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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

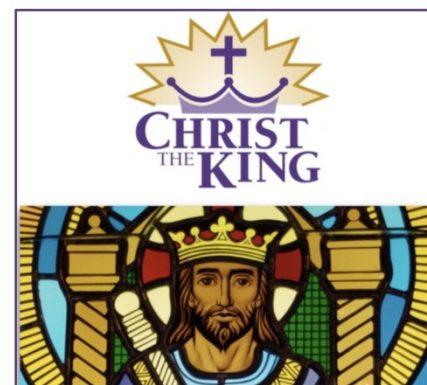
Tuesday 28th November 2017

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's worship focused on the Feast of Christ the King which we celebrated in church last Sunday. We reflected on how it is sometimes easy to forget Jesus is a king because of the humble life he lived. We read Sunday's Gospel reading from Matthew's Gospel which helped us to understand the importance that Jesus puts on being kind to each other. Thank you to Ryley, Summer and Mya who led us beautifully in some bidding prayers asking God to help us follow Jesus' example of showing kindness to others. As is now customary in our Monday morning worships, we wrote to our camel friends, Engel and Bert to tell them our mission this week: 'Make sure we say thank you to each other.'



God bless
Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Advent



Next Sunday, 3rd December, is the first Sunday of Advent. Our theme this Advent is, 'We praise you, we love you, we thank you', which is inspired by our Mission Week earlier in the term. Throughout Advent, we will be holding a daily prayer time for both children and families to attend. This is a very special time each day when we come together to pray and reflect upon preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord. It will take place at 8:25am every morning in the small hall for just 5-10 minutes. It would be wonderful to see you there.

You are warmly invited to our Advent Mass on Thursday 7th December at 9:30am in the large hall. Preparations for the mass are already underway. Children from FS2 - Y6 will be taking part in the Mass, with small groups of children from all year groups leading short reflections throughout.

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%



Well done to Year 3 who are our attendance champions for last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 20.11.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.00	96.20
Year 1	96.13	95.49
Year 2	97.67	97.14
Year 3	99.00	98.39
Year 4	97.00	97.42
Year 5	96.43	97.11
Year 6	92.14	97.71
Average	96.48	97.05
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Isla Naylor, Elizabeth Bingley, Daniel Berry, Mia Walker, Olivia Brandon and Lewis Jarocky

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Qais Hussain for being very independent in his work and becoming much more confident in himself.

Rose Binns put on her list to Santa that she wanted to make sure the homeless were warm and nobody was left hungry or without a present this Christmas, so with a little help she put together a few boxes full of clothes, food and presents for the homeless, and these were then sent to the Charities.

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:

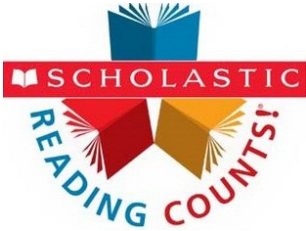
SCHOOL NOTICES

Vacancies in School

We have two vacancies in school. One for a lunchtime supervisor, 5 hours per week and one for a breakfast club assistant, 5 hours per week (7.45 am to 8.45 am). If you think you have the qualities and attributes for either of these roles, please contact the school office for an application form. The closing date for applications is next Monday 4th December.

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Today you will receive a Scholastic Book Club catalogue which has books for sale with up to 70% discount. Ordering is done online at: <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-francis-bd2> For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order **online by December 14th** and you will get your books in time for Christmas. All the money raised will go to providing more books for our library.





PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to the **Bingo Night** and made it such a fun night. A big thank you to our master bingo callers Mrs Duckworth and Mr Duxbury. We'll put in a good word at Gala for you both. £120 was raised which will be used for the benefit of the children. We will arrange another one next year and hopefully more people will be able to attend.

The **School Disco** is this Friday. If you haven't already filled in the slip and sent the money there is still time to do this. Tickets are not being issued this time, there will be a register on the door if you have paid. Payment will be accepted on the door.

Christmas Decoration Workshops are taking place on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th December at 3.15 pm. Children will buy a wooden decoration for 50p and decorate it. There is no limit on the amount of decorations they can decorate. We ask that parents stay with their children while they do this.

On Wednesday 13th December at 6.00 pm Parent Council are having a **Christmas Carol Service** here in school. Mince pies and refreshments will be available and our stars from the Choir will be leading the singing. It will last about an hour and is always a very popular occasion.

Finally the **Gin Raffle** will be drawn at the end of this week so the winner will receive their prize in time for the first Gin on Friday night. Tickets are still on sale around school or by sending in the slip below. Good luck everyone.



✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Class:

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

Signed: Date:

✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Class:

I would like _____ tickets for the Gin Advent Calendar and enclose £_____

Signed: Date:

Parish Christmas Fair

This Friday, 1st December we are having an own clothes day for the Parish Christmas Fair. The fine will be some chocolate for their chocolate tombola stall. The Christmas Fair is on Sunday 3rd December here at school from 1.00 pm. Please support our Parish.



Due to parental feedback and a better value way of working, we are changing the way in which we run breakfast club. In order that parents can pay for breakfast through Parent Pay, from Monday school will now provide the breakfast for children, which will consist of: cereal with milk; toast with jam; crumpets; fruit and a juice drink. The charges will be the same, just the way you pay will change slightly. All payments will be through Parent Pay or cash on the door.

The charges from Monday are as follows:

Attendance at Breakfast Club only £1.50

Attendance at Breakfast Club with a breakfast £2.00



Last Thursday Year 5 were visited by Konflux Theatre to create a play based around road safety. The children were given different parts to act out, and practiced throughout the day, before performing in front of the whole school. They thoroughly enjoyed their day and learnt a lot about road safety in the process.



Tuesday 28 Nov	10.00 am	FS1	New children drop in session
Thursday 30 Nov	9.00 am	KS1	Class worship * changed from Thurs 23 rd Nov
Friday 1 December	8.40 am – 3.15 pm 4.30 – 7.15 pm	All FS2 – Y6	Dress down day for Parish Fair – fine chocolate 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			