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

Your Tuesday News 20th November 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'



Yesterday's worship was based around this Sunday's Gospel reading about preparing to meet Jesus again. We discussed different things that we try to prepare for in everyday life, such as holidays, tests, special meals together and then we linked this to ways in which we could prepare ourselves for meeting Jesus again. The children came up with some lovely suggestions of being kind to one another, loving each other, forgiving those who do wrong to us, helping people who are struggling and inviting friends to play if someone is lonely. We set our mission for this week on Friday afternoon when we shared in a special worship all about behaving in the right way at lunchtime; To keep the playground rules and be kind to each other.

This Thursday, Year 1 will lead us in worship at 9am in the large hall. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Exciting news

We are very excited to officially announce that Miss Breen, our Y1 teacher, is expecting a baby girl due in February. Miss Breen will be going on maternity leave in January. Before the Christmas holidays, we will introduce parents/carers to the teacher taking over Y1. We will keep you up to date.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need last Friday. It was great to see the effort that many of you had gone to and the vast array of hobbies that children like to do. We had all kinds of costumes, from bakers, to horse riders to unicorns!! We raise a fantastic total of £190.27 for a wonderful cause.



Non Uniform Day

On **Friday 30th November**, we will be holding a non uniform day in school. The fine will be chocolate which will then be donated to the Parish for the chocolate stall at the Parish Christmas Fayre. This year, the fayre will take place on Sunday 2nd December in the school hall from 1.00 to 3.00 pm. Please come along and support it if you can.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Last week we only had one class who achieved our target, Year 6. Overall last week was a bad week for attendance, we appreciate that there have been cold and stomach bugs going around, but please don't keep your child off longer than is necessary.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 12.11.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	92.00	95.79
Year 1	95.48	96.91
Year 2	95.33	97.85
Year 3	96.43	97.90
Year 4	95.81	97.54
Year 5	96.13	98.19
Year 6	98.15	98.06
Average	95.61%	97.46%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Madeleine Newill, Adam ElkaZaZ, Eliza O'Connor, Keira Clayton, Oliver Potter, Beth Randles, Isabelle Lupton, Charlie Hedges and Isaac Gregory.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was present to Joel Newill for really engaging himself in all aspects of school life and being a super role model.

The Big Cat Merit went to Frankie Bairstow for a brilliant commitment to reading. He reads every night, is improving lots and loves to read.

Times Tables Rockstars last week were Gracie-Mae Barron and Amy Garth.

Performance Poetry

Year 5 will be performing their chosen poem on Friday 30th November at the very beginning of our merit worship. Please come along to support them.



Congratulations to Joshua Hinchcliffe who won the WW Estate Agents 'draw your dream house' competition. His winning drawing will be used as their logo on publicity and marketing materials such as Right Move. Joshua won a £50 Smyth's Toy Voucher and all the entrants received a box of Heroes.

Congratulations to Alice who has achieved her level 3 award in gymnastics this week- she is doing so well!



No Pens Day Wednesday!

Last Wednesday, we locked all our pens and pencils away for the day and approached all of our lessons in other ways, with a focus on talking. As part of our push to develop our children's oracy skills, we planned in lots of activities that included drama, discussion, problem solving, practical resources, outdoor learning and many other things. The whole day was certainly very interesting. One child commented "This is the best day ever I wish we could do it every day"



Bradford Central Foodbank would like to thank all our children for donating a massive 231 kgs of food for the foodbank earlier this term. Altogether schools donated 5 tonnes of food which has fed 378 people in 223 families in Bradford over October.

Normalised

The Invisible Flamingo

After Light

PREFACE

TREASURY OF ANIMAL TALES

THE VERY GREAT GARDEN - THE ORIGINATING PRODIGIOUS CATERPILLAR

Let it Snow! A Pull-Tab Storybook

Storybook Collection

The Sleeping Princess

Playtime Stories

WHERE'S THE MERKAAT?

PAUL MORAN

STORIES OF WINNIE THE POOH

A MINE

Thank you to all parents who filled in the survey forms during parent consultations. The comments we received are too numerous to put on here but thank you for all the positive comments, it is good to know that children are enjoying school and their learning. We will consider all the suggestions you made on how we can improve and what we can do better. Watch this space.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at this school	67	21		
My child feels safe at this school	68	20		
My child makes good progress at this school	52	24	1	
My child is well looked after at this school	65	22		1
My child is taught well at this school	67	21		
My child receives homework appropriate for their age	55	26	2	2
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	64	21	1	1
This school deals effectively with bullying	44	33	4	1
This school is well led and managed	67	20	1	
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	56	31		
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	41	35	1	
I would recommend this school to another parent	68	18		1



School Calendar

Dates and times could be subject to change

Date	Time	Class	Event
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
Break up for Christmas			

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



Christmas Raffle

Tickets are still on sale and will be drawn on 29th November.

Christmas Movie Night

On Tuesday 18th December Parent Council are having a Christmas Movie Night.

Children will come and watch a Movie which will be U or PG rating. This will be open to all children and will cost £5 per child which will include hotdog, popcorn and a drink. Please fill in the slip below to give your consent and purchase tickets. We would like to have an idea of numbers for catering.



Name of Eldest Child: _____ Class: _____

I would like _____ **Christmas Movie Tickets at £5.00 each** and enclose £ _____

I give consent for my child(ren) to attend the Christmas Movie Night



Signed: _____ Date: _____