

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

Your Tuesday News 11th December 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

In worship this morning, we reflected on Sunday's Gospel according to Luke, when John the Baptist warns the people to 'prepare the way of the Lord'. We talked about the different preparations people are making for Christmas at the moment and compared these to how the prophets, Angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph all prepared for Jesus. We then discussed what things we could do to prepare ourselves better for Jesus' birth and we agreed our mission for the week together: prepare the way of the Lord by writing a prayer to say together with our families. Please support your child in living out this mission this week.



The Parent Council Carol Service takes place tonight, 11th December at 6:15pm in the school hall. The choir will be leading the singing and some of our children are leading the readings. We encourage you to please come along and join us for a very special evening of Christmas songs and carols, whilst raising much needed funds for your children's education.

Our Advent Mass takes place this Wednesday 12th December at 10:30am in the school hall. All our parents, carers, families and parishioners are warmly welcome to join us at this special time.

KS1 Christmas liturgies will take place this Thursday 13th December and this Friday 14th December, both at 9am. The children have been practising really hard so please come and support them if you can. All parents, carers, families and parishioners are welcome to join us.

Throughout Advent, we are holding Advent prayers in the small hall every day (except Fridays) at 8:25am. Please do try to come along and join us in this 5 minutes before the start of the day, which is a very peaceful and reflective time.

Children in Foundation Stage have been taking turns to bring the Travelling Crib home over the past week and it is now making it's way through Y1. Please look out for it coming home. We ask you to support your child in setting up the crib, praying together and remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

Foundation Stage Advent Workshops and Worships:

Many thanks to all of the parents and grandparents that were able to join us in last week's Advent workshops and worships. The children thoroughly enjoyed working creatively to explore their special gifts with loved ones. We would also like to say 'well done' and 'big thanks' to all of our children who worked so hard and sang so beautifully to help us to retell the story of the night that Jesus was born.



God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Congratulations to Year 4 who are our attendance winners this week with over 99% attendance.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 03.12.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.67	95.41
Year 1	92.26	96.19
Year 2	96.00	97.91
Year 3	96.43	97.48
Year 4	99.03	97.80
Year 5	94.19	97.63
Year 6	97.04	98.00
Average	95.94%	97.20%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Nylah Doherty, Max Maloney, Grace Artist, Abigail Dawson, Casey Nolan, Harvey Clegg, Ruby Bairstow and Holly Chivers.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was present to George Illingworth for: Being a perfect role model and for always doing the right thing. Thank you and well done George.

The Big Cat Merit went to Isabelle Quinn for her amazing score in a tricky reading test.

A big well done to Imogen shackler for passing her 5 Star Diver award. She worked very hard to get this as it included some very tricky dives.



A huge well done to all the St Francis pupils who performed in the "Roll up, Roll up" dance show for Addo dance over the weekend. They were all amazing, and the show was fantastic.



After months of hard training and dedication Charlie Thomas competed in the all stars bij northern edition at the weekend and came home with a well deserved gold medal putting on two brilliant performances. He won both his fights in style well done Charlie !



Last Wednesday, the school choir rushed off from school to go and sing at Leeds train station to raise money for a very worthy charity, Heart Research UK. The children really sang their hearts out and it was lovely to see how much they enjoyed themselves and the pleasure they brought to passers by. Thank you very much to all the parents/Carers who took the time to



get the children there and support them throughout their singing. It is very much appreciated.



The choir will be singing at Bradford Cathedral this Wednesday as part of the Martin House 'Light Up a Life Service'. Alfie Joe Barraclough's family have especially asked our choir to sing 'Love Shine a Light' in memory of Alfie, a pupil at St Francis who sadly passed away almost three years ago. The choir are honoured to do this and we wish them good luck for this very special occasion.

Thank you to the people who replied to our consultation on an After School Care Club. We have decided that there is enough interest to run this and so the first session will take place on Monday 7th January from 3:15pm - 6pm in the main school hall. We will send home more information in a letter about how to book the sessions and pay for them before the end of term.

