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

Your Tuesday News 11th September 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Our worship yesterday centred around kindness. We watched a short video clip which highlighted the importance of being kind and gave us the message that when we share acts of kindness, we colour the world. We looked at some words which describe negative behaviours, such as mean, miserable and unhelpful and then discussed the opposite of these words, such as kind, helpful and joyful and how these behaviours help to make the world a better place. We then listened to the Gospel reading according to



Mark, which recounts the occasion when Jesus showed not only his God-given power to perform miracles, but also real kindness to a deaf man, enabling him to hear again. We then set our mission of the week: to share our belongings with others. We hope that by making an extra effort to do this, we will make our school community a better place to learn and enjoy.

Beginning of Year Mass

Our very special Mass to celebrate the beginning of a new school year will take place in the school hall on Friday 21st September at 10:30am. We hope to see many of you there.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

School Vacancy

We have a vacancy in school for an experienced support assistant to work with a child 1:1. The position is fixed term, scale 1/2 and we would like someone who has experience of working with children. Please call into the office for an application form if you are interested in the role.

Performance Poetry

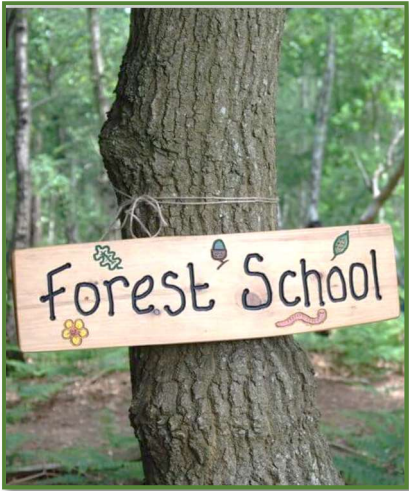
As part of the National Curriculum, it is now expected that all of our children will learn some age-appropriate poems off by heart and have the opportunity to perform them. To fulfil this part of the curriculum, each year group from Nursery to Year 6, will have the opportunity to perform a poem each term. In the Autumn term, Reception class will perform their poem for their parents in the Foundation Stage unit but will hopefully be ready to perform to the rest of the school in the Spring term. Our Nursery children will perform to their parents throughout the three terms in the Foundation Stage unit. The rest of the school will perform in front of their parents, families and the rest of the school at Merit Worship on a Friday morning. We will begin the Worship with the performance, so that parents have the opportunity to leave straight away afterwards if they wish to, whilst the rest of Merit Worship continues. The first classes to perform this half term are as follows:

28 th September	Y2
12 th October	Y4
17 th October	FS1 (at stay, play and learn)
18 th October	FS2 (at stay, play and learn)
19 th October	Y1

We hope this new initiative will encourage our children to speak out more clearly, help them to grow in confidence and give them a lovely repertoire of poems to perform!

Forest School

Our Forest School programme is back up and running, with Year 2 having the privilege of going first this half term. We hope they enjoy continuing in their independent and outdoor learning journey. Next half term, Year 3 will enjoy this exciting opportunity. We are always in need of volunteers to help accompany the children to Forest School each week. If you are free on Thursday afternoons (it does not have to be every Thursday, just whatever you can manage), please contact the office and let us know. We would be very grateful. It would be a great shame for us to have to cancel such a hands on and inspiring programme for the children, due to lack of adult support



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Once again our attendance target is 97%. Last year we achieved 96.8% which is below target. It would be good if we could beat last year's result and achieve our target.

So far Years 5 and 6 have got off to a great start with 100% attendance last week. Can they keep it up??? Watch this space !

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 03.09.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.90	99.17
Year 1	95.97	96.77
Year 2	96.67	96.00
Year 3	98.21	97.86
Year 4	98.71	98.97
Year 5	100.00	100.00
Year 6	100.00	100.00
Average	98.35%	98.39%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

Fruit Cards

A reminder that children in KS2 no longer receive free fruit, but if they wish to have fruit you can buy a Fruit Card from the office for £1.50. This will give the children 10 pieces of fruit. The children are responsible for taking their own fruit and marking off their card as they do so.



Calling all gardeners!

We have some beautiful new flower beds in our Foundation Stage which we need to fill with winter bedding plants and bulbs. If anyone has some that they would kindly donate to the school, we would be very grateful.

School Development Priorities 2018/2019

As a school we work hard to ensure that our school continues to grow and improve year on year. This year, the priorities that we have identified are as follows:

Main Priorities	
1.	Our teachers will help us to improve our writing and learn to write at length
2.	Our teachers will help us to further improve our reading
3.	Our teachers will help us to ensure our reading and writing skills improve in the Early Years and KS1.

Other Priorities	
4.	Our teachers will improve in leading and managing our subjects
RE & Catholic Life	
5.	Our teachers will help us to work harder in our RE lessons so that we learn even more.
Other Subjects	
6.	Our teachers will help us to improve our Maths work.

We look forward to working together as a staff and with the children, parents and governors to continue improving our school and achieving the best for our children.

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS



The first week of the holidays Charlie competed in the junior world BJJ Championship in both gi and no gi. He came 3rd in both competitions taking two bronze medals.
Well done Charlie

Well done to Maisy-Lily in Year 5 who was 'Street Star' of the week at CC Dance Street Dancers this week.

Our First Merit Worship takes place this week. Please have your Summer Reading Challenge certificates and medals in school by Friday.

Forms

Coming home with this newsletter today is a Home School Agreement for you and your child/ren to read and sign and return to school. Please read through carefully before you sign.

If your child has any recent medical conditions or an existing condition that has changed, school need to know. Please ask at the office for a medical form.

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

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	*Final Winmarleigh Hall meeting for parents and pupils
	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

*Please note the meeting for Y6 parents on 25th September is for Winmarleigh Hall and not SATs

Year 6 Maths Club

Mrs Horne and Miss Burgess are running a Maths Club for Year 6 children every Tuesday from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. If your child would like to attend, could you fill in the permission slip below and return to Mrs Horne. Please indicate on the slip if your child is being picked up from school or is allowed to walk home.

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Name of Child:

Class: Year 6

My child would like to attend Year 6 Maths Club on Tuesdays and will be collected from front entrance / will walk home (please delete as appropriate).

Signed: Date:

KS2 Frisbee Club

Our Sports Club this half term is Frisbee for KS2. If your child would like to attend please fill in the permission slip below and return to the school office. Children must be collected from the front entrance at 4.15 pm

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Name of Child: Class:

My child would like to attend Frisbee Sports Club and will be collected from front entrance at 4.15 pm

Signed: Date: