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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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,

#### **Worship**

In worship yesterday, we explored Jesus' message in Sunday's Gospel. We started by discussing how an acorn, when buried in the ground and watered, over time becomes a huge beautiful oak tree. We noticed that once the oak tree exists it is like the acorn has disappeared or died. Jesus explained his forthcoming death and resurrection to the disciples by likening himself to a grain of wheat. The grain has to die in order for something better to come of it - a wheat plant. We reminded ourselves of Good Friday and how, although very sad that Jesus died, it is called 'Good Friday' because it is through Jesus' death that he took our sins away and saved us. We ended by setting our mission of the week which is to grow our gifts and talents.



God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

#### **Lenten Prayers**

Our final Lenten Prayers will be this Thursday at 8:20am in the small hall. Everybody is welcome to join us.

#### **Lenten Labyrinth**

During each week of Lent, the children from Y1-Y6 have been experiencing a different station of our Lenten Labyrinth which has been set up in different places throughout school. Next week, the whole Labyrinth will be set up by our Mini Vinnies in the ICT suite for our Foundation children to visit and our parents, families and parishioners. Please do try to come along as it is a very spiritual and reflective experience during this holy time of Lent. It will be open between 10.30 am to 12.00 and 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm on Monday and Tuesday and 10.30 am to 12.00 and 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm on Wednesday. Please drop in during any of these times.

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#### **JOB VACANCY**

We have a vacancy for a classroom support assistant in Key Stage 2. The contract will run until the summer break. If you feel you have the right skills for the job please speak to Mrs Haines or call in at the office for an application form.

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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!

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 Year 6 who are our attendance champions this week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 12.03.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	93.33	95.53
Year 1	98.71	96.53
Year 2	97.33	97.12
Year 3	98.33	97.93
Year 4	90.67	97.28
Year 5	95.56	97.05
Year 6	99.64	97.47
Average	96.22%	96.98
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Poppy Beck, Eliza Zaborowski, Avaya Cyprien-Fennell, Gracie Bakes, Ella Horan, Emma Alinson, Olivia Jarockyj, Holly Aspinall and Lily Bairstow.

Our first Big Cat Merit reading award was presented to Abigail Dawson

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Katie Travis for an outstanding attitude towards learning and school life. She sets a fantastic example around school and is an absolute superstar.

Charlie Thomas took bronze in the Teeside Kids JiuJitsu Cup. He did really well in front of a big crowd, he lost his first fight on points but bounced back in the second fight and won with a triangle submission choke. Well done Charlie!



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

Staffing Update

Last week, we successfully appointed a new Class Teacher to the St Francis team. We are really looking forward to Miss Olivia Dearden joining us in September. More details to follow in the summer term.

Paul Doyle will be leaving St Francis on 28<sup>th</sup> March to take up a career in teaching. We thank Paul for all his hard work during his short time at St Francis. We will be really sad to see him go and he will be greatly missed.

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Charity fundraising

Thank you for your generosity for our Hats for St Pat’s day last Friday. We raised a fantastic £169.36 We were highly impressed with all your efforts.



This Friday is our sponsored walk for the **Good Shepherd Appeal** which supports the work of Catholic Care. As a school, we use the services provided by Catholic Care to support a number of our families so it is a very worthy cause. Each class will

walk a perimeter of our school playing field throughout the day on Friday. All sponsorship forms and money needs to be returned by Monday 26th March.

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Parent Consultation

Thank you to everyone who came to our parents consultations. As a school, we place high importance on good communication and partnership work with our families for the good of the children so we appreciate the high uptake of appointments. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment.

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The Book Fair was very busy last week. Thank you to all the children and families who bought books and also to the staff for giving their time to run it. We made a whopping £617 which has given us £50% commission to spend on new books for school.



A huge thank you to Imogen and Connie Shackler’s family for donating so many wonderful books to our school library. They are already proving to be very popular!

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Parent Council News

Parent Council is running an Easter raffle. Tickets are now on sale after school 50p per ticket or £2 per strip.

Here is a preview of some of the ‘Eggciting’ prizes so far.



**Parent Council**

**'eggciting' Easter Raffle**

Tickets will be on sale from 19th March after school.



## CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	All day	Y1	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	All day	All	Good Shepherd sponsored walk
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 – 12.00 2.30 – 4.00	All	Lenten Labyrinth All families and parishioners welcome
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 – 12.00 2.30 – 4.00	All	Lenten Labyrinth All families and parishioners welcome
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00 – 2.00 pm	All	Lenten Labyrinth All families and parishioners welcome
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	Visit to Rainbow Factory
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Y2	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
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	AM	6 chn	Good Shepherd Celebration at Leeds Cathedral
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		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Y6	Leavers photograph
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm	FS1	Welcome meeting for new parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm	FS2	Welcome meeting for FS2 in September
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00 pm	Y4	Visit to Sikh Temple
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Y1	Visit to Hesketh Farm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	All	Parent Council Summer Fair
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	All	Transition day
	AM	FS1/2	New children drop in session
	PM	All	Transition meetings for parents
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Y3	York Railway Museum

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Bradford Council is holding a free Music and Arts Festival at Titus Salt School on Saturday. Get creative with the BBC Ten Pieces, music, painting and sculpture art workshops, an art hunt with prizes and try musical instruments. There will be live performances throughout the day. Workshops will run from 10.30 am – 4.00 pm and a free concert will be at 4.30 pm where you can see some of the most advanced players in Bradford. Drop in for a fantastic day. Refreshments will be available. Titus Salt School, Higher Coach Road, Baildon BD17 5RH.

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Please click here for the latest newsletter from St Bede's and St Joseph's <http://sbsj.co.uk/newsletters>  
These newsletters contain lots of information particularly for children and families who will be moving up in September.

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**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**