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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 22nd May 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

On Sunday, the church celebrated Pentecost Sunday, otherwise known as the birthday of the church. We gathered together yesterday to reflect on this significant date in the church's year. We discussed the different symbols of the Holy Spirit - fire, water, wind and a dove and then watched a short video clip telling the events of the day of Pentecost. We discussed the power of the Holy Spirit and the seven gifts it brought that day to the disciples to enable them to go out and carry on Jesus' ministry of spreading the Good News of God. The children made some very intelligent guesses as to what the seven gifts were, eventually being told that they were courage, right judgement, knowledge, wisdom, understanding, reverence and awe and wonder. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week - to make an extra effort to say please and thank you. Please support your child in living out this mission this week.



God Bless Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

Staffing Update

We are very pleased to inform you that we have now appointed a new Assistant Headteacher. Miss Stevie Burgess will officially take up her post in September but will be working with us on occasion after the half term holidays. Miss Burgess has been the Assistant Headteacher at St Cuthbert and the First Martyrs' for 3 years so will bring great leadership and teaching experience to the school. We are very much looking forward to working with her and welcoming her into the St Francis family.

Miss Olivia Dearden and Miss Erin White will also be joining us officially in September as our two new teachers, to fill a full time teaching post and to cover Miss Speake whilst she is on maternity leave. Both teachers will be working with us after half term as well before officially taking up their posts in September. Again, we are very much looking forward to welcoming them into the St Francis family.

We are now in a position to inform you of staffing for next academic year:

Nursery (morning) - Mrs Needs
Nursery (afternoon) - Mrs Shields
Reception - Mrs Whitley
Year 1 - Miss Breen

Year 2 - Miss Martin
Year 3 - Miss White
Year 4 - Miss Trotter
Year 5 - Miss Dearden

Year 6 - Miss Langham

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:	Wood's Plank Walkers	🏆 🏆 🏆
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 6 who are our attendance champions with a fantastic 100% attendance last week during their SATs week.
Also a big well done to every class in school who managed to achieve above our target, many of you with over 99%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 14.05.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	99.00	95.65
Year 1	98.00	96.89
Year 2	99.67	96.50
Year 3	99.33	97.67
Year 4	99.31	97.51
Year 5	97.04	97.16
Year 6	100.00	97.62
Average	98.90%	97.04%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winners last week: Fabian Naylor, Mia James, Lucas Heppleston, Owen Sutcliffe, Summer Ali, Zachary Blyth, Isaac Gregory, Year 6

The Big Cat reading merit was awarded to Frankie Bairstow for phenomenal phonics. He has made great progress and can read words with tricky sounds.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's award was given to Charlie Hedges for not only being a superstar in class, but for being kind and considerate to everyone he meets around school. He is a true role model – well done!



Congratulations to our Y5 netball team who took part in a competition yesterday. They showed great teamwork and 100% effort in every game.

Charlie Thomas received his 3rd tag and will be competing in the Bjj world junior championships on the 21st July. Good luck Charlie and well done.



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

Do you know anyone who would be interested in an apprenticeship working in the office? The candidate would take a business admin course at Shipley College while working in the school doing various admin tasks. They would assist with the organisation of training events which take place in the small hall. The person would also need to have a flair for creating displays around school. The requirements would be Maths and English GCSE and excellent computer skills. This would suit a school leaver. If you know someone who would fit the role, please see Mrs Laptew in the school office.



Fortnite Since this video game has become wildly popular among a lot of our children, we would like to pass on some guidance for parents in the interests of online safety:

Fortnite is an online game, which includes Battle Royale, where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royale, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat. Users play against people of different ages

from across the world, and can talk and interact with each other as they play through the in-game chat feature. 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'.

What do I need to know? In order to play Fortnite you have to create an account. To create this account you need to provide an email address (which you will have to verify) and display/user name. However you are not asked your age in order to create an account.

As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You cannot turn the in game chats off or choose who you play against. Fortnite features violence when players are in combat with each other, the animation of the game is very cartoonish, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them.

For further information please go to:
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

Or
<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-fortnite#appro>

Measles Advice

Public Health England (PHE) has informed us that measles is currently circulating in Bradford. Measles is extremely infectious and can be serious for some people. The NHS has the following advice:

You can help protect yourself and your family by ensuring you've all received two doses of MMR vaccine in the past. Please take this opportunity to check your child's red book, or contact your GP surgery to check if you're unsure. The vaccine is routinely given at 1 year of age, with a second dose at around 3 years and 5 months, as part of the NHS Childhood Immunisation Programme. If you, or any other children in your family, aren't up-to-date with the vaccine, this can be arranged with your GP surgery. It is never too late to vaccinate because measles may have serious complications regardless of age.

Please remember to stay alert to the symptoms of measles, and if you have symptoms, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from school, GP surgeries and A&E departments – because measles is extremely infectious, you could spread the illness to others. Symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

Further information regarding measles can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles>



CALENDAR DATES SPRING TERM

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
Tuesday 12 th June	All day	Y4	Visit to Nell Bank
Monday 18 th June	All day	Y2	Visit to Magna Science Museum
	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
Wednesday 27 th June	PM	Y5/6	Online bullying workshop
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
	9.30 – 10.30	FS1/2	New children drop in session
	PM	All	Transition meetings for parents
Thursday 5 th July	All day	Y3	York Railway Museum visit
Monday 9 th July	All day	All	Billy Bantam penalty shootout
Tuesday 10 th July	2.00 & 6.00 pm	Y6	Y6 Production
Thursday 12 th July	9.00 am	All	Final Merit Worship
Friday 13 th July	All day	All	Sports Day (tbc)
Monday 16 th July	10.30 am	All	Leavers Mass
Friday 20 th July	Break up for Summer		

Here are a few pictures from Forest School and Outdoor Learning Day last week



Using a sheath knife



Using a bow saw



Making mud masks



Year 6 painting
using natural
resources

Outdoor Learning

Year 4 classifying



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