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

Your Tuesday News 2nd October 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

As yesterday was the 1st October and we dedicate the month of October to Our Lady, we centred our whole worship around the Rosary. We reminded ourselves of why we pray the Rosary and how we use Rosary beads to help us keep track of



the number of Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be prayers. We then looked at all the different type of mysteries we could meditate on as we pray the Rosary: joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries. The children were very good in working out which five joyful mysteries there are. They were also very impressive with how many of the glorious mysteries they had remembered from when we prayed the Rosary every week during May earlier this year. The children were then invited to attend Rosary Club each Friday at 12:45pm in the small hall led by our very trustworthy and hardworking Mini Vinnies.

Our mission for the week was set this morning during Miss Martin's worship on our statement to live by: **'Share a smile with somebody'**. Please try to support your child in living out this mission this week. We expect to be seeing lots of smiling children this week.



Thank you very much to Year 5 for leading us in such a beautiful class worship last week.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and buns and/or attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last Friday. We made a grand total of £146.64 which will be directly donated to Macmillan Cancer Care.





Good luck to our Year 6 this week as they go on their residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall. Let's hope the weather is kind for them.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



FS2 are our attendance champions for last week, but it was a close call. Last week every class achieved over target attendance. Well done to everyone.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 24.09.18.	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.67	95.04
Year 1	98.06	98.30
Year 2	97.67	97.19
Year 3	98.57	97.25
Year 4	97.42	98.53
Year 5	98.06	98.69
Year 6	98.52	98.91
Average	98.13%	97.70%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners last week: Natasha Feszler, Tulisa Durkin, Jake Boyle, Miley Dunn, Poppy Grant, Noel Mullarkey, Millie Quinn, Evie Wray and Lucas Wojtkow.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher Award was given to Olivia Wilson for being such a model pupil and a polite, friendly and hard working member of St Francis.



The Big Cat Merit was awarded to George Illingworth for phenomenal phonics! He is such an enthusiastic reader and loves learning new sounds.

Emma in Year 1 received her first tag on Saturday at Gracie Barra Bradford. Well done Emma.





We are very pleased that we have been awarded the Music Mark. This is in recognition of the fantastic opportunities we give to our children in music. Special thanks to Mrs Duckworth for leading this initiative.

Parent Consultations

During the last week of this half term, we will be holding two parents consultations:
Monday 15th October: 1:30pm – 7.00pm (FS1 and FS2 pupils), 3:30pm - 7pm (KS1 and KS2 pupils)
Wednesday 17th October: 1:30pm – 5.00pm (FS1, FS2 pupils), 3.30pm – 5.00pm (KS1 and KS2 pupils)

Don't forget
parents
evening!

This year, we have a new electronic system for parents to use to log on themselves and make their own appointment. You will receive a text or email with details of how to access the system. We trialled it for Foundation Stage last summer and the feedback we had was that it was very simple to use and much more preferable to the old paper system. Please look out for a text and/or email coming towards the end of this week for you to book your slot.

As a school, we take the safeguarding of our schools very seriously and in particular the safety of our children when they are on-line. Due to the ever-growing popularity of the internet and social media, we have decided to take further action in ensuring our children are kept safe. On Friday 12th October, PCSO Izak will be in school leading some on-line safety sessions with Year 3 and Year 4 children in their classrooms.



Towards the end of this day, PCSO Izak will also deliver **an online safety session for parents at 2:15pm in our small hall**. We really urge you to please come along to this very important session which will hopefully raise your awareness of how to keep your child safe online and some of the resources that may help you.

This week at Forest School, Year 2 made a waffle fire. The children helped to collect sticks and we practised the safe kneeling position with the use of the fire circle. We all roasted marshmallows together at the end.



Health and Safety Notices

Please could we remind parents not to bring dogs into the school grounds or in the close vicinity of the school where children may be. Even if the dogs are on a leash, there are children who can be extremely frightened of dogs causing distress to them.

We have had several reports of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Be extra vigilant and aware of the signs of scratching and white eggs in the hair.



A reminder not to bring cars in to the car park when dropping off and picking up children. The car park is not a safe place for children. This also applies to morning pick up and afternoon drop off.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



The Parent Council is meeting on Wednesday 10th October at 7.30 pm at the Wrose Bull, Wrose Road. New members are welcome to join us to help shape the future for our children at St Francis.



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

Details of events and trips will be sent out nearer the time if appropriate

Date	Time	Class	Event
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
	9.30 am	Y6	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 11 th October		All	Book Fair arrives in school for one week
	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
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
	9.30 am	Y5	Class Mass in Church
	1.30 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	3.30 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 18 th October	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and Play session
	9.00 am	Y6/FS2	Class Worship - Buddies
Friday 19 th October	Break up for half term		
Tuesday 30 th October	School re-opens after half term		



On Wednesday 10th October the photographer will be in school to take individual photographs of your children. If you would like a family photograph, with siblings who do not attend St Francis, the photographer will be here from 8.00 am to take these pictures. Just come and wait your turn in the small hall.

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