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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

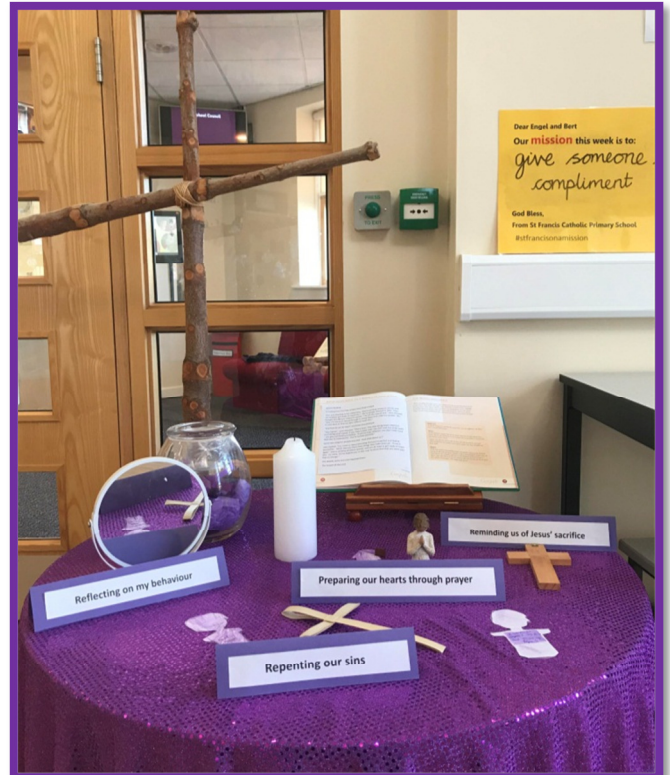
**Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God**

### 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

Just before we broke up for the half term holidays, we all joined together in worship to prepare ourselves for the season of Lent. The children helped Mrs Haines to set up our new worship table with a purple cloth for the season of Lent. They helped to choose some symbols to go on the table which all represented different ways of preparing ourselves for our journey with Christ through Lent. We then discussed Ash Wednesday, which took place during the holidays, and it's significance as the official start of Lent and how the ashes help us to remember our mortality and our duty to 'repent and believe in the Gospel'. We ended by using our hands as 'Gods mirror' to help us reflect on ourselves. We noted one thing that was good about ourselves and one thing we would like to improve.

Yesterday, our worship centred around the idea of temptation. The children shared some of things they are giving up or doing for Lent and we discussed how we might find some of these things difficult to stick to for the whole of the 40 days of Lent. We reflected on the story of Jesus in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. We noted the significance of how Jesus was tempted three times by the devil, but on each occasion he resisted the temptation and turned away. During Lent, we will try to gain inspiration from Jesus' time in the desert and try to stick to the Lenten promises we have made. Each class has been invited to take part in forty simple acts of generosity which will challenge them to 'do Lent generously' in 2018. These are challenge cards which children can choose from each day during Lent to try to fulfil. The children were set their first challenge yesterday which was to give someone a compliment. Please look out for the children doing these positive challenges each day.



### **Lent**

Throughout Lent, we will be offering voluntary Lenten prayers at 8:20am every Thursday in the small hall for children, parents, families, parishioners and staff. Please join us if you can.

Each Wednesday morning worship, we will be introducing a station of the Lenten Labyrinth which will be set up in a particular area in school for children to visit throughout the week. This week, we start with our first station 'Preparing to Join Jesus on His Path', which will be set up in our Peace Garden. In the last three days of the term, during Holy week, the full Labyrinth will be set up in the ICT suite for parents, families and parishioners to visit. We will give more details of this nearer the time.

On Friday 16th March, we will be holding a 'Hats for St Pat's' fundraising day. This is to help raise funds for a new roof at St Patrick's church in Bradford. Children can wear any hat they like to school for a £1 donation.

We will be supporting the Good Shepherd Appeal again this Lent, which supports the work of Catholic Care. We will be holding a sponsored walk on Friday 23rd March. Sponsor forms will be given out at a later date.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

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### First Reconciliation

The timetable for the programme of First Reconciliation is as follows:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February Service of Enrolment 12.15 pm

Meetings for parents and children will take place on the following dates after Sunday Mass between 12.15 and 1.00pm:-

Sunday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)
Sunday April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday June 10 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday June 24 <sup>th</sup>	






















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### RE inspection

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we will welcome David Gott from Leeds Diocese into our school to inspect the standard of RE teaching, collective worship and Catholic life of the school. We will inform you of the outcome of this inspection as soon as we are able to.

