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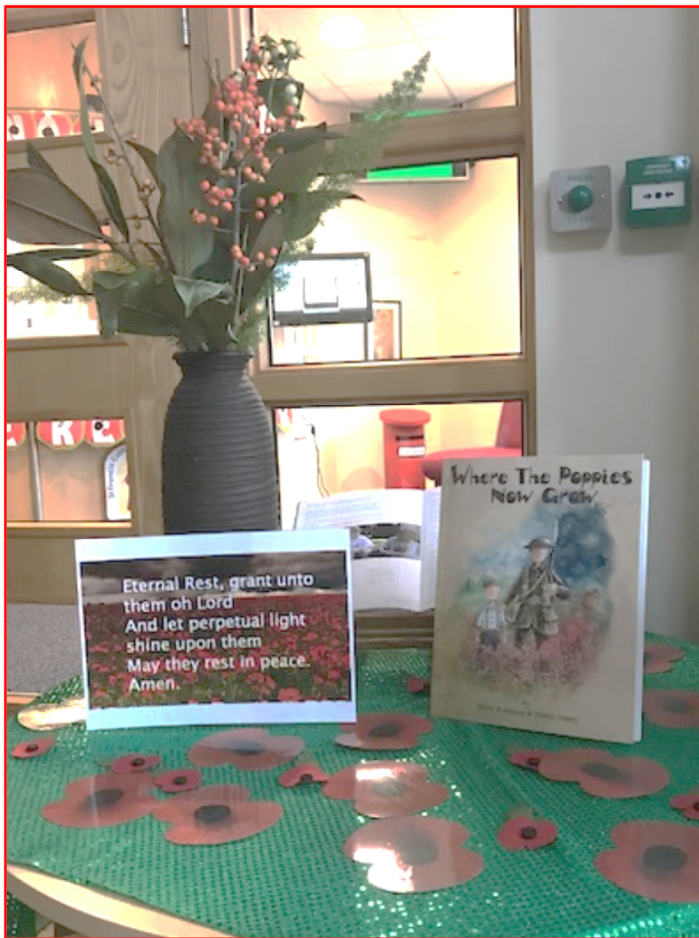
YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 14th 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,



Yesterday we marked Remembrance Sunday by having two reflective worships; one for KS1 children and one for KS2 children. In both worships we discussed the significance of Remembrance Day and the reason why a poppy is the chosen emblem to remind us of the soldiers who have died during war and conflict. KS1 children then watched a short video which helped to explain why we wear poppies. If you would like to watch this with your child, you can find it at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA

KS2 children listened to a beautiful poem written as a book called 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey, which gave them a much deeper insight into the significance of the poppy and commemorating Remembrance Day each year. They then watched a reflection on the impact of war and gathered together for 2 minutes silence at 11am, as did the KS1 children and the children in our Foundation Stage. The children were very respectful throughout. At the end of both worships, Engel and Bert, our 'camel friends' from Mission Week asked us to set our mission, which this week links to Jesus' message in John's Gospel, 'Love one another as I have loved

you.' Then KS1 set us the mission to hug someone this week and spread our love.

Y3 Worship

Last Thursday, the whole school and many parents and families were led in worship by Year 3. The children reminded us of how we are all special agents of God. They told us the story of the Good Samaritan and asked us to be just like the Samaritan in the story and spread God's Word by helping each other. They then led us in a great song called 'I Can Make a Difference', which proved to be a popular hit. Thank you Year 3!

Y4 Class Mass and Y3 Class Mass

Last Wednesday, Year 4 celebrated Mass together at church which was a lovely, reflective time for them. This Wednesday, Year 3 will be celebrating Mass together in church at 9:30am and parents, carers and families are invited to join them on this occasion.

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%



Our attendance champions last week were Year 5 with 100%. Well done Year 5 and well done to Year 6 with a very close 99.29%

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 06.11.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.33	96.71
Year 1	95.63	95.82
Year 2	97.33	96.98
Year 3	97.33	98.49
Year 4	98.33	97.36
Year 5	100.00	96.99
Year 6	99.29	98.42
Average	97.60	97.25
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: William Setchell, Joshua Hinchcliffe, Oliver Potter, Sienna Lancaster, Joseph Fleming and Lily Webster

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Cole Hunter for standing out around school for all the right reasons. Well done Cole.

