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

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'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

In worship yesterday, we listened to Sunday's Gospel reading according to Mark, when Jesus asked some of his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?'. We talked about how this was a brave question to ask and how there could be many different answers. The children shared some of their ideas of names and titles that we give to Jesus - Lamb of God, Son of God, Light of the World and Miracle-Maker were some examples given. We then looked at a series of objects which linked to Jesus and discussed what titles they might make us think of for Him:



A crown - Jesus is a King, a towel (from when Jesus washed the disciples feet at the Last Supper) - Jesus is a servant, a plaster - Jesus is a healer, the Bible - Jesus is a teacher, a nail - Jesus died on the cross for us and is our Saviour, a rock (which was rolled away from the empty tomb) - Jesus is The Resurrection. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week which will help us to show that we follow in Jesus' ways: To tell someone something good about them.

Harvest Worship

On Monday, 24th September, we will be having a special worship in school to celebrate the Harvest Festival. This year, we are supporting Bradford Foodbank and their 'Harvest Tremendous Tin Challenge!' The idea is for our school to collect a 'ton of tins', with pupils being challenged to donate 2-5 tins each. If you would like your child to be involved and help many less fortunate children and families across Bradford, then please send in the tins with your child on Monday morning for them to present at worship. Please note, your child does NOT have to bring in 5 tins, **any** amount will be a huge help. Thank you in advance.



Mass in School

Our very special Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year will take place this Friday, 21st September at 10:30am in the large hall. We would love as many of you as possible to come and join us.



Mini Vinnies

Last Friday, our Mini Vinnies in Y6 attended a very special mass led by the Bishop dedicated to all the Mini Vinnies in the Diocese. Some members of the congregation commented on how smart our children looked and how well behaved they were. Well done and thank you to all our Mini Vinnies.

This Thursday, 20th September, **Year 4** will lead their class worship at 9am in the large hall. Everyone is very welcome to join us for this.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 19th September, we say a very fond but sad farewell to Mrs Sykes, who works with our Foundation Stage children. Mrs Sykes has worked at St Francis for 22 years and throughout this time has given of her time freely and been wholly dedicated to the school and all the children. We thank her for her hard work and commitment and wish her all the very best. Mrs Sykes will always be welcome at St Francis and we know she will always be a friend to our school.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Years 1 and 4 on achieving 100% attendance last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 10.09.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	95.67	95.70
Year 1	100.00	98.21
Year 2	95.33	95.93
Year 3	92.50	95.04
Year 4	100.00	99.43
Year 5	99.00	99.44
Year 6	97.41	98.56
Average	97.13%	97.47%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS



Summer Reading Challenge

What a triumph the Summer Reading Challenge was this year with so many children taking part across the whole school. This just shows how reading for pleasure is becoming more and more popular with our children, which is so wonderful to see.

Keep it up everyone and congratulations to our Summer Readers! **Keeeeep reading!**



Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: Teddy Rayner-Scott, Eliza Zaborowski, Kai Menic, Finley Carroll, Phoebe Clapham, Thomas Duff and Christian Li Castri-Flesher.

Well done to Esther in Year 1 who was awarded the Headteacher's Award for settling in to St Francis so well, working really hard and being a model pupil.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Come and join us on Friday 28th September for our Macmillan Coffee Event. Call in for a cuppa and a cake either before or after collecting your children as our Macmillan Café will be open 2.30 - 4.00pm in the small hall. This is a great opportunity for you to meet and catch up with friends, other parents and members of our Parent Council, whilst enjoying a cuppa and some tasty treats and at the same time raising money to help us make sure no one has to face cancer alone. So, 'bake it or fake it' as we are asking for cake, bun and biscuit donations for this event – please send your donations into the school on the morning of Friday 28th September. Cancer directly affects so many of our school community at some time and it is important that we make this a successful event and support the work of Macmillan Cancer Support.



Outdoor clothing

Please can we ask that now the colder weather is upon us, that ALL children bring an adequate coat to school with them. We try to get the children outside to play in most weathers, so they will need one every day. Thank you for your support.

Our Wider Curriculum

During the summer term and over the summer holidays, our teachers have been working really hard to redesign the wider curriculum (outside of English and Maths), to develop a more creative, engaging curriculum which is tailored to the needs of our children. Over the course of this year, you will see your children learning about brand new topics and experiencing 'Wow Days' at school, where they may be asked to bring something in, dress up or contribute towards a visitor coming in. As always, you can see many of the things the children have been experiencing by following our Twitter feed - @stfrancisbrad. You can also find copies of our new long term plans for the wider curriculum on our school website. We hope your children enjoy these new topics and new ways of learning. We will be seeking your feedback on them in the summer term.

Times Tables Rockstars

All children in KS2 now have login details for Times Tables Rockstars, which can be accessed on a computer, iPad or tablet. Children should complete daily practice whenever possible in order to improve the speed and accuracy of their times tables - this will strengthen their Maths learning in class. For children who do not have access to the app at home, there will be a Times Tables Club running at lunchtime to give them opportunity to practise using school iPads. Times Tables Rocker of the Week will be awarded in our Friday merit worship. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like any help in supporting your child with their times tables at home.



School Development Fund

You can now pay to our School Development Fund via Parent Pay. The contributions to this fund allow us to have extra improvements made to the school for the benefit of the children. Please consider making a donation either monthly or as a one off. This will not affect parents who pay by Direct Debit. Thank you for all your support.

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

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 17 th September		All	Other Faiths Week – Islam
Thursday 20 th September	9.00 am	Y4	Class Worship
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
Wednesday 10 th October	AM	All	Individual school photos
Thursday 11 th October		All	Book Fair arrives in school for one week
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

Lego club

Monday’s Lego Club has now restarted after the summer break, but unfortunately, due to staff training it won’t be on next week. **The next club will be on Monday 1st October.** The club is open to children in Years 1 – 6. If your child would like to attend please fill in the permission slip below and return to the school office. Children must be picked up at 4.15 pm from the main entrance.



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Name of Child: Class:

I give permission for my child to attend Lego Club on Monday after school and will be collected at 4.15 pm.

Signed: Date: