

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 15th December
2023

Autumn Term 2, week 6
Virtue: Patience

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Weekly News Headteacher's Welcome



I do love this time of year, although it is jam packed with festive celebrations, seeing the children prepare for the birth of Jesus is just so special. I am so proud of all our children with their performances from Nursery to Year 2 and all our Key Stage 2 children who have sang in the community. What lovely praise we received from members of the public for their singing and attitudes as they visited local residential homes. It is so lovely to have the opportunity to share joy to those who may be alone at this time of year. Thank you to a group of our Year 5 children who have been part of the Silver reader programme, which sees them read to members of our community over the phone. We are seeking more Silver listeners (someone who may be alone and retired who would like to listen to a child read from their home), if you know of anyone, please contact the school office for further information.

A special congratulations to our Year 6 children who were Confirmed by the Bishop on Wednesday. You have worked so hard to prepare for this next step in your Sacramental journey, well done children. Thank you to Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Malone for volunteering their time to prepare the children for the Sacrament and for supporting the occasion by sending your children along; they sang beautifully as part of the choir.

We have several events next week from Early Years stay & play to Carol concerts - please check on page 4 key times of events, which all are welcome to attend. There is an update regarding the Christingle service on Thursday as this will now be at 10:30am, in church.

Just a quick reminder that we finish for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st December, at 3:30pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful, festive weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons



Little lambs

You may have noticed in the parish bulletin that there is a new group set up at church by one of our lovely parishioners. Once a month at the church, after school there will be a meeting called 'little lambs' for our children to come together and make scrap books full of crafty learning that they can then take home once full! The first session was last week but if you would like to know more information contact the school office, leaving your name and contact so Mrs Gibbons can get the information to you.

What a lovely way for your child to develop their friendships whilst having fun with arts and crafts! We hope to see you there!

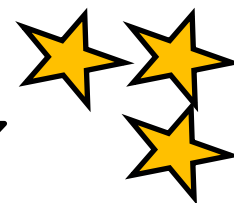
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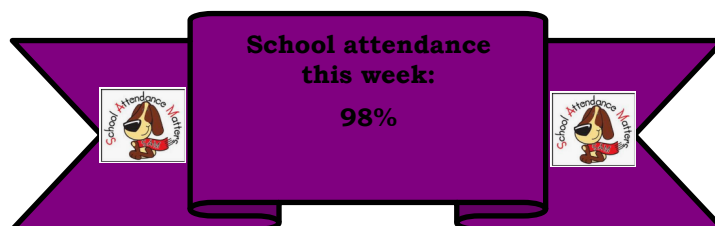
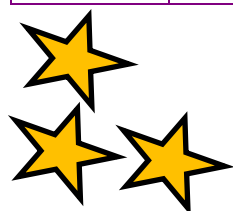
Dates for your diary:

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| Advent 3 praise, led by Y5 - 9:10am Parents welcome | 18th Dec |
| 9-11am Eys stay & play | 19th Dec |
| Christmas dinner day! | 19th Dec |
| Christmas jumper to be worn over school uniform | 19th Dec |
| Music concert, 2:15pm | 19th Dec |
| KS2 Carol Concert, 2:30pm PTA Raffle draw after carols | 19th Dec |
| Carols & mince pies for grandparents | 20th Dec |
| Christingle, 10:30am @ Church | 21st Dec |
| Christmas parties & Santa | 21st Dec |
| School Closes for Christmas holidays | 21st Dec, 3:30pm |

Celebration certificates



| Celebration certificates | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Reception | Daisy |
| Year 1 | Oran |
| Year 2 | Emily |
| Year 3 | Eleanor |
| Year 4 | Isla |
| Year 5 | Vihaan C |
| Year 6 | Francesca |



| Vertue certificate | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Reception | Mya M |
| Year 1 | BobbyLee |
| Year 2 | George |
| Year 3 | Annabelle |
| Year 4 | Fasicka |
| Year 5 | Daisy |
| Year 6 | Caitlin |



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Is your child due to start School in September 2024?

or are you looking for a Nursery place?

We invite prospective parents of Nursery and Reception aged Children wishing to apply for a Nursery place from aged 3 or Reception place from September 2024 to visit our wonderful school

We look forward to welcoming you!



Application Timetable –

The below timetable applies to applications made to Leeds City Council

1st November 2023 - Applications Open

14th January 2024 - National Deadline for Applications

17th April 2024 - National Offer Day

Early Years

What a wonderful week we have had in Nursery! We did our first Nativity and we had so much fun! This week, we have thought about Jesus' birthday and celebrated this through decorating cards and making cakes! We used the Nativity scene to retell the story of the journey to Bethlehem.



Wow, what a busy yet amazing week we have had in Reception! We performed our Nativity and went on the Morley Nativity trail with our buddies. In class, our provision has been all about the Nativity! We have used squares and rectangles to build a stable, made our own Angel Gabriel's, painted Nativity scenes and built stables in the construction area. We have also been busy in Santa's workshop and writing present labels!

