St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 1st March 2024

Spring Term 2, week 2 *Virtue: Love & Charity*

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome

Happy St Davids day! Another busy sporting week this week, where we had our rearranged Bishops' cup match against St Philips and our Year 4 children competed in the Skipping competition (more information inside). Well done children for representing school wonderfully! You continue to make us all proud.

Thank you to all the parents for coming along to our Reading parent workshop and for the lovely feedback. Don't forget next week is a Maths focus!

Another reminder that it is World book day on Thursday 7th March. As always we encourage all children (and staff) to come dressed in a book related costume. As you know, we have had a great focus of vocabulary this year and will be having discussion with children around vocabulary associated with their costume, so please have conversations about vocabulary linked to their character or the book. I can not wait to see everyone's costumes!

We have rescheduled the sponsored bounce for Friday 8th March, so there will be no celebration assembly next week.

Year 5 will be leading next weeks Lenten fundraising selling smartie tubes for \pounds 1. Don't forget once the chocolate has been eaten, to fill the tube with loose change and return the tubes by Thursday 28th March!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday! Mrs Gibbons

Early Years Stay and Play!

On Friday 8th March we would like to welcome our mums, grandmothers or aunts to our to a Mother's day stay and play (Nursery & Reception). The session will run from 9-11am. You are welcome to stay for



the duration of the 2 hours or stay for as long as you can if you are working or have other commitments. Be prepared to get crafty!

Parent workshop reminder!

We have a series of Parent curriculum events this half term. In the sessions, we are inviting parents to come and support your child whilst they learn. We are hoping this will help our parents to see the strategies that we use in teaching your children as well as crafting celebrations too! We hope you can join us...

Wednesday 6th March - Mathematics (8:50-9:25am)

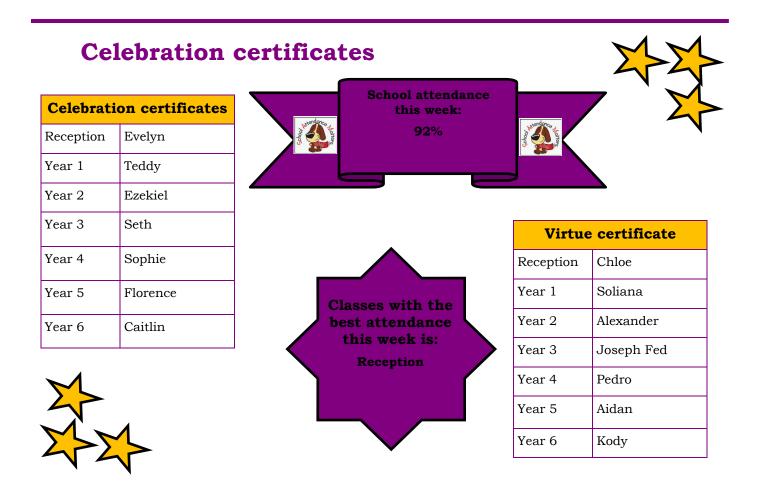
Friday 15th March - Writing (8:50-9:30am)

Friday 22nd March - Easter crafts across school (8:50-10:30am)

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Dates for your diary:		

Y5 Lenten fund-	4th
raiser– Smarties!	March
Y5/6 Girls Footsal competition	5th March
Mother's Day shop	6th March
Parent Maths	6th
workshop - 8:50-	March
World book day -	7th
costume required	March
KS2 Faith work-	7th
shop	March
KS2 International	8th
woman's day	March
Eys stay & Play:	8th
Mothers day theme	March
Eys / KS! Spon-	8th
sored bounce	March
No Celebration	8th
assembly	March
Reconciliation class Friday - 3:30pm Saturday - 5:15pm	8th / 9th March



Dates for your diary this half term...

