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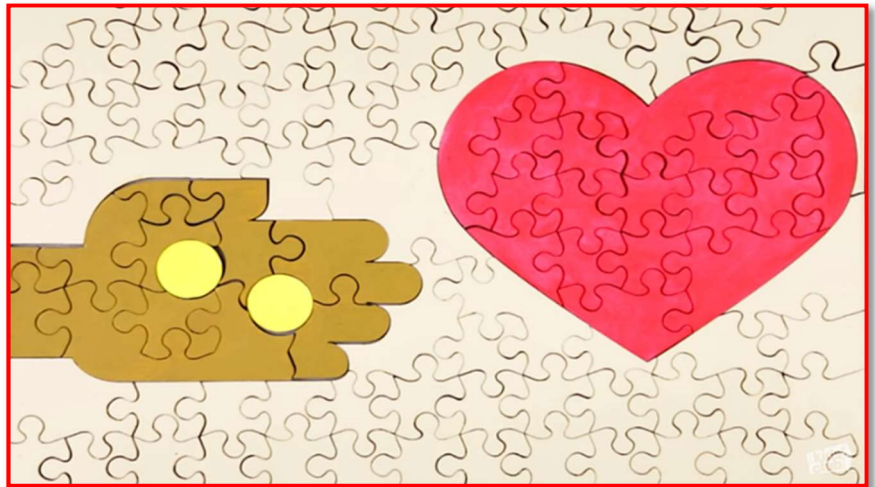
Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 13th November 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Yesterday, in worship, Miss Trotter asked the children what it means to be generous. We listened to a reading from Mark's Gospel which was shared in church on Sunday. The story was about a widower who gave all the money she had to the church. In the reading Jesus mentioned two different types of people. He talked about people who put themselves first and people who put God first. The widower had nothing left but God, she completely relied on him and trusted in him. God said that what we do to others we do to him so we

discussed how we could be generous with others. We ended by praying together and we set out our mission for the week 'putting others before ourselves.' We also said an eternal rest together, thinking about all those who gave their lives for others.



Last Friday, we held a very peaceful and poignant Remembrance Day worship to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice signing and the end of the First World War. Thank you to all the parents, families and parishioners who joined us. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to join us in worship. In preparation for this very special event, every child and adult in school made a poppy which were then put together as a big 'poppy wave' and formed our focal point along with our Tree of Remembrance. Thank you to all the children who either read readings and prayers so beautifully or formed some very powerful freeze frames. Thank you also to Year 6 for performing their chosen performance poetry piece, 'Dulce Et Decorum Est'. It was a very moving and confident performance, which highlighted how harrowing war is. Our 'poppy wave' is now on display in the entrance way of school, along with the Tree of

Remembrance and they will remain there until the end of November. After that, the poppies will be transferred elsewhere in school for the rest of the school year.

God Bless from Mr Copley, Mrs Haines and Miss Trotter

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: Layla Waugh, Emma Thomas, William Setchell, Kayl Walker, Oliver Potter, George Wilkinson and Szymon Miazga.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteachers Award was presented to Isla Naylor for such an enthusiastic attitude towards her learning and growing in confidence.

The Big Cat Reading Award was given to Poppy Beck for reading some tricky sounds and blending them into words.

The TT Rockstars this week are Maisie-Lily Earle and Connor McCullen.

As part of our **Enabling Enterprise** initiative, a group of 20 KS2 children went to visit **John Lewis** at the Victoria Gate shopping centre in Leeds. They learnt a little bit about the history of John Lewis and were given a tour of Victoria Gate shopping centre. They were then challenged to work in teams and design their own shopping retail area. They learnt team working, listening, creative and leadership skills. The results were amazing and the children worked really hard and came up with some fantastic ideas. The staff commented on how well behaved the children were. Well done everyone. You are a credit to our school.





On Saturday, our school choir had an amazing experience performing at the Festive Pitch Battle in the Broadway Centre, Bradford, organised by Pulse 1 Radio. They made it to the Battle Final, where they were up against 5 other Bradford Schools. The Choir performed 'We Are the World' and a Christmas song 'Feliz Navidad'. They performed with absolute gusto and confidence and we are all extremely proud of every single one of them. Unfortunately, we did not win the competition, however, we definitely won over the audience's hearts with our amazing singing.

Well done to all the children and a huge thank you to all the parents, families and staff who came to support them.

Last Wednesday, five budding young mathematicians represented St Francis in the local heats of the prestigious National Young Mathematician's Award. Zach Blyth, Louis Knox, Lily Burns, Sienna Lacey and Katie Travis competed against 8 other Bradford schools to demonstrate their teamwork and mathematical prowess in a series of reasoning and problem-solving challenges. We are excited to hear later this week if they have progressed to the regional heats in December and we are very proud of their achievement so far. Well done St Francis!

