efficient method of making payments. If something needs to be paid for in cash, we ask you to make sure the money is put into **a sealed envelope with the name of your child, their class and what the money is for clearly labelled on the front.**

Summer Reading Challenge

Children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge are invited to bring in their medal and certificate to our first Merit Worship, which will take place on Friday 14th September.



Milk

If your child would like school milk you need to register online at www.schoolmilk.co.uk This is simple to do and once the order has been placed milk is usually delivered a few days later.



If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like milk could you let the office know and we will order it for you. This does not apply to universal infant free school meals, but the benefit related free school meals.

School Calendar (please note these days and times could be subject to change)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Friday 14 th September	9.30 am	4 x Y6	Minnie Vinnie Mass at Leeds Cathedral
	8.55 am	All	First Merit Worship
Monday 17 th September		All	Other Faiths Week – Islam
Friday 21 st September	10.30 am	All	Beginning of Year Mass
Tuesday 25 th September	AM	FS	Fluoride application
	3.30 pm	Y6	SATS meeting for parents
	3.30 & 6.00	FS2	Reading meeting for parents
Friday 28 th September	AM	All	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 3 rd October	AM	Y6	Residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall
Thursday 4 th October	10.30 am	All	St Francis Feast Day Mass
Monday 8 th October	3.15 pm	All	Book Fair in school all week
Wednesday 10 th October	AM	All	Individual school photos
Friday 12 th October	1.00 pm	Y3/Y4	Online Safety Workshop
	2.15 pm	Parents	Parent Online Safety Workshop
Monday 15 th October	1.30 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	3.30 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parent consultations
Wednesday 17 th October	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, Play and Learn session
	1.30 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	3.30 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 18 th October	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and Play session

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