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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 7th November 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,



Mrs Haines led our worship yesterday which reflected on Sunday's Gospel according to Matthew which is all about being humble. We listened to a song, whose lyrics explained to the children how, despite Jesus being a King and very special and important, he always humbled himself by serving others. We discussed what we might see Jesus doing today if he were to live in our neighbourhood. The children suggested that he might be seen helping others, talking to groups of people spreading God's Word and showing others how to live a good life. Just before we left, the children

received a postcard from 'Engel and Bert', the two camels we met during Mission Week. They wanted to hear all about the mission we set ourselves for this week. We decided this together - 'To play with anyone who is alone in the playground.' This mission is displayed in the small hall and in every classroom so that we can remind ourselves of our mission throughout the week. We would be grateful if you could encourage and remind your children to live out this mission each day.



God bless. Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

In November, We Remember...

During the month of November, we would like to invite you and your children to bring in photos of any loved ones to put up on our display in the main hall and for whom we will pray for during the month of November. The children will be learning to say the 'Eternal Rest' prayer, so we would be grateful if you could help them with this at home as well. Please note, photographs will be photocopied and the original sent straight back home with your child. This week poppies and other remembrance day merchandise will be on sale in school. Year 6 will sell the poppies out on the playground at break times and other merchandise such as wrist bands and badges will be on sale in the school office, where children can come before/after school or at break times and lunchtimes.








'Eternal rest, Grant unto them oh Lord And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.'

All Saints Day

Last Wednesday was the Feast of All Saints Day, which is a holy day of obligation. The KS2 children walked up to church and celebrated mass with the parishioners and Fr Anthony. It was a lovely occasion, particularly in strengthening our school-parish link. The children sang well and were very respectful throughout the mass.

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

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	  

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



A big congratulations to Year 3 who are our attendance champions with 100% attendance last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 30.10.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	95.00	96.90
Year 1	98.05	95.85
Year 2	94.58	96.93
Year 3	100.00	98.64
Year 4	98.33	97.24
Year 5	94.44	96.59
Year 6	99.11	98.31
Average	97.07	97.20
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Theo Lancaster, Charlie Thomas, Lexi Harrison, George Wilkinson, Sienna Lacey and George Cunningham

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Lucy Lightfoot for her exemplary behaviour around school at all times.

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:

SCHOOL NOTICES

Health and Safety Reminder

Please do not let your children run around or climb up onto the grass area or steps behind the amphitheatre before or after school. The children know they are not allowed to do this during the school day at lunchtimes and break times as it can be dangerous. We ask you to support us on this matter, by ensuring your children adhere to the rules. Thank you.

PARENT PAY

We are no longer taking payments for breakfast club through School Money. Please ensure that all breakfast club is paid through Parent Pay. All future trips will be payable through Parent Pay and this will be our preferred method of payment from parents.

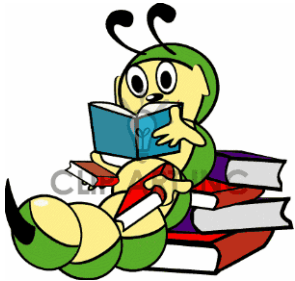
CHARITY CLOTHING BAGS

Last week you received a clothing bag for any old clothing you may have at home. This could be a good reason to have a sort out of old summer clothes as we approach winter. All money raised is shared between school and the Starlight children’s charity. All bags must be back in school by Friday morning. Thank you for your support.



Book Amnesty!

A number of our home-school reading books appear to have gone missing over the last few weeks. We seem to be very short of our Big Cat home reading books and also books from our library. We ask you and your children to have a good look around the house for any of these books that aren't currently being read and send them into school with your child so that we can get our stocks back up to capacity. Also, during the summer term last year, KS1 children were registered at Eccleshill Library. We have recently been informed that there are a number of books that have not been returned. We ask you to return these books to school and, on their next visit, the children can return them to the library. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.





Forest School

This half term, Year 3 are enjoying the opportunity to walk to Peel Park Primary School every Thursday afternoon to take part in Forest School activities. We look forward to hearing all about their outdoor learning over the next few weeks.

School Council update

New school councillors have been elected for this year. They are:

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| Y1 - Theo and Nancy | Y2 - Lucas and Pippa |
| Y3 - Poppy and Joel | Y4 - Isabelle and Rose |
| Y5 - Olivia B and Kirsten | Y6 - Kieran and Amelia |



We look forward to hearing about all their work over the year.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Thursday’s after school club this half term will be tag rugby for Years 5 and 6. The sessions are run by Sports (UK) and will take place on Thursday’s after school between 3.15 and 4.15 pm. Parents should collect children from the main entrance. If your child would like to take part please fill in the permission slip below and return to the school office.

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Name of Child: Class:

I give permission for my child to take part in tag rugby after school on Thursday afternoons.

Signed: Date:

School Choir



Our ever-growing School Choir performed brilliantly this morning for the whole school and parents and families. It was lovely to see how confident they are becoming and the different children putting themselves forward to sing solos or in small groups. Very impressive! Well done to you all.





CALENDAR DATES AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 8 Nov	9.30 am	Y4	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 9 Nov	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
Friday 10 Nov	10.30 am	Y5	Fire Safety Talk (Y2 to see fire engine)
Wednesday 15 Nov	9.30 am	Y3	Class Mass in Church
Friday 17 th Nov	All day	All	Children in Need 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌
Thursday 23 Nov	9.00 am 9.00 am 9.00 am – 3.15 pm	Y2 FS2 – Y4 Y5	Class worship Flu nasal spray Road Safety workshop
Friday 24 Nov	7.30 pm	All	Parent Council Bingo Night
Monday 27 Nov	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents meeting
Tuesday 28 Nov	10.00 am	FS1	New children drop in session
Thursday 30 Nov	9.00 am	Y1	Class worship
Friday 1 December	4.30 – 7.15 pm	FS1 – Y6	Parent Council Winter Disco
Sunday 3 December	PM	All	Parish Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 7 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Friday 8 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Wednesday 13 Dec	12.00	All	Christmas dinner
	PM	FS	Advent celebration
	6.00 pm	All	Parent Council Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 14 Dec	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Friday 15 Dec	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Tuesday 19 Dec	9.00 am	All	Carols by the Crib
Break up for Christmas holiday			



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

EYES DOWN !

Our hardworking and committed Parent Council are holding a Bingo Night on Friday 24th 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 the event, 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.