Thank you to Y3 for a fantastic performance of 'School Kid Rap', which they did as part of our Performance Poetry programme. The children were full of enthusiasm and confidence and there was beat boxing too. Well done Y3!

THE 13-STORY TREEHOUSE

THE WINNER
Tina Turner
Keith Gray

WHICH BABY?
me and my school friends
Debra

DEFENDING DAD
Phil Eagle

THE WINNER
Tina Turner
Keith Gray

Thank you to all the children who have already submitted their entries for the Family Ten Book Reading Challenge. So far we have received a lot of entries from Foundation Stage and KS1 but only two entries from KS2. The deadline is this Thursday 13th December and winners will be announced at the end of the KS1 Christmas Liturgy on Friday 14th December. Keeeeeeeep reading!!!

Please keep the Cunningham family in your prayers. Sadly, Tony Cunningham a parent at our school, died at the weekend. Tony was also a past pupil and Foundation Governor at St Francis. We ask you all to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this sad and difficult time. God Bless Tony, May he rest in peace.

This Wednesday, 12th December at 3:15pm in the Y1 classroom, there is an opportunity for Y1 parents/carers to meet our new teacher, Ms Robson, who is taking over from Miss Breen after Christmas when she goes on maternity leave. Ms Robson will be working alongside Miss Breen over the next week and is very much looking forward to meeting the children and their families.

Would you like an opportunity to do some last minute Christmas shopping while your children are entertained and fed at school. If panic is beginning to set in, it is not too late to send in your booking slip below with £5 per child and enjoy that extra 2 hours child free.



Mr Bullock has created a lovely Christmas scene for us. The picture is split into squares and behind one of these squares is a Christmas present. Squares are being sold for 50p each throughout December and whoever finds the present will win a hamper full of festive goodies. Please send money in with your child if they would like to have a go. You will also be able to purchase a square at the Parent Council Carol Concert this evening.

Thank you to all our families for your generous support this year.

Name of Eldest Child: _____ Class: _____

I would like _____ Christmas Movie Tickets at £5 each and enclose £ _____

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Educational Visits

Please find below a table of all the planned educational visits which will be taking place over the next academic year. Part of the feedback given by parents was that they would appreciate knowing in advance when trips were taking place and the cost, to allow families to budget accordingly. Parent Council have donated an amount of money to offset some of the costs of the trips.

Year Group	Date	Visit	Estimated cost £
Year 6	8 th January 2019	Tropical World (subsidised by Parent Council)	10.00
Year 3	15 th January 2019	Synagogue	6.00
Year 6	29 th January 2019	Madni Mosque (subsidised by Parent Council)	5.50
Year 5	4 th February 2019	Hindu Temple	2.50
Year 4	11 th February 2019	Roman day, York (subsidised by Parent Council)	20.50
FS1 & FS2	2 nd May 2019	St Leonard's Farm, Esholt	12.00
Year 2	20 th May 2019	Buddha Land	6.50
Year 3	Beg June'19	Nell Bank (subsidised by Parent Council)	12.00
Years 1 & 2	14 th June 2019	Whitby (subsidised by Parent Council)	7.00

Safeguarding - Attendance reminder

We politely remind parents that if your child is ill, please contact school before 9am to inform us. We have very tight safeguarding procedures that are implemented if we have a child unaccounted for after 9am, which involve contacting every number we have on record for the family and home visits. If we are not able to make contact with anybody then it is our statutory duty to alert children's social care. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Christmas Lunch

This Friday is Christmas Lunch day and children can wear their Christmas Jumpers or something festive with the rest of their school uniform. If your child is bringing a packed lunch they may have a Christmas treat in there. We are asking that children bring a fine of £1





School Calendar

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

Date	Time	Class	Event
Advent Worship in School at 8.20 am throughout Advent			
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			

Poppy Appeal 2018

The Royal British Legion would like to thank our school for raising £97.20 for their Poppy Appeal this year.



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.