

# St Francis Catholic Primary School

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**Head of School: Mrs A. Haines**



## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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

### 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a very peaceful and holy Christmas and were able to enjoy some quality family time together.

This morning, we have come together in worship to reflect upon the Feast of the Epiphany which took place over the weekend. We discussed the significance of the Three Wise Men's gifts to the baby Jesus. Following the Wise Men's example, we thought about what gifts we would like to give Jesus. The children came up with some fine examples; love, care, kindness, joy, peace. We imagined putting all of these in a gift box ready for Jesus and then linked these gifts to our mission this week: 'To work together as a team'



### ICT suite



On the last day of term, just before Christmas, we held a very special service to officially open the Alfie Joe Barraclough ICT suite. We welcomed Alfie's parents, brother, grandparents and other close family and friends, along with some members of staff to gather together in a short liturgy, where the red ribbon was officially cut. Thank you very much to some members of our school choir who sang two of Alfie's favourite Christmas carols; Away in a Manger and Little Donkey.

The ICT suite and all our new equipment in it has already proven very popular with all our children who have been using it over the Autumn term and we hope that it continues to be successful in the

future as a lasting memory of our dear friend, Alfie.

God Bless Mr Copley and 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	👤 👤 👤

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Years 5 and 6 who achieved 100% attendance last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b. 01.01.08.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	93.89	95.45
Year 1	93.33	95.92
Year 2	97.78	97.10
Year 3	94.44	98.01
Year 4	97.78	97.44
Year 5	100.00	97.09
Year 6	100.00	97.41
Average	96.74%	96.92%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

There was no merit worship last week of term.

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

Morning Registration

As a result of a review of our morning registration procedures, any child who has to come into school via the main office will have to be signed in by the office staff. The outside doors are closed at 8.45 am and registration is completed by 8.50 am.

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Lost key

A key has been found on the school premises and handed in to the office. This key looks like a door key and could be important to someone. If you have lost a key, please contact the school office.

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## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

We would like to thank all our families for their support for all our fundraising activities over the last term. As well as contributing to the stage and willow tree for school, we have also given a contribution towards the residential visit for Year 6 next year. We shall also be contributing to the transport costs of some school visits over the rest of the school year.

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The Choir are excitedly preparing for the Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Lots of school choirs join together to make one of the largest school choirs in the world. They are sounding excellent and we wish them well.



For further information go to [www.youngvoices.co.uk](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk)

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After a few teething problems Parent Pay is now running smoothly. We would encourage all parents to sign up to Parent Pay for convenience and being able to spread the cost of trips. You can pay as much or as little as you wish and as often as you wish.

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### After School Clubs

Lego Club will continue to run on Monday after school from 3.15 to 4.15 pm.



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### Cricket After School

Starting this Thursday, we shall be having a Cricket After School Club run by Sports UK and Mr Duxbury. This will be open to Year 3 culminating in an inter schools Cricket Festival in the last week of half term. The club will run from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. If your child would like to take part please fill in the permission slip below and return to the school office.



Name of Child: ..... Class: .....

I give permission for my child to take part in the Cricket After School Club on Thursdays from 3.15 – 4.15 pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....



## CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.30 & 6.00 pm	FS2	Reading meeting for parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	Y6	Mass in Church
	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	Y3	Educational visit – Judaism
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.15 am	Y5	Water Safety presentation
	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		Choir	Young Voices at Manchester Arena
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	Y5	Mass in Church
	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30 am	FS	Flouride varnishing consent signing
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn session
	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn session
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	AM	FS	Flouride varnish application
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half term		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re opens after half term		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All day	Y4	Roman Day in school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	1.00 – 5.30 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	1.00 – 5.30 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	All day	All	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.45 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by confession
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and play session
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and play session
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents to FS1 meeting
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	FS1	New FS1 pupils drop in session
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	All day	Y1	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	PM	All	Parent Council disco
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter break		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	School re opens after Easter		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Y4	Visit to Magna

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