Grace competed in the Wharfedale Dance Championships this weekend. She danced in the ballet section and came 3rd out of 30 children, ages ranging from 6-8 years old. Well done Grace!



Maisie Walker in Year 1 got her 100 meters swimming badge on Saturday, she is doing so well.

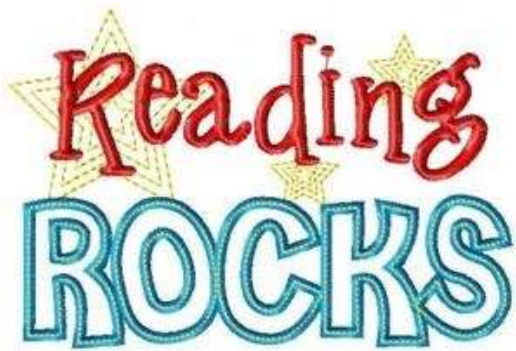
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



A big congratulations to Year 5 who achieved 100% attendance last week. FS2 were a close second with 99%

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 5.11.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.00	96.42
Year 1	94.52	97.07
Year 2	98.67	98.14
Year 3	96.43	98.08
Year 4	96.77	97.75
Year 5	100.00	98.44
Year 6	97.78	98.05
Average	97.59	97.68
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%



Reading Rocks!

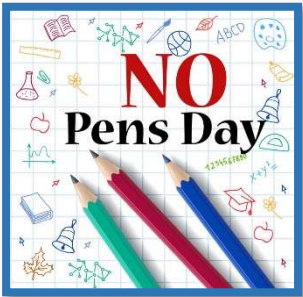
Thank you to the parents who came to the KS1 Reading Workshop last week. It is great to have your support in developing your children's reading skills and knowledge. This morning we held the first KS2 reading workshop with the second being later this afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who have used our electronic system to sign up for these two events. We hope you find them useful.

Babbling Books

We hope many of you have been able to listen to the first of our Babbling Books programme on our school website <http://www.stfrancisbradford.sch.uk/>. We have filed this excerpt read by Mrs Laptew under Learning – Reading Support. This week's instalment of Babbling Books is more for Foundation Stage and KS1 children. It is called 'Oi Dog' and is read by Mrs Haines. Please encourage your child to listen to it at some point over the next week. It is a great bedtime story.

No Pens Day Wednesday

Tomorrow, we will be holding a new event in school, 'No Pens Day Wednesday'. Pens and pencils throughout school will be banned! As a school, we recognise the importance of talk and vocabulary and, in an effort to highlight this importance, we have planned all of our lessons so that talk is promoted. We will be sharing some of the activities we get up to on our Twitter feed throughout the day (@stfrancisbrad) and in next week's Tuesday News.



Children in Need

Children in Need takes place on Friday 16th November. This year the theme is 'Do Your Thing'. To support this very worthy cause, we are asking the children to come dressed in an outfit which reflects their interests and hobbies. This could be anything from a football kit to a horse riding outfit. Children may wear Children in Need t-shirts if they wish. The choice is theirs!



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 dates and times could be subject to change)



Date	Time	Class	Event
Thursday 15 th November	AM	FS2 – Y5	Flu immunisations
Thursday 8 th November	All day	20 x Y5	Visit to John Lewis - Enabling Enterprise
	8.55 am	All	Merit Worship
Tuesday 13 th November	9.00 & 5.30	KS2	Parent Reading Worskshops
Thursday 15 th November	AM	FS2 – Y5	Flu immunisation
	9.00 am	Y2	Class Worship
Monday 19 th Novbember	All day	Y5	Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Thursday 22 nd November	9.00 am	Y1	Class Worship
Monday 26 th November	6.00 pm	New FS	Parents welcome meeting
Tuesday 27 th November	9.30 am	New FS	Drop in session
Sunday 2 nd December	PM	All	Parish Christmas Fair in school
Advent Worship in School at 8.20 am throughout Advent			
Tuesday 4 th December	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.30 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by Confession
Wednesday 5 th December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 6 th December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Friday 7 th December	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Wednesday 12 th December	10.30 am	All	Advent Mass in School
	Evening	Choir	Light up a Life Service at Bfd Cathedral for Martin House
Thursday 13 th December	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Friday 14 th December	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
	12.00	All	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas		



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are 5 for £1.00 and will be on sale in the playground after school throughout November. If you are unable to buy them in the playground you can fill in the slip below and hand into the school office and your tickets will be sent home to you.

Christmas Movie Night

On Tuesday 18th December Parent Council are having a Christmas Movie Night. Children will come and watch a Movie (as yet to be decided) straight after school. This will be open to all children and will cost £5 per child which will include hotdog, popcorn and a drink. Tickets will go on sale next week.



Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

I would like _____ **Christmas raffle tickets** and enclose £ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____



KS2 Tag Rugby

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

My child would like to take part in **Tag Rugby** on Thursdays after school and will be collected at 4.15 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____