

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 8th December
2023

Autumn Term 2 week 5
Virtue: Patience

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome



What a wonderful turn out at the Parish Christmas fayre, thank you for all your donations of toiletries, it was a great success!

On Wednesday 13th December, 7pm at Church our Year 6 children will be embarking on the next stage in their Sacramental journey of Confirmation. We will be greeting the Bishop and welcome our School community to join us for the service.



A huge thank you to you all for such amazing generosity for the Catholic Care shoe box appeal. The Mini Vinnies helped to load them into the car and they have now been delivered and will be handed out to children across



Leeds who would've been going without but your love and kindness has enabled them to have something special. Thank you all so very much.

Little reminder that next week is the final week for the extra-curricular clubs.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons

Nursery places available

We have some places available in our school nursery. If your child will be three in 2023 or 2024 make sure you have filled out an application form to reserve a place for your child. Application forms are available from the school office. We offer 30-hour places as well as 15-hour part-time places. Nursery children can also have access to our Before and After School club provision (7:45am - 6pm).



Calling all grandparents!

On Wednesday 20th December at 3pm, our Minie Vinnies and 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!

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Dates for your diary:

Advent 2 praise, led by Y3 - 9:10am Parents welcome 11th Dec

PCSO safety workshops with Y5 & Y6 11th Dec

Early Years Nativity, 2pm 12th Dec

KS1 Morley nativity walk 12th Dec

Y6 confirmation service at church, 7pm 13th Dec

KS1 Nativity, 9:30am & 2pm 14th Dec

Eys & KS2 Morley nativity walk 14th Dec

Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy team Carol 15th Dec

9-10am Inclusion coffee morning 15th Dec

Final Autumn term Celebration assembly, 3pm 15th Dec

Advent 3 praise, led by Y5 - 9:10am Parents welcome 18th Dec



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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

Together in truth and faith we learn and grow as God's family



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!

Lower Key Stage 2



This week in Year 3, we have been thinking about Advent and preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth. We made and shared our Advent promises and thought about the signs and symbols Christians use at this time of year. We have also enjoyed learning about magnets and magnetism in Science and the United Kingdom in Geography.



In Year 4, we welcomed Advent by sharing with the whole school and our parents the first Advent Praise Worship. We thought carefully about our Advent promises, what they meant and why we write them. We have also enjoyed learning about volcanoes in Geography and exploring different pitches in Science!

Upper Key Stage 2



In Year 5, we have been studying the work of Georgia O'Keefe. This week, we have been learning about the different types of drawing pencils and the importance of pencil grip when sketching.

In Year 6, we enjoyed exploring The Crooked House and making links between our art & design, maths and science knowledge.



Inclusion Coffee morning!

Come and join us for our Inclusion Coffee morning on Friday 15th, December at 9—10am. We will be joined by the family support team.



Key festive Dates over the coming weeks...



Monday 11th December - Advent Praise 2, led by Y3, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 12th December – Nursery & Reception Nativity, 2pm, parents welcome *

Wednesday 13th December - Y6 Confirmation service, 7pm at Church

Thursday 14th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity, 9:30am & 2pm, parents welcome*

Friday 15th December – 9-10am Inclusion coffee morning (all welcome)

- Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy team Carol singing in the care homes

- Final celebration assembly for Autumn term, 3pm, parents welcome

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

- 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, 10am

- 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



*More information regarding Christmas nativities regarding ticket entry was sent home last week.



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 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 Autumn 1 term **Tues 5th Sept 2023**

End of Half term **Thurs 26th October 2023**

Inset day-school closed Friday 27th October 2023

Start of Autumn 2 term **Mon 6th November 2023**

End of Autumn 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 2) 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.

YOUR MENU	
Morley St Francis	Tuesday
MONDAY	Wednesday
Thursday	FRIDAY
AVAILABLE DAILY YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit	

(v) = vegetarian
(ve) = vegan

Would you like your child to have Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December but they do not normally order a dinner, contact the School office for more information or complete the order form which can be downloaded from the school website under the newsletter tab.

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent is the season of hope, culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which brings us the good news that we are loved unconditionally by God. This Sunday's Gospel is also filled with hope. John the Baptist points away from himself towards Jesus. John makes it clear that it is Jesus that the people should follow: the hope of the world. This season of hope is a great opportunity to be spiritually refreshed, to get rid of everything negative in life and make it altogether positive: to look forward knowing that God is with us. Let's use this special time to make a fresh start and to be filled with hope. Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Week's word, which is HOPE.

A word from Pope Francis: "Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God. Advent increases our hope."

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9:30am & 11:15am

Weekday mass times: Monday 9am, Tuesday - Friday 10am

