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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 27th 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,

Since this is Holy Week - the most Holy Week in the church's calendar - we are coming together every day to reflect upon the significant events that occurred leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.



On Sunday, in church, we celebrated Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem. Yesterday, we reflected on this significant event in our weekly worship. With help from Theo (Y3), Evie W (Y5), Isaac (Y5), Louisa (Y1), Lexi (Y3) and Harvey (Y3), we told a short story of a little boy who had always dreamt of having a horse. When his father went to buy him one, they were all sold out but he took a donkey instead. On presenting the donkey to his son, the boy became angry and referred to the donkey as stupid and how he could never look important on a donkey. It was only when

two of Jesus' disciples came along and took the donkey and the boy saw Jesus riding into Jerusalem on it, that he realised just how important the donkey was. We then discussed the significance of Jesus choosing a lowly animal to ride into Jerusalem. He wanted the crowd to see him as equal to them.



This morning we came together to remember the Last Supper. We looked at how Jesus prepared the disciples for His death by asking them to remember Him every time they ate bread and drank wine. We recognised how we continue to remember Jesus every time we go to Mass and receive Holy Communion. Thank you to all the children for helping to retell the story.

Tomorrow, Miss Trotter will lead a special worship on Jesus' crucifixion.





















Parent, Parishioners and friends are welcome to come and experience our spiritual Lenten Labyrinth in the small hall tomorrow between 10.30 am and 12.00 pm and 1.00 and 2.00 pm.

We wish all our children, families and parishioners a very happy and holy Easter.

God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

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

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
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 1 who are our attendance champions this week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 19.03.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	96.67	95.58
Year 1	99.35	96.65
Year 2	90.67	96.85
Year 3	97.67	97.92
Year 4	96.67	97.26
Year 5	98.52	97.11
Year 6	97.86	97.49
Average	96.77	96.98
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Natasha Feszler, Alexander Watt, Lewie Gaffey, Macy Chivers, Connor McCullen, Zachary Blyth, Katie Lightfoot, Olivia Stephenson-Clay, Lucas Wojtkow and Ruby Loughlin.

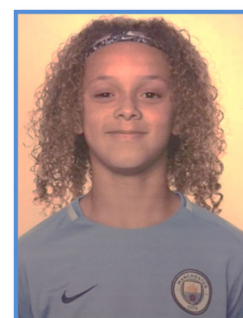
Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' **Headteacher's Award** was presented to Theo Armitage for being a fantastic Head Librarian. Theo is always well organised and reliable. Thank you.



Nathan Spencer has passed his Personal Survival 2 badge and his Bronze Badge in swimming. He only started swimming one year ago, so is making fast progress. Well done Nathan



Manchester City Football Club have offered Matthew Henderson-Hall a place at St. Bedes Private School in Manchester, after successfully passing the entrance exams and an interview with the Headmaster. Matthew has been working really hard to achieve this and his hard work has paid off.



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

We politely remind parents to ensure their children arrive at school on time at 8:40am every day. We are noticing a number of children who are continuously late for school which is very unsettling for them and results in them missing out on the start of the day activities. We also remind parents that children from Years 1 to 6 should line up with their class on the muga pitch once the whistle has been blown. Again, this ensures that all the children start the day in a positive, well-organised manner. Thank you for your support on this matter.



Warning of online gaming

A game call Fortnite has been brought to our attention from Childnet the childrens internet safety watchdog. They are saying “Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: *‘frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age’*. This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers in voice or on-screen text chat”. For further information go to <http://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

We would always urge parents to be aware of what their children are playing online and who they are speaking to through the games they play. Please ensure your children are aware of the dangers of talking to strangers on the internet.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Have you got your **Easter raffle tickets** yet? The raffle will be drawn tomorrow and tickets will be on sale today after school and tomorrow morning.



A date for your diary:

We are having a **Parent Council School Disco** on Friday 20th April. 4.30 – 5.45 pm for FS2 – Y2 and 6.00 – 7.15 pm for Y3 – Y6. Please note FS2 parents are asked to stay with their child. Tickets will be on sale after the Easter break.

After the Easter holiday the Sports UK After School Club on Thursdays will be multi sports for KS2. If you child is in Years 3 – 6 and would like to attend, please fill in the permission slip below and return to the school office. The club finishes at 4.15 and children should be picked up from the main entrance.



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Name of Child: Class:

I give permission for my child to attend the multi sports after school club on Thursdays from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. I will ensure they are collected from school at 4.15 pm.

Signed: Date:



CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

Wednesday 28 th March	1.00 – 2.00 pm	All	Lenten Labyrinth All families and parishioners welcome
	School closes for Easter break		
Monday 9 th April	School re opens after Easter		
Tuesday 10 th April	All day	Y4	Visit to Magna
	AM & PM	FS	Easter Worship/Workshop
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

Good Shepherd Sponsored Walk

Well done to all the children who took part in our sponsored walk for The Good Shepherd Appeal. They all did really well and had a good time even though the day was cloudy and overcast. Thank you to all the children who have returned their sponsor money so far. Please could you send in any outstanding sponsor money by tomorrow at the latest. Many thanks for your support.



PE Kit

Could we remind parents that children need the correct PE kit in school for both indoor and outdoor PE. Suitable trainers should be worn and not Converse shoes as these are not appropriate. A reminder of the kit: White t-shirt and dark blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms. A dark coloured sweat top or hoodie for outdoor PE. Please ensure that this is the kit children have in school for PE. Many thanks.