Monday 4th March – Lenten fundraising: Smartie tube coin collection led by YS			
Wednesday 6th March - Parents maths workshop, 9:10am (come and learn with your child)			
- PTA event: Mothers' day shop			
Thursday Zid March – World book day: costume required			
- Community link: 'Journey through the Old Testament' faith performance			
Friday 8th March – Early Years Stay & Play, 9-11am, Mothers' day theme			
11th – 15th March – Science & Design Technology (STEM) week & Y1 Ducks arriving			
Monday 11 th March – <u>Mothers' day</u> liturgy led by Y1, 9:10am, parents & grandparents welcome			
Thursday 14 th March – Author <u>visit</u> to School			

Friday 15th March - Parents writing workshop, 9:10am (come and learn with your child)

Monday 18th March – Lenten fundraising: Guess the number of sweets in the jar led by Y6

Tuesday 19th March - Parents Evening 3:40-6pm, in the school hall

Wednesday 20th March - Parents Evening 3:40-6pm, in the school hall

Thursday 21st March - Inclusion coffee morning, all welcome

Friday 22nd March - 9-10:30am: Stay and Play (Easter theme) across School

Tuesday 26th March - Year 3/4 Easter production, 9:30am & 2pm, parents welcome*

Saturday 23rd March - Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:30am

Monday 25th March – Holy Week

Lenten fundraising: Chocolate hamper led by Y3/4 Palm Sunday liturgy led by Y2, 9:10am, parents welcome



LEEDS ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Can you spare half an hour on Thursdavs?

Bring your child to Y6 classroom to help Mrs Gibbons & Mrs Greene decorate all things St Patrick!

Mrs Greene has been working hard to get St Francis a float in this years St Patricks day parade.

Save the date to come and join our School float:

Sunday 17h March 2024, 10:30am, Millenium square.

Thursday 28th March - Last Supper service led by Y6, 9:10am, parents welcome

Stations of the Cross led by Y5 to the school

- School closes for end of Spring Term

Friday 29th March - Good Friday - Bank Holiday (School closed)

*************** Easter holiday: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024 *************

*More information regarding Easter production to follow, regarding ticket entry.

Monday 15th April - School opens for Summer term

Lower Key Stage 2



4, we have had an exciting week. We have been working really hard on our skipping over the past few months and attended our skipping festival on Wednesday, which we won! We now need to keep working hard for the final, later in the year!

This week in Year 3, we have really enjoyed our cricket and fitness units in PE and we worked hard learning all about our spotlight artist Claude Monet.



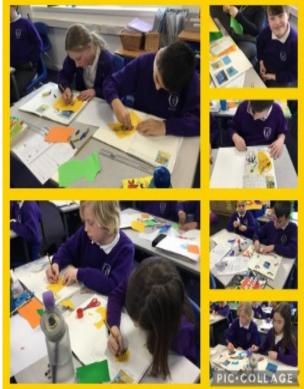
In Year

Upper Key Stage 2



In Year 6, we have started our new unit of artwork by exploring our spotlight artist Leonardo da Vinci and other famous oil and acrylic paintings.

In Year 5, we worked hard in PE to practise and develop our balancing skills. This became trickier on the narrower bench beam!



Academic Calendar 2023-24

Start of	Monday 19th
Spring 2 half	February
End of term	Thursday 28th March
Start of	Monday 15th
Summer 1	April
School closed - May bank holiday	Monday 6th May
End of half	Friday 24th
term	May
Start of Summer 2 half term	Monday 3rd June
End of Aca-	Friday 19th
demic year	July
Inset days—	22nd & 23rd
School closed	July

School dinner menu - Spring Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 3) is listed below. If your child is in Nursery dinner costs £2.20 per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners cost £2.50 per day. Thursday there will be a special world book day themed dinner menu.



Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection team:

Mrs Gibbons Headteacher & SENDCO

Miss Grayston Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Harrison HLTA / Learning mentor

> Mrs Walker Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

3rd Sunday of Lent

Enthusiasm is one of life's most important ingredients. The word 'enthusiasm' comes from the Greek word 'entheos' which means 'God-filled'. Life really is joyful when we are enthusiastic about the right things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change. Lent is a time to renew our own relationship with God and to be filled with a new enthusiasm for God and for life in all its fullness. Enjoy your week together and help spread God's love - with ENTHUSIASM!

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm Sunday Mass time 10am

Weekday mass times: Monday 9am, Tuesday - Friday 10am Please keep Canon Galvin in your prayers, as he continues to recover from his period of illness.

