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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 14th June 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

On Monday morning In Worship Mrs Winnery welcomed the children back to school and shared the Sunday Gospel. We heard the story of the woman who had not always made the right choices. She had shown Jesus that she was sorry for the things she had done by washing his feet with her tears. Finally she covered them with kisses and perfumed oil as a sign of her love. In the Gospel we are told that those around Him were annoyed with her actions and wanted her sent away but Jesus showed her kindness and forgave her sins.

Mrs Winnery talked to the children about the need for kindness and told the children the story of Mother Teresa who had once been challenged by a journalist as to why she bothered working with the poor in Calcutta. The journalist told Mother Teresa her work was just a drop in the ocean because there were millions of poor people in India. Mother Teresa said she was not concerned with a big way of doing things - she was concerned with individuals. "*This person*" she pointed to someone, "*thinks it makes all the difference!*"



Next Mrs Winnery showed the children a video clip about never underestimating the power of kindness and the difference it can make to other peoples lives. The children saw how loving acts are contagious and how they can carry on with those people who witnessed your kindness. After watching the video the children discussed all the acts of kindness they had seen. The worship ended with Mrs Winnery asking the children to make an extra special effort this half term to be kind to one another and to spend their last few weeks of the school year living a life that makes a difference.

Year of Mercy

Bishop Marcus invites our Parishes and Schools to join him for the celebration of Mass to honour Our Lady and St Wilfrid in Ripon Cathedral on Saturday October 8th at 11.00 am. More details to follow.

Year 1 Class Worship

Year 1 will be holding their Class Worship on Thursday 16th June at 9.10am. Everyone is invited to attend.

Year 5 Class Worship

This will be held on Thursday 23rd June at 9.10am Everyone is welcome.

Our Statement to Live By this week:

I understand the importance of peace

Attendance

Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Can you reach our whole school target of 97%?

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE **TARGET**	% LAST WEEK **w/b 23/05/2016**	% ATTENDANCE **this year to date**
Reception	97	85.71	94.81
Year 1	97	98.71	95.41
Year 2	97	97.93	96.01
Year 3	97	96.13	97.80
Year 4	97	95.33	94.62
Year 5	97	95.33	98.51
Year 6	97	95.33	97.12
Whole School	97	94.84	96.18
NEW TARGET	97%	97%	97%

If we reach 97% our attendance will be Outstanding. Over the last few years we have all worked tirelessly to improve attendance. Please help us reach our target!

Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day.

Every week we look to celebrate excellence in all we do. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Celebration Worship Leaderboard

Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
Nursery:	**Mini Skulls**	
Reception:	**Little Treasures**	
Year 1:	**Mr Booth's Brave Bucaneers**	
Year 2:	**Swalshbucklers**	
Year 3:	**Hit The Deck**	
Year 4:	**Miss Sheehan's Scallywags**	
Year 5:	**Full Fathom Five**	
Year 6:	**Pieces of Six**	

If your child has achieved something outside of school we will celebrate their achievements in our special Celebration Worship. However, due to all the children being so unbelievably talented we will now do this on the last Friday in the month.

Ten Ten Theatre
Ten Ten is an award-winning Theatre Company with a Catholic ethos working in primary and secondary schools throughout the UK. On **Wednesday 22nd June** they will be visiting our school to work with our children.

The core of their work is rooted in helping children to grow in relationships with family, their community and with God. They do this by presenting professionally-produced plays, workshops and reflections. This year they are also responding to Pope Francis' invitation to enter the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis recently said:

"The family is the first school children attend, it is the unwavering reference point for the young. I would add that it is also the first school of mercy, because it is there that we have been loved and learned to love."

During the visit, they will explore the theme of 'mercy'. We would like to invite you to join us for a **15 minute assembly at 9.10am** with the children, led by Ten Ten. This will give you an opportunity to experience the work of Ten Ten, and also help you to discuss the day with your children.

Special Thank You
We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our sincere thanks for the understanding, support and care shown by our whole school community over these last few challenging weeks.
Plans are underway to get the school back to normal as soon as practically possible and we will update you further on this in the coming weeks. Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 can still collect smoke damaged bags and coats until Friday 17th June. As soon as the insurance details have been finalised we will be in touch. Thank you again to all of our families who help to make our community very special.

Buckden
Next week is the long awaited residential visit for Year 6. We all wish them a fantastic week and hope for lovely weather. WiFi permitting, Miss Burgess will send a nightly tweet from Buckden about what the children have been up to. If your child requires any medication please make sure you bring it on Monday morning and hand it over to a member of staff. All medication must be labelled with the child's name and the dosage reguired. Please make sure that your child is equipped for all weather conditions, such a sun hat and sun cream and a water bottle.

Transition Day
Wednesday 29th June will be Transition Day for all pupils. Year 6 children will be visiting their new upper schools and all the other children will be visiting their new Classrooms and meeting with their teachers. **Can I remind parents of Year 6 children that it is your responsibility to get your child to their new school and arrange to pick them up.**

Nursery
Our Nursery children and parents are visiting East Riddlesden Hall tomorrow. Lets hope for a sunny day!

Year 5
Our Year 5 pupils will be visiting St Bede's & St Joseph's Catholic College on Friday for a Taster Day to give them an insight as to what to expect when they transfer to secondary school.

Fantasy Football League
Miss Burgess said there is still time to join the Fantasy Football League for anyone who is interested.

Bags 2 School
£248.00 was raised from the Bags 2 School. Thank you very much for your support.

Fathers' Day Secret Room
Fathers' Day Secret Room is open today, **Tuesday 14th, Wednesay 15th and Thursday 16th June 3 – 4pm** in the Resources Room. Gift boxes 50p and all other gifts £2.00.

End of Year Disco
This is to be held on **Friday 8th July** between **7pm and 9pm** at First Martyrs' Church Hall.

Swimming
The swimming timetable for this term is:

Reception	Friday morning
Year 2	Wednesday morning
Year 4	Tuesday morning
Year 6	Thursday afternoon

Reminder
School dinners are **£1.60** per day or **£8.00** for the week. Payment must be made on the day or on the Monday for the current week.

Please visit the Friends Facebook page
https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=424388321072615

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Winnery, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Walsh or Mr Copley.