St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 6th October 2023

Autumn Term 1, week 5 Virtue: Respect & Courtesy

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome

This week has been such a wonderful week of celebration from Year 3 leading us in worship of how we are reminded of the life of St Francis and how we can model our lives like his, celebrating Mass for the Feast of St Francis, welcoming a whole host of wonderful creatures such as snakes and tarantulas, to celebrating National Poetry day.

It has come to my attention that on Friday there was a very concerning near miss situation, where a parent and their child were nearly knocked over crossing the road outside school. Please can I urge our school community to be vigilant when pulling away after being parked up. In particular, as we approach the darker months, it can be difficult to see pedestrians but please take extra checks before setting off on your journey and remember that being on mobile phones which driving is illegal. It only takes a second for an accident to occur and one that could be fatal.

A few key dates for your diary of events which are coming up:

- Tuesday 10th October: Wear yellow for Mental Health Day
- Thursday 19th October: Harvest festival (donations of non-perishable foods welcome to share with local food banks & those in need)
- Sunday 22nd October: PTA event pumpkin patch
- Tuesday 24th / Wednesday 25th October: Parents evenings
- Thursday 26th October: PTA event Autumn disco
- Friday 27th October: School closed Inset day

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday! Mrs Gibbons

Early Years Open Evening...spread the word! **New Starters 2024**

Will your child be starting school either in Nursery or Reception in September 2024 and you would like to send them to St Francis...why not come and join the



Early Years team on **Tuesday 10th** Foundation Stage October & Thursday 16th November from 5-6pm for our open evening, where you will get to meet the

staff, sample the dinner menu & have a look at the classroom provision. This is a great opportunity for your child to get a feel for the learning environment too!

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Dates for your

Family worship of 5

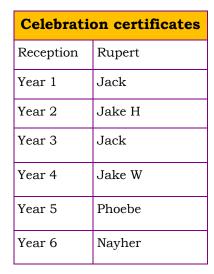
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diary:	
Wear Yellow for Mental health day	10th Oct
Open evening for Reception / Nurse-	10th Oct,
Celebration assembly, 3pm	13th Oct
Harvest liturgy led by Y4, 9:10am	19th Oct
Wonderdome - Reception, Y2, Y5	23rd Oct
Celebration assembly, 3pm	
Rosary prayers - every Thursday	Through out Oct
Black History	Through

out Oct

month

Celebration certificates





School attendance this week:
97%





Classes with the best attendance this week is:

Virtue certificate		
Reception	Zakariyah	
Year 1	Oliver	
Year 2	Savannah	
Year 3	Jonathan	
Year 4	Niamh H	
Year 5	Emily	
Year 6	Zachary	



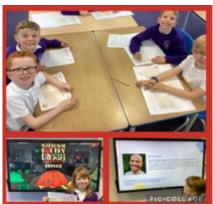
Breakfast & afterschool club certificate

James (Year 1) Sophie (Year 6)

National Poetry day



Across school we have had a focus on Poetry this week to celebrate National Poetry day. We have written our own poems and learnt the art of reciting poems for cause and effect!





Children's Mayor result

Huge thank you for all of your support with Harrison's balloting to be the Children's Mayor of 23-24. An amazing 11,111 votes were received from across the city! Although

Harrison wasn't successful this year, he has a whole host of city wide events he has been asked to attend to continue to achieve the outcomes of his manifesto.

Harrison, we are so proud of you and of how confident you were with the delivery of your speech and for champi-

the provision of those who have SEND or who are Young Carers.

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Lower Key Stage 2



In Year 3, the children delivered an informative assembly all about the life of Saint Francis of Assisi and created a mosaic of Saint Francis and the wolf of Gubbio – well done Year 3!



We had had such a busy week in Year 4! We have been celebrating St Francis Day, National Poetry Day, learning to play the recorder with Mrs O'Leary, and skipping with the Skipping School in PE. A fantastic week, keep up the good work Year 4!

Upper Key Stage 2



In Year 5, we have enjoyed developing our orienteering and teamwork skills in our PE lessons.