Key Stage 1



What a week whirlwind week we have had! We have had lots of fun writing stories in English and following maps in Geography. We also got to perform our Nativity to our parents!

This week in Year 2, we have enjoyed practising and performing our Christmas Nativity. Alongside the Nativity, we have been acting in our virtue of patience this week. We have been waiting and trusting in God and are waiting for Jesus' love, especially at this time of year.





Key festive Dates over the coming weeks...



Monday 18th December - Advent Praise 3, led by Y5, 9:10am, parents welcome

- Y6 Herd Farm parents meeting, 4:15pm at School

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas dinner, children to wear **Christmas jumpers over their uniform**

- Early Years Stay & Play, 9-11am, Christmas theme
- Music concert 2:15pm (not new musicians this time)
- Key Stage 2 Carol service at school, 2:30pm, parents welcome
- PTA Christmas Raffle

Wednesday 20th December – Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy event: Carol singing & mince pies for grandparents, 3pm

Thursday 21st December – Christingle service at church led by Y6, **10:30am**

- Class Christmas parties (school uniform) & visit from Santa
- School closes for end of Autumn Term

***** Christmas holiday: Friday 22nd December – Thursday 4th January 2024 *****

Friday 5th January 2024 – Inset day (School closed)

School reopens: Monday 8th January 2024



Calling all grandparents!

On Wednesday 20th December at 3pm, our Choir, Minie Vinnies & Chaplaincy teams will be singing carols to spread some Christmas cheer. We hope you can make it for a sing-a-long and mince pie!

Christmas music concert



Our children who learn a woodwind or brass instrument have been busy learning a range of festive carols. Our Autumn concert, which will be at 2:15pm on Tuesday 19th December, will be hosted by those children who were learning instruments last academic year. Our Spring term concert, this will be hosted by all children learning a woodwind or brass instrument at school. All are welcome to attend.

Early Years Christmas Stay and Play!

On Tuesday 19th December we would like to welcome all of our Early Years Parents (Nursery & Reception) to a festive stay and play. 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!

Academic Calendar 2023-24

Inset day-
school closed *Mon 4th Sept
2023*

Start of Au-
tumn 1 term *Tues 5th Sept
2023*

End of Half
term *Thurs 26th
October 2023*

Inset day-
school closed *Friday 27th
October 2023*

Start of Au-
tumn 2 term *Mon 6th No-
vember 2023*

End of Au-
tumn term *Thurs 21st
December
2023*

Inset day -
School closed *Friday 5th
January
2024*

Start of
Spring 1 term *Mon 8th Jan
2024*

End of half
term *Friday 9th
Feb 2024*

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.

Don't forget Tuesday is Christmas dinner day - so it will be a traditional dinner not what is listed below!

YOUR MENU

Morley St Francis

Week 3

W/C - 18/09/23, 09/10/23,
06/11/23, 27/11/23,
18/12/23, 22/01/24

MONDAY

- Crispy Chicken Fillet with Jacket Wedges
- Vegetable Curry with Rice (v)
- Wholemeal Tuna Sandwich with Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)

Golden Crunch Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges

Tuesday

- Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)
- Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes (v)
- Egg Mayonnaise Bap with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v)
- Orange Sponge

Wednesday

- Pasta with Beef Bolognese
- Omelette with Jacket Wedges (v)
- Wholemeal Cheese Sandwich with Jacket Wedges (v)
- Jacket Potato with Tuna Crunch
- Seasonal Fruit Crumble with Custard

THURSDAY

- Roast Pork with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes
- Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)
- Hot Roast filled Bap with Roast Potatoes
- Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Peaches

FRIDAY

- Battered Fish with Chips
- Tomato Pasta Bake (v)
- Tuna Bap with Chips
- Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)
- Chocolate Cornflake Cake

AVAILABLE DAILY

YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS

Leeds CITY COUNCIL

SOB

(v) = vegetarian
(ve) = vegan

Please note, whilst we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchens, we cannot guarantee that any food item is free from any specific allergen. We produce our food, fresh every day in kitchens where allergens are handled by our staff and where utensils and equipment are used for multiple menu items.

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 /
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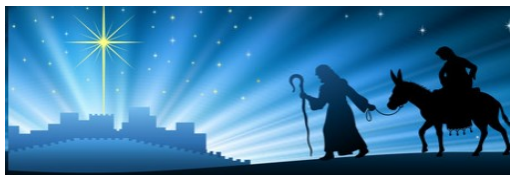
Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice
on: 0113376 0336



3rd Sunday of Advent



A man came who was sent by God. His name was John, John the Baptist. He came as a witness – as a witness to Jesus Christ. Priests were sent from Jerusalem to ask John, “Who are you?” John replied, “I am not the Christ.” “Are you the prophet Elijah then – or the Prophet?” they asked. He answered, “No.” “So, who are you?” they asked. “What have you to say about yourself?” John replied, “I am the voice of the one who cries in the wilderness: ‘Make the Lord’s way straight.’” Finally they asked him, “Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John said, “I baptise with water. But someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am.” This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the River Jordan, where John was baptising.



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

“Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy.” St Teresa of Calcutta