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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 15th November 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus warned His disciples about difficult times ahead. He spoke of wars, earthquakes, famine and plague that would challenge the disciples' faith. Yet he also reassured them that He would always be with them and that they only had to put their trust in Him and they would be safe from harm.



In Worship on Monday we explored the work of CAFOD and their response to natural disasters, such as the recent earthquake in Haiti and floods in Pakistan. How Jesus shows He is with us is often through the actions of others and by supporting the work of charities such as CAFOD, we can help bring Jesus' love to parts of the world that need it most.

We concluded our Worship by thinking about the difficult times we have faced this year closer to home, in our own lives and in our school. We thought about the people who have helped us and how they have shown Jesus' love. The children have been encouraged, now the building work is almost complete and Key Stage 2 are in their new classrooms, to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to helping us to get to this stage. These include all our school staff and the wider school community, their friends and families, the builders, and all those who offered help in our time of need. We extend this thank you to you all

God Bless

Mr D Copley, Mrs Walsh and Miss Burgess

The Year of Mercy



The Year of Mercy is coming to an end. Pope Francis will symbolically mark this next Sunday in Rome with the closing of the Holy Door in St Peter's and he asked that the Bishops around the world do so this weekend.

Bishop Marcus closed the door at St Anne's Cathedral on Sunday. The prayer for the end of the Year of Mercy is:

Show us your mercy Lord and come to the aid of your people who call upon you as their shepherd and guide; restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace is something to cherish and as we remember, then we also must be committed to maintaining peace. The best way of doing this is to ensure that there is peace in all our relationships – with God and with each other. We are blessed as a school community to have a total commitment to building positive relationships with each other. We again thank you all for your continued support.

Year 4 Class Worship

This **Thursday 17th November at 9.10am** Year 4 will be holding their Class Worship. All parents and friends are invited.

Year 6 Class Worship



Year 6 led a thoughtful worship reminding us of the reasons for Remembrance Day and why we buy poppies. They also shared some fantastic war poems that the children had written themselves

Remembrance Day

The whole school came together on Friday 11th November at 11am to remember those who gave their lives in times of conflict.



Our Statement to Live By this week: I can tell you how I look after myself

Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day.

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 07/11/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	92.61	96.22
Year 1	97	97.43	97.75
Year 2	97	96.64	95.50
Year 3	97	95.64	96.78
Year 4	97	95.60	97.67
Year 5	97	98.04	97.78
Year 6	97	96	98.22
Whole School	97	95.99	97.13
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!



Staffing Update

Leadership - As you will know Mrs Winnery is off work with a broken foot and is recovering at home. During her absence the governors have temporarily 'promoted' both Mrs Walsh and Miss Burgess to Acting Heads of School to take on some of this work. We would like the school to continue to run as smoothly as possible and to take this opportunity to reassure you that their teaching commitment will continue as normal with only a slight increase in leadership time. Miss Hardesty will continue to cover the leadership time and teach the children in Year 2 and Year 6.

Mrs Green will be taking over the role of SENCO in Mrs Winnery's absence.

If you have any positive comments, thanks, information, concerns or issues please, in the first instance, see your child's teacher, or our Parental Involvement Worker, Mrs Farrell as a first port of call for the above. If you feel you need to go a stage further please make an appointment, via the office, to see either Mrs Walsh or Miss Burgess.



An amazing **£830** worth of books were sold at the Book Fair last week, with a further **£115** in book leaflet sales. **This will enable the school to purchase books to the value of £500.** A big thank you to everyone who supported this event.

A massive thank you goes to Mrs Dobson (Miss Dobson's mum) who ran the event for us and to Mrs Spinks and Mrs Shah who helped to sell the books.

Telegraph & Argus Christmas Card Competiton

The T & A is giving children the opportunity to design a Christmas scene and greeting for its 2016 digital Christmas card that will be e-mailed to dignitaries across Bradford. Application forms are available at the school office.

Red Wednesday

The Diocese of Leeds are contacting schools, universities and groups, specifically to ask them to get involved with **Red Wednesday** which is to be held on Wednesday 23rd November. This is to support those who have suffered because of their religion and to stand up against religious persecution and make a stand for peace and tolerance, by wearing an item of red clothing on the day. This will be a non uniform day with a suggested donation of **£1.00** if your child would like to wear something **RED**.

Find out more at www.acnuk.org/redwednesday **#RedWednesday**

Events This Term

Class	Event	Date	Time
Year 6	Class Worship	Thurs 10 th Nov	9.10 am. Everyone invited
Year 4	Class Worship	Thurs 17 th Nov	9.10 am. Everyone invited
Year 2	Class Worship	Thurs 24 th Nov	9.10 am. Everyone invited
Pupils, Staff & Parents	Advent Worship	Wed 30 th Nov	8.40 am-8.50 am.
Pupils, Staff & Parents	Advent Worship	Wed 7 th Dec	8.40 am-8.50 am.
Year 3	Class Worship	Thurs 8 th Dec	9.10 am. Everyone invited.
Nursery/Reception	Nativity	Tues 13 th Dec	10.00 am. Everyone invited.
Pupils, Staff & Parents	Advent Worship	Wed 14 th Dec	8.40 am-8.50 am.
Years 1 & 2	Nativity	Thurs 15 th Dec	2.00 pm. Everyone invited.
Years 5 & 6	Advent Carol Service	Mon 19 th Dec	7.00pm St Cuthbert's Church. Everyone invited.
All Classes	Carols by the Crib	Tues 20 th Dec	Everyone invited.



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