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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

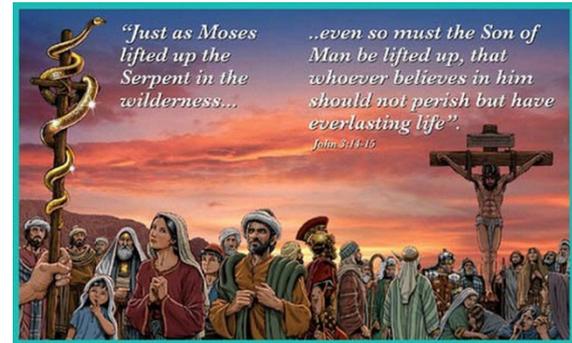
Tuesday 13th March 2018

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

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

Following on from our Mission Week in October, during every worship in Lent, we have been singing our theme hymn for Lent 'Children of the Cross'. The children sing and sign this hymn beautifully and at yesterday's worship, this was no exception. Yesterday, we reflected upon a reading from the Gospel according to John which states, *'Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.'*



In order to help us understand this quote, we looked at some video footage of Mo Farah winning the 5000m at the London 2012 Olympics, when he raised his arms up in the air as he crossed the finish line and then paraded around the stadium lifting the Union Jack flag above his head in celebration.

We also looked at a clip of Bobby Moore being lifted up by his team mates whilst he lifted up the World Cup trophy when England won the World Cup in 1966. We discussed how, at both of these events, the celebrations involved lifting something up. We remembered how we lift up our Attendance Cup and pirate hat each Friday at Merit Worship in celebration of our achievements.



Just as we hold up trophies, flags and other items in celebration, so we should hold Jesus up high and celebrate Him. We should try to praise Him and bring Him to others. After praying together, we then set our mission for the week, which is to say to someone, 'Jesus is in your heart'. Please talk to your children about this mission and see if they have fulfilled it yet.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines



Yesterday you received the final version of our Section 48 RE Inspection Report. We are thrilled with the result of the inspection, judging us to be **OUTSTANDING** in all aspects of RE and Collective Worship. We would like to thank our pupils, parents, staff and governors for all your support and hard work.

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!

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	

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to everyone last week our average attendance was 98.71% which has brought our average to date above our target. A special well done to Years 1 and 3 who achieved 100% attendance and are our attendance champions this week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 05.03.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.78	95.64
Year 1	100.00	96.43
Year 2	98.89	97.11
Year 3	100.00	97.91
Year 4	96.11	97.59
Year 5	99.38	97.12
Year 6	98.81	97.37
Average	98.71%	97.02%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Ava Green, Phoenix Lacey, Keira Clayton, Chloe Walker, Summer Ali, Isabelle Lupton, Madison Hancock and Catherine Bingley.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Joshua Longbottom for being a concerned friend and very conscientious in looking after other people.

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

Following our recent successful music concerts, we will again showcase the children's learning in music by hosting a concert. This concert will involve children from FS1 (afternoons) up to Year 4. All families are welcome to come and enjoy the children showing their musical gifts and talents at the concert on Tuesday 20th March at 2.20 pm.



Reading Rocks Week

Thank you so much for all your support and patience during Reading Rocks Week which, due to the terrible weather, ended up spanning a fortnight. Despite all the adversities, the experience was a great success and culminated in a wonderful World book Day dressing up day on Friday and a fantastic celebration assembly. The video that was shown at the end of the assembly will be available on our website soon <http://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/>. With the proceeds from the Starbooks Reading Cafe and the money raised on our dressing up day, we raised in total £260.95, which will all go towards new books for school. Thank you so much for all your generosity.





Book Fair

The book fair is in school this week until Friday morning. Books will be available to buy every morning before school, every afternoon after school (except Friday) and during both Parents Consultations. Again, we gain points from the amount of money spent on books which all convert into cash to buy more NEW BOOKS for school. Keeeeeep reading!

Free School Meals

You may have noticed our free school meals stand at parent consultation evening yesterday. Mrs Laptew was asking parents if they have considered their eligibility for free school meals. The reason for this is that many parents are unaware they are entitled to other benefits if they receive free school meals. With the introduction of Universal Infant Free School Meals, the number of parents of applying for benefit-related free school meals has decreased. School also receives additional funding for your children's education for those who receive benefit related-free school meals.

You can fill in a short form online if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income Based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you will need to apply directly to the school or call the Education Service on 01274 439393)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)**
- **Universal Credit**

Please go to www.bradford.gov.uk and search for free school meals and there is a link to the online application form. If you are unsure if you are eligible you can still fill in the form and you will receive an instant decision.

We are seeking to recruit an experienced Classroom Support Assistant to work in Key Stage 2 from Easter until we break up in July. If you feel you have the experience for this role please speak to Mrs Haines or collect an application form from the office.

Follow this link for the latest St Bede's and St Joseph's newsletters <http://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>

For parents of children who are going to SBSJ next year, or parents who are considering this school for their children in the future, the newsletters are a good source of information about the school.

'Hats for Pat's'

On Friday this week we are holding a fundraising day called 'Hats for St Pats' for the new roof on St Patrick's Church in Bradford. Children are asked to come to school in any hat (the funnier the better) and bring in £1 fine. We look forward to seeing your creations.





CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 14 th March	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y5	Parent consultations
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	1.30 pm	Y3	Visit to Eccleshill Library
Thursday 15 th March	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and play session
Friday 16 th March	All day	All	'Hats for Pats' fundraising day
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
	2.20 pm	FS1-Y4	Music Concert
Wednesday 21 st March	All day	Y1	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 23 rd March	All day	All	Good Shepherd sponsored walk
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	Visit to Rainbow Factory
Thursday 19 th April	All day	Y2	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
Friday 11 th May	AM	6 chn	Good Shepherd Celebration at Leeds Cathedral
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		
Monday 11 th June	AM	Y6	Leavers photograph
Monday 18 th June	6.00 pm	FS1	Welcome meeting for new parents
Wednesday 20 th June	6.00 pm	FS2	Welcome meeting for FS2 in September
Monday 25 th June	1.00 pm	Y4	Visit to Sikh Temple
Thursday 28 th June	All day	Y1	Visit to Hesketh Farm
Friday 29 th June	PM	All	Parent Council Summer Fair
Wednesday 4 th July	AM	All	Transition day
	AM	FS1/2	New children drop in session
	PM	All	Transition meetings for parents
Thursday 5 th July	All day	Y3	York Railway Museum

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