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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

Yesterday, in worship, we used a treasure chest to symbolise the Kingdom of God. The KS1 children helped Mrs Haines to pull out different treasures and the rest of the school discussed what these treasures might represent. The children had some lovely suggestions - friendship, love, peace, hope, kindness and being grateful. We discussed how all of these 'treasures' and others are important to live out in the Kingdom of God. We then listened to a reading from Mark's Gospel which was shared in church on Sunday. The children learned from this reading that it is children who are God's greatest treasure and the most important part of the Kingdom of God. We understood that through being the most important treasure, our children have a responsibility to make good choices and follow Jesus' example. We ended by praying together and setting out our mission for the week: to remind someone how special they are.



Last week, we celebrated a very special mass together for the Feast Day of St Francis. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to the Year 4 children for leading our readings and prayers so beautifully. Our communion reflection centred upon St Francis' love of the creatures of the earth and two children from each class brought up some handmade paper birds to place around our St Francis statue. It was quite a surprise to all, when Mr Copley brought up a mysterious object covered in a shiny red cloth! At the end of mass, the mysterious object was revealed.....a beautiful yellow canary named Frank!! Thank you to Mrs Cunningham for donating such a beautiful creature to our school. Frank has a lovely big cage to live in and is being well looked after by the children. What a very fitting way to celebrate St Francis Feast Day!

Year 6 will be walking up to church this Wednesday to join the rest of the parish at Mass at 9:30am. They will be leading the readings and have chosen the hymns as well. Please join them if you can.

This Thursday at 9am, Year 3 will be leading us in their class worship in the large hall. Everyone is warmly welcome to come along and join us.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



WE have two attendance champions this week. A huge well done to Years 3 and 4 with 100% attendance. Year 6 are doing really well with an overall attendance so far this year of 98.95%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 01.10.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	92.35	94.50
Year 1	97.40	98.10
Year 2	99.00	97.55
Year 3	100.00	97.95
Year 4	100.00	98.90
Year 5	95.50	97.95
Year 6	99.30	98.95
Average	97.35%	96.85%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Nate Kite, Rhys Leak, Nancy Jones, Owen Sutcliffe, Scarlett Zaborowski, Adam Deen and Evan Maloney.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteachers Award was awarded to Orla Hudson for having a positive attitude towards every aspect of school life and trying her best in all she does. A Superstar !!

Thank you to Y2, who kicked started our performance poetry programme a couple of weeks ago with their performance of 'She sells Sea Shells'. It was lovely to see such confidence in the children and the 'flossing' was admirable!! This Friday, Y4 will perform their chosen poem at the beginning of merit worship. Again, Y4 parents/carers are very welcome to come and see them perform and are welcome to stay for the rest of merit worship or leave straight after the performance.



Taylor, Emma, Cole, Louis, Joshua, Katie, Thomas and Rueben from Year 5 attended a Gifted and Talented Sport morning at Holybrook Primary last week. Well done to Louis for winning a medal for Sportsmanship and to Cole who won a medal for never giving up. You all were superstars and great ambassadors for our school.



Joseph received man of the match playing for his new team Westwood juniors on Sunday. Well done Joseph.

Grace danced in her first ballet competition on Sunday and came 3rd! Well done Grace. We think the tutu is beautiful.



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



Last week Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall. Whilst there, they were able to enjoy many different activities from low ropes and trapeze, to zip wiring and giant swings! The children were a credit to themselves and the school and their fearless approach was commented on by centre staff. Well done, you should all be very proud of yourselves.

WINMARLEIGH HALL



READING ROCKS!!



This Thursday, our Book Fair will arrive in school. It will be open before and after school every day and also throughout both of our parents consultations. Please do try to buy some books, as the more money we raise, the more money the school gets back to invest into more books for our library and individual classrooms.



Parent Consultation electronic system

Thank you to all the parents who have booked online for the parent consultations next week. A massive 83% of parents have booked so far. We would be interested to hear from you if you preferred this method rather than the old paper method.



Democracy Week



Next week, Miss Breen will be leading the children in our 'Democracy Week'. This week will involve electing our school council. Children from KS1 and KS2 will be invited to stand for school councillor and will have to write and present a manifesto of why they should be voted for. Year 6 children will also have the opportunity to run for Head Boy and Head Girl. An election will take place on Thursday afternoon where two children from each class will be voted for. The winners will be announced at Merit Worship next Friday, the last day of term. Good luck to everyone who decides to run for School Council!



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Parent Council meeting has been changed to Wednesday 17th 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. We look forward to seeing new parents who we know will be joining us.

- Please note change of date



Young Voices

The deadline for handing in money for young voices tickets and t-shirts is this Friday. Please hand in any money to Miss Dylak in the school office.

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.



School Calendar

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

Date	Time	Class	Event
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		

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Please check your child's hair regularly. As a school we can never totally eradicate headlice. Please be vigilant for the signs and treat if necessary.
- Please **DO NOT** park in the car park when dropping off and picking up children. The car park is unsafe for children. Please use the designated entrance for pedestrians.
- Parents are responsible for the safety of children in the school grounds before and after school. Please ensure that children stay off the grass hill behind the amphitheatre and do not climb trees.
- Please **DO NOT** put any items containing nuts in children's lunch boxes this includes chocolate spread and biscuit bars. We do have children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts.
