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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 30th 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,

In our worship yesterday, we discussed the job of being a teacher and how demanding but rewarding it is. We read a passage from Mark's Gospel when Jesus showed his authority and power as a teacher when he healed the sick man in the synagogue. We reflected on how Jesus is our best teacher and always inspires us to have faith in God and live our lives following the right path.

We ended by discussing, if Jesus was a secondary school teacher in the present day, what would be his specialist subject? Many children thought he would teach RE, while others thought History, because he is an historical figure and English because he would enjoy sharing all the Bible stories with us.

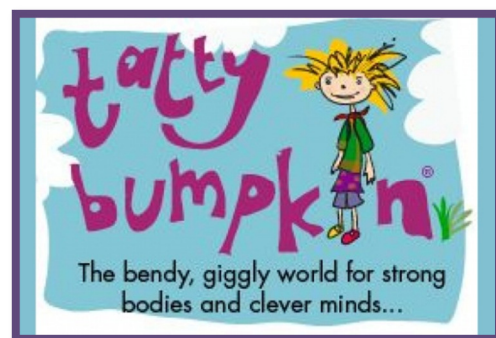


This Wednesday morning at 9:30am, Year 4 will be walking up to St Francis church to share in the daily Mass with our parishioners. On Thursday **at 2:45 pm** in the large hall at school, Year 5 will be leading their class worship. We look forward to seeing many of you at both of these occasions.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Yoga with Tatty Bumpkin

This Wednesday, we welcome back Melissa from Tatty Bumpkin who will be running our yoga sessions with Reception children and some children from Key Stage 1. These creative and yoga-inspired routines come to life with storytelling and music. It captures the magic of childhood, exploring the sensory world through sound and touch, whilst unlocking movement and flexibility. We are sure our children will continue to enjoy their journeys and experiences with Tatty Bumpkin.



Year 6 Parent Consultations will be on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February, starting at 2.00 - 6.00 pm. This is deliberately earlier than the rest of the school for SATs preparation.

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 this week.

Well done to everyone as each class was over 97% last week. If we keep this up we should hit our target.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 22.01.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.00	95.85
Year 1	98.39	96.11
Year 2	99.00	97.10
Year 3	99.33	97.86
Year 4	97.33	97.48
Year 5	97.86	97.10
Year 6	99.29	97.34
Average	98.45%	96.97%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Lucy Varley, Tulisa Durkin, Flo Underwood, Sienna Lancaster, Daniel Berry, Ruby Bairstow, Evie Wray and Jake Bryar.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Shanai Suggitt for her unstoppable positive attitude, no matter how difficult the task. Shanai sets to it with a smile on her face and a spring in her step.

Lucas in Y1 has achieved his level 4 Duckling award in swimming. Very proud mum and dad.



Lily-May was awarded her Duckling 4 badge and certificate for swimming. Well done Lily-May.

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

Music Mark

We are thrilled to inform you that we have very recently been awarded the Music Mark. Bradford Music Hub have recognised the value that our school places on music and have awarded us this accreditation because of our commitment to providing high quality music education for our children.



Young Voices

Last Tuesday evening, the school choir had an amazing experience as part of the Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena. It was an incredible day for all the children; singing with 5000 other children and a live band, being led by an internationally acclaimed conductor, witnessing the extraordinary talents of the dance troop Urban Strides and getting to belt out some amazing contemporary and classic songs, many with dance moves! It was fantastic! Huge congratulations to all the choir members and thank you to all the parents and families for supporting the children.



Reading Rocks!



Reading Rocks Week is back for the second time and this year will take place throughout the week beginning Monday 26th February. Back by popular demand is our Reading Cafe 'Starbooks' which will take place each afternoon from 3:15 pm - 4.00 pm in the small hall and many other activities are currently being planned...details to follow later. On Thursday 1st March of this same week, it is World Book Day. Following the success of last year's arrangements, we invite children to come to school either dressed in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story or as a character from their favourite book and bring that book with them. Please do not send your child to school dressed as any TV or film characters as this is not in-keeping with World Book Day and will not promote a love of reading for your child.



CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 31 st Jan	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn session
	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Thursday 1 st Feb	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn session
Friday 2 nd Feb	AM	FS	Flouride varnish application
Monday 5 th Feb	PM	Y3&2	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Wednesday 7 th Feb	PM	Y4	Bradford Bulls tag rugby
Friday 9 th Feb	School closes for half term		
Monday 19 th Feb	School re opens after half term		
Tuesday 20 th Feb	All day	Y4	Roman Day in school
Wednesday 21 st Feb	2.00 – 6.00 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 22 nd Feb	2.00 – 6.00 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 1 st March	All day	All	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 th March	10.15 am	FS2/KS1	Saying Sorry Service
	10.45 am	KS2	Penitential Service followed by confession
Wednesday 7 th March	AM/PM	FS1	Stay and play session
Thursday 8 th March	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and play session
Monday 12 th March	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Wednesday 14 th March	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
Monday 19 th March	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents to FS1 meeting
Tuesday 20 th March	10.00 am	FS1	New FS1 pupils drop in session
Wednesday 21 st March	All day	Y1	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday 28 th March	School closes for Easter break		
Monday 9 th April	School re opens after Easter		
Tuesday 10 th April	All day	Y4	Visit to Magna
Monday 16 th April	All day	Y 1&2	Visit to Rainbow Factory
Monday 7 th May	School closed for May Day bank holiday		
Wednesday 9 th May	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn
Thursday 10 th May	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn
Monday 14 th May	Mornings	Y6	SATs week
Monday 21 st May	All day	FS	Visit to Nell Bank
Friday 25 th May	Break up for Spring Bank half term		
Monday 11 th June	School re opens after Spring Bank		

Sporting Update

This term, we are very lucky to have Bradford Bulls visiting our school each week to work with Y2, Y3 and Y4 on their tag rugby skills.

Please click on this link to access St Bede's and St Joseph's newsletters to find out about all the exciting events taking place: <http://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>

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