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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

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

### 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half term and enjoyed quality family time with your children.

Mrs Haines led worship this morning, which was all about discipleship. We reminded ourselves of our amazing Mission Week before the holidays and how we were shown by the Sion Community how to be good disciples of Jesus. We discussed how it is hugely important that we don't forget the work the Sion Community did with us and that we need to continue in our mission of being 'Children of the Cross'. We listened to a reading from Mark's Gospel where Jesus chose his 12 apostles to go out and spread the Good News and discussed how we also need to take our example from Jesus' chosen twelve. We finished by singing 'Children of the Cross', a song that the Sion Community taught us.



### Mission Week

Thank you to all our parents, families and governors who joined us throughout our Mission Week just before the holidays. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. It was a truly magnificent week in which the children and staff experienced God in a very fun, vibrant and inclusive way. We hope to continue to enhance our worship with all of the new songs we learned and continue in our mission to be disciples of Jesus.



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### Improving Our School

As a school, we are constantly evaluating what we do and looking to see what we could do better. As part of this process, we would like to share with you our school development priorities for this year:

- ❖ The leaders and teachers who look after subjects will get even better
- ❖ We will all try to read more and get even better at reading
- ❖ In Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 our teachers will help all of us get better at writing



Every week we look to celebrate being outstanding every day. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Merit Worship Leaderboard		
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
FS2:	Pirate Starship	
Year 1:	Breen's Buccaneer	
Year 2:	Martin's Mi Hearties	
Year 3:	Duxbury's Deckhands	
Year 4:	Trotter's Treasure Trove	
Year 5:	Speake's Scurvy Scallywags	👑
Year 6:	Langham's Landlubbers	👑👑👑

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Our attendance champions for the last week in school is Year 2 with 100%. Well done Year 2.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 16.10.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.00	97.14
Year 1	95.00	95.59
Year 2	100.00	97.21
Year 3	96.33	98.48
Year 4	98.67	97.11
Year 5	97.04	96.84
Year 6	98.21	98.21
Average	97.37	97.22
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

There was no merit worship on the last day due to Mission Week Mass.



Theo Lancaster in Year 1 has got his 10m in swimming and he has also had his first grading in martial arts and got his half yellow belt. Well done Theo you have been busy.

If your child has been exploring their special gifts outside of school then please send the office an email so that we can celebrate this in our newsletter:

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SCHOOL NOTICES

For those eagle eyed parents, you may have noticed there is a mistake on the **menus** that were sent home before we broke up from school. We have been in touch with our catering providers and they are going to reprint the menus. They should be with us later this week.

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The latest **E-Safety newsletter DITTO** is available here <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/> This is a free online safety magazine for schools and parents. There is now also the first edition of DITTO Junior, articles written by children and young people - online safety in their own words. A copy is also available in the main entrance.

Parent Pay is now our preferred use of payments for parents. We are in the process of transitioning from School Money for payments for breakfast club and school trips. All parents should have received their login details via a letter sent home with children. It is simple to create an account which you can use for all your children even if they are at another school which uses Parent Pay.



You can now pay for breakfast club and any future school visits will be paid through Parent Pay, if you wish to pay online. Please do not use School Money from now.

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See below the new holiday list for the next academic year:

**School Holiday List 2018 / 2019**

- September start: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Foundation start date may be later)
- Autumn half term: Break up on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, return Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Christmas: Break up on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, return Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Spring half term: Break up on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, return Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Easter: Break up on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, return on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April
- May Day: Closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Spring Bank: Break up on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, return Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer break: Break up on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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**PARENT COUNCIL NEWS**



**EYES DOWN !**



Our hardworking and committed Parent Council will be holding a Bingo Night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in school at 7:30pm. This is a chance for all the adults in our school community to come together for a night of fun whilst raising funds for your children's education. A bar will be serving drinks and there will be prizes to be won. We really urge you to come along and support as all money made goes towards enhancing your children's school experience with such things as school trips, reading books and many many more things. Thank you to our existing members who work tirelessly for the good of the school and also a big thank you to our new members who have recently joined. We really appreciate your support. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

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**Children In Need**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will hold a non-uniform day in school. All children are required to come to school on this day dressed in spotty clothing and the fine will be £1, with all money going to Children In Need.



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On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 am, parents are invited to come and watch the school choir perform two songs in the large hall.

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley or Mrs Haines

## READING ROCKS!

Thank you again to all the parents, families and children who bought books from the Book Fair not so long ago. We made a huge £831.48, which is fantastic! We have already invested this money into 60 brand new thesauruses for KS2 and 30 brand new exciting books for our ever-growing library, which includes more 'Harry Potter' and 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' books, due to popular demand! It also includes some new titles, such as 'Moonloket' by Peter Bunzl (author of Cogheart), 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave and 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. All of which are appropriate for children in upper key stage 2, so please do encourage your children to come along to the library and try out one of these new books. With the money we make from the next Book Fair in March, we hope to enhance our selection of books for our younger children.

Please note, plans are underway for the return of the 'Starbooks Reading Cafe' this half term. More details to follow in next week's Tuesday News.

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## School Visits

We promised you a breakdown of all the school educational visits which are to take place in the next academic year. Please see below with the latest information and **estimated** costs we have. This will be updated as we go along. Please note these visits can alter.

	Date	Visit	Estimated cost £
Choir	7.12.17.	Leeds Train Station – singing for charity	Nil
FS	21.5.18.	Nell Bank – enrichment visit for theme 'In the Woods'	£12.00
Year 1	21.3.18.	Yorkshire Wildlife Park – science topic – animals	£18.00
Year 1	28.6.18.	Hesketh Farm Park – topic On the Farm learn about animal life cycles	£14.25
Year 2	6.11.17.	Buddha Land	£6.00
Year 2	29.1.18.	Yorkshire Wildlife Park – habitats / endangered species	£16.00
Year 2	16.4.18.	The Rainbow Factory – use scientific investigation to solve a crime	£7.00
Year 2	18.6.18.	Magna Museum – night and day / solar system	£8.00
Year 3	19.1.18.	The Synagogue – understanding of the Jewish faith	£6.00
Year 3	Summer 1	York National Railway Museum – forces and tension workshop	£16.00
Year 3	Summer 2	National Coal Mining Museum – rocks and fossils workshop	£16.00
Year 4	10.04.18.	Magna Science Museum - understanding of solids, liquids and gases	£16.00
Year 4	12.06.18.	Nell Bank – river studies workshop	£19.00
Year 4	25.06.18.	Ghudwara Singh Temple – understanding of Sikhism	£6.00
Year 5	15.11.17.	Hindu Temple – understanding of the Hindu faith	£6.00
Year 5	January 2018	Bradford Science and Media Museum Imax – A Beautiful Planet	£9.00
Year 5	April/May 2018	Rainbow Factory – workshop supporting science through story	£7.00
Year 5	TBC	Viking Day in school	£10.00
Year 5	June/July 2018	Bankfield Museum – workshop crime and punishment	
Year 6	3.11.17.	Saltaire, Roberts Park, Hockney Gallery – village tour, geocaching, sketchbook work	£6.00
Year 6	6.12.17.	BASF Kids Science Lab – scientific investigation skills	£6.00
Year 6	Spring 1	Ancient Greek Workshop visit to school	Btwn £6 & £9
Year 6	Summer 2	Eden Camp – WW2	£10.00