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**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!**

<div>    <b>Merit Worship Leaderboard</b>    </div>		
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
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 Year 4 who are our attendance champions this week with 100% attendance.

Every class achieved our target the week before we broke up. Well done to everyone and let’s keep it up.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 05.02.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.33	95.86
Year 1	98.71	96.39
Year 2	99.33	96.99
Year 3	99.00	97.92
Year 4	100.00	97.62
Year 5	99.29	97.11
Year 6	97.86	97.39
Average	98.79	97.04
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Kaitlen Horan, Isaac Kiwomya, Alfie Walton, Cullen Shaw, Lucas Heppleston, SORCHA ELOI, Ryley Shaw, Imogen Shackler, Maya Zieba and Joseph Spencer.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Louisa Hobson for being an outstanding member of Year 1. She is helpful, caring and always well behaved.

Congratulations to Charlie Thomas in Year 2 who has received his First Tag in Brazilian Jujitsu. He is hoping to compete later this year. Well done Charlie.



## Cricket Festival

On Tuesday 6th February, some of our Y3 children took part in a Cricket Festival at the Karmand Centre in Bradford. Summer, Poppy, Tobias, Phoebe, Oliver, Joshua, Noel and Orla were extremely well behaved and performed very well indeed winning two out of three matches. Of particular note was their true sportsmanship throughout the festival in their support and encouragement for the other teams. Thank you and congratulations.

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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## Reading Rocks Week

Reading Rocks Week starts next week. We are really excited about this week and hope it will be as successful as last year. Please note the following dates for your diary:

**Monday 26th February 3:15pm** - Foundation Stage and KS1 Reading Cafe

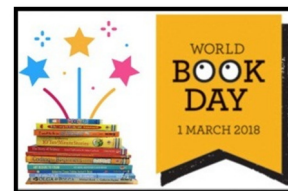
**Tuesday 27th February 3:15pm** - Foundation Stage and KS1 Reading Cafe

**Wednesday 28th February 3:15 pm** - KS2 Reading Cafe

**Thursday 1st March 3:15pm** - KS2 Reading Cafe

**Thursday 1st March - World Book Day** - Children to come to school in their pyjamas with a bedtime story, or dressed as their favourite book character with that book, for a fine of £1. Please do not send your child as a TV/film/comic character as this is not in keeping with promoting a love of books.

**Friday 2nd March 2:15pm** - Celebration Assembly. All welcome.



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**School Milk:** Once your child turns 5 years of age you must pay for school milk. You order the milk online at [www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk) where you can register your child. If your child is in receipt of free school meals through the benefit system, and not universal infant free school meals, then you are entitled to free school milk. Please order your milk through the office if you are entitled to free school meals and milk.



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

## Clothing Recycling

You will be receiving a flyer from our clothing recycling scheme which raises money for school and Children's Starlight Foundation Charity which helps families with seriously and terminally ill children. As you will see they are no longer providing the recycling bags but will accept your clothing in any form of bag. Please send in any unwanted clothing to school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



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## Holidays 2018/2019

Please see holiday list below for the next school year. Please do not presume our holidays will be the same as other schools and book holidays around other schools. Check our school holiday list, we have two weeks at Spring Bank and an extra day at October half term.

September start:	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Foundation start date may be later)
Autumn half term:	Break up on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October, return Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas:	Break up on Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, return Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Spring half term:	Break up on Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February, return Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter:	Break up on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April, return on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day:	Closed on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Spring Bank:	Break up on Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May, return Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer break:	Break up on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

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## CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All day	Y4	Roman Day in school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2.00 – 6.00 pm	Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	2.00 – 6.00 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
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
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Y 1&2	Visit to Rainbow Factory
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for May Day bank holiday		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, play and learn
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	AM	FS2	Stay, play and learn
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mornings	Y6	SATs week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	All day	FS	Visit to Nell Bank
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Spring Bank half term		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	School re opens after Spring Bank		