In Year 6, we have worked hard to set up our own investigation to demonstrate how light travels in a straight line.

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Feeling frustrated by your child's behaviour and looking for support? PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP

Find strategies to help you understand and support your child's behaviour

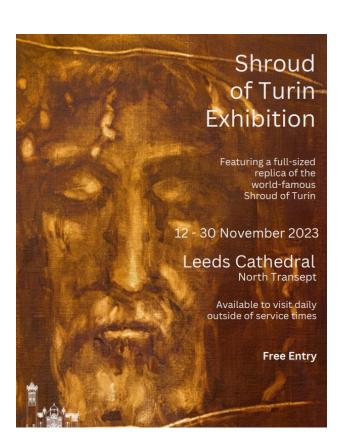
- Find out where behaviour comes from
- Get everyone in the family talking and listening to each other
- Understand why your child gets angry or upset and how to help them
- Learn how your body language can help calm difficult situations
- Find strategies to change patterns of <u>behaviour</u>
- · Get ideas and inspiration to try at home

Date: Thursday 7th December

Time: 9.30-12.30

Location: Cluster Office based at Churwell Primary School

Contact: Nicola Pearson - 07891277342



We have added a list of adult learning courses for Autumn term to the newsletter page of the school website.



2023/24 **COURSES FOR ADULTS**

At Groundwork, we promote a positive learning environment, encouraging growth and development of skills and confidence. Our friendly, relaxed atmosphere inspires learning experiences.





13th Morley Rainbows



For girls aged 4-7 years old

Meeting Place: Unity Hall

2 Commerical Street, Morley

Meeting Time: Monday 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Please Visit:

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/informationfor-parents/register-a-child/









St Francis day...









MacMillian cake sale

Once again huge thank you for your support, together we raised an amazing £124 for charity!

PTA events this half term, have you purchased your ticket?







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Academic Calendar 2023-24

Inset day- Mon 4th Sept school closed 2023

Start of Autumn 1 term

Tues 5th Sept
2023

End of Half Thurs 26th term October 2023

Inset day- Friday 27th school closed October 2023

Start of Au- Mon 6th Notumn 2 term vember 2023

Inset day - Friday 5th School closed January 2024

Start of Mon 8th Jan

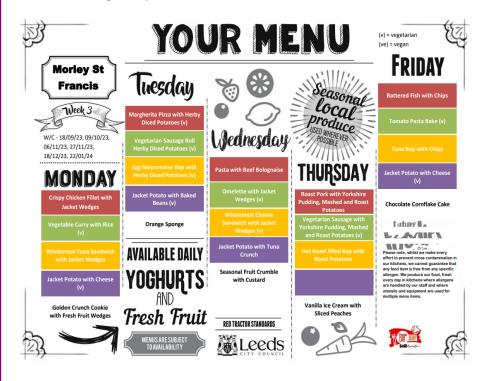
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End of half Friday 9th term Feb 2024

Spring 1 term

School dinner menu - Autumn 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.



Safeguarding

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

Mrs Gibbons
Headteacher

Miss Grayston Assistant Headteacher

Miss Dobson

Year 3 Class teacher / SENDCO

Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

It's easy to get caught up in the daily busyness of life and forget what life's really all about. However, to assist us on our path through life, God sends messengers to help us remember what is most important. In this Sunday's Gospel, the servants represent God's messengers (the Prophets) and the tenants of the vineyard represent the leaders of Israel at that time. Jesus told this story because some of the leaders were not listening to God's messengers In many ways we are like 'tenants' in this world. The messengers that God sends today remind us that God has a great plan for our lives. We are created for everlasting life and, for now, we are here to share, enjoy and develop what God gives to us in this life. Pope Francis reminds us, "May you always be messengers of peace and goodwill." Enjoy your week and help spread the message of God's love.

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm Sunday Mass times 9:30am & 11:15am Weekday mass times: Monday 9am, Tuesday - Friday 10am



"May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus' Message."

Pope Francis