

Deputy Headteacher: Miss S. Burgess 23rd April 2024





Catholic Life and Collective Worship

Last Sunday, churches around the world celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. Together, we explored the idea of Jesus leading everyone as our shepherd and each one of us being part of his flock. We reflected specifically on Jesus' words, 'There will be one flock and one shepherd' (John 10:16) and we understood that Jesus was telling us that there are no outsiders. We all belong to his one flock, whatever our age, race, ability or religion. In KS2 only, we looked at the Equality Act 2010, in which there are 9 protected characteristics that no one must be discriminated against. We discussed race in particular and how no one must be treated differently simply because of the colour of their skin or where they come from. We prayed together and set our mission for the week: To be like

Jesus and treat everyone fairly - we are one flock.







From this...

Our three Chaplains in Y6, Emma, Sukaynah and Isaac, have been very busy over the past 2 weeks, creating our prayer wall. Under their prayer theme for the half term, 'He is risen indeed', they have created a wall for all children throughout school to share in. They have encouraged everyone to reflect on all the new life around us with the question, 'Where have you seen new life today?' As you can see, many children have taken some reflection time and shared their thoughts on the Chaplains' prayer wall.

Our Chaplains' Prayer Wall



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This Wednesday, Y4 will lead their class Mass in church at 9:30am with the rest of the parish. Everyone is very welcome to join them.

COMING UP SOON...

Wednesday 24th April Y5 Come Dine With Me

Monday 6th May School CLOSED for Bank Holiday

Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Last Friday, we launched our new reward theme as voted for by the children, via the School Council. Our brand new Disney theme involves each class being named after a popular Disney film, classes collecting 'Disney Dollars' throughout the week and the class winners doing their celebratory dance to Hakuna Matata!







CONGRATULATIONS to Jacob in Y14 for receiving Mrs Haines' Headteacher Award for throwing himself into the Y4 trip to Malham with great enthusiasm. Jacob thrived in the outdoors and was a brilliant ambassador for our school.



CONGRATULATIONS to Holly in Y1 for receiving the Big Cat Reading Award for being a cool, calm cat in reading which has led her to become a really strong reader. Holly is focussed in phonics and her confidence is



improving.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ezmae in Y2 for also receiving the Big Cat Reading Award for reading so much

WELL DONE to all our Class Merit Winners last week recently. We are really impressed with Ezmae's

fantastic reading streak!



FS1: Harry

FS2: Arthur & Arlo

Y1: Samuel

42: Ishaan

43: Calum

44: Shazil

y5: Nylah

96: Eli



Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Wednesday	24th April	11:30-12:30	Y5	Come Dine With Me
Monday	6th May	All day	All	SCHOOL CLOSED (Bank holiday)
Monday	13th May	Mon-Thurs	Y6	SATS exams
Sunday	19th May	11am	FS2/Y6	Buddies' Family Mass in church
Thursday	23rd May	9am	FS1-Y6	Performance Poetry
Friday	24th May	All day	All	Community Day
Friday	24th May	N/A	All	Break up for half term
Monday	10th June	N/A	All	Back to school

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School Kitchen Italian Day!!

On Thursday, 16th May, our very talented chefs will be preparing our delicious school dinners with an italian theme. Pizza will of course be on the menu and there will be the return of the ice cream stall with all the toppings! Make sure your child gets a school dinner so that they don't miss out on all the gelato treats!



Little Free Library

This is brand new to our school community and can be found by the amphitheatre area. Set up by Miss Britz and her Reading Ambassadors, the Little Free Library is for children and adults in our school community. Please take and keep the books to read but also please leave a book or two for others to read. We don't want our Little Free Library to ever be empty!



Save the Date!

Mrs Setchell, our Outdoor and Adventure Leader, is currently organising a **St Francis Community day** on Friday 24th May – the last day of term. We invite all parents/carers and families to come in on that day and spend time with your children in our vast grounds to work together to help improve them in many different ways. If you have skills you could put to good use, are a little green fingered or simply want to come along and be part of the day and soak up the atmosphere, it would be great to see you there. Please see the poster below for more information.

Closer to the time, we will send out a form to register your attendance and an option to let us know what you could lend a hand to, if you are able to.

LAST WEEK IN SCHOOL...

BCWCAT Swimming Gala
Huge CONGRATULATIONS to
our YS and 6 swimmers who
last week won EVERY race in
their heats and then
yesterday came third in the
final. They all swam like fish!
We are so proud of them all!





Y4 Trip to Malham
The children had a
wonderful Geography field
trip in which they surveyed
passers by and drew field
sketches. They
represented our school
brilliantly.



Opportunities for children to explore their special gifts...



ST FRANCIS' COMMUNITY DAY

FRIDAY 24TH MAY

Bacon sarnies supplied by the PFA!



Bouncy castle supplied by the PFA!

Our new outdoor and adventure curriculum is really taking off but we want to make our facilities even better. But we need your help! If you would like to spend quality time with your child/ren whilst helping to make our vast grounds even better, come and join us for our community day where you and your child/ren can help make the grounds even better. Everyone can enjoy a picnic (weather permitting) and the kids can enjoy a 'bounce'. It would be great to see you there!



Building a greenhouse/bug house/ storage cupboard/wood store

Litter picking



Pruning bushes

Digging flower beds



Creating a 'diggerland'

Fixing/painting fences

Install water butts