Lucas in Year 1 achieved his Puffin award in swimming last week.



Maisie Walker in FS2 achieved her 5 meters badge in swimming last week. Very proud parents.

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

Children In Need

This Friday, 17th November, is Children In Need. To raise money for this fantastic charity, the children are invited to wear their own SPOTTY clothes for the day. The fine for this is £1, with all money going to Children In Need.





Thank you to everyone who has started paying through Parent Pay. The feedback we have had so far has been very positive. Unfortunately we are not able to take money for food at breakfast club through Parent Pay at the moment. We realise that this would be much more convenient for parents and are considering our options for this. Any future school trips will be available to pay for via Parent Pay.

Forest School Update



As you may be aware, each class from Y1 - Y6 are all getting the opportunity at some point this year to take part in some outdoor learning activities, known as 'Forest School', led by Miss Trotter at Peel Park Primary School. This week, all of the children from FS1 - Y6 will have the opportunity to plant some trees in the fenced off area at the back of the field, contributing to a whole school effort to grow our own Forest School. This is a really exciting project and we are thrilled that all of our children are able to be part of it.

You will be informed via text when your child is planting trees so please make sure they come to school with their wellies on that day.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



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.



The children's disco is being held on Friday 1st December. Children in FS2 to Year 2 is 4.30 – 5.45 pm (FS2 parents to stay please). Year 3 to Year 6 is 6.00 – 7.15 pm. Tickets cost £3.00 each and sweets and glowsticks will be on sale for £1.00. Please fill in the slip below and return to the school office.

We really urge you to come along and support our events, as all money made goes towards enhancing your children's school experience with such things as school trips, reading books and many more things.

✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Class:

I would like _____ tickets at a cost of £3.00 each. I enclose £ _____

Signed: Date:



CALENDAR DATES AUTUMN TERM

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 – 3.15 pm	FS2 – Y4 Y5	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	Y2	Class worship * changed from Thurs 23 rd Nov
Friday 1 December	4.30 – 7.15 pm	FS1 – Y6	Parent Council Winter Disco
Sunday 3 December	PM	All	Parish Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th December	3.15 – 4.15 pm	All	Parent Council Christmas Decoration workshop
Wednesday 6 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 7 Dec	AM/PM 3.15 – 4.15 pm	FS All	Advent workshop and worship Parent Council Christmas Decoration workshop
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			

On the morning of Sunday 5th November, Summer Ali, Harvey Clegg, Tobias Donohue, Elizabeth Randles and Scarlett Zaborowski were part of the choir which broadcast on BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship. The programme, which has around 1.75 million listeners was a Mass celebrated by Fr Timothy Whitwell and the homily given by Fr Michael Hall.

Guy Fawkes Day, or Bonfire Day, is a day which has historically emphasised divisions in society. In the service, transmitted live from St Joseph's Catholic Church in inner-city Bradford, we heard that we are all sisters and brothers in Christ's love. The choir (the combined Junior, Boys' and Girls' Choirs) sang the Gregorian Missa Cum Jubilo, the motet Anima Christi by Mgr Marco Frisina, and the hymns Praise to the Holiest, Sweet sacrament divine and Firmly I believe and Truly. The organist was Director of the Diocese's Organists' Training Programme and Cathedral Organist David Pipe, the Junior Choirs were directed by Choral Director Alex Kyle, and the Musical Director was Director of the Schools Singing Programme, Thomas Leech.

The quality of the children's singing attracted considerable feedback from listeners who were particularly struck by the quality of the Gregorian chant. Two listeners wrote:
'Their singing of Latin plainchant was exceptional...they must have worked very hard over a long period to produce plainchant of this standard. It was a joy and privilege to hear music of this quality. The Diocese can be very proud of its programme for choirs.' [PH, by email]
'The music was spiritual and the singing stirred my soul, so beautiful to hear plainsong sung so reverently.' [ES, by email]

In addition, Archbishop Patrick Kelly contacted the Parish following the broadcast to offer his thanks for such a beautiful Mass.



The Catholic Schools Partnership Teaching School Alliance of Bradford & Keighley are holding a Teacher Training Open Evening at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Bradford Road, Clayton, BD14 6HW on 22nd November at 6.30pm. If you are a graduate and interested in becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools then please come along to find out more. Further details are available from the Director of Teaching School, Simon Gallacher, by emailing csptsadirector@outlook.com