

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2024

Spring Term 1, week 1
Virtue: Faith

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome

Happy New Year to you all and I do hope you have had a wonderful Christmas. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to thank you all once again for your kindness, well-wishes and gifts. Your appreciation means so much to us all.

Before Christmas, the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar was sent via email, if you have not received the link, please also find it within the parents - calendar tab on the school website or on the parents2teachers app. Please do pay plan any holidays around the school calendar and notes the early return date for September 2024.

It has been a brilliant week back, where we have welcomed several visitors to school and very exciting education enhancement opportunities for your children this week, where we welcomed our associated PCSO for her safety and awareness talk to Years 5&6, D-Side Dave who delivered his workshops across school on risks of smoking, drugs and the online world, as well as our Year 3 children having a 'Stone Age' day on Thursday! We also had our Year 1 children visit 'Skipton Castle' on Tuesday and welcomed parents of Year 1 to a Phonics and early reading session on Thursday afterschool. If you missed any information from D-Side or the Y1 phonics meeting, please contact the school office and we will arrange information for you.



Curriculum newsletters for your child and the Spring term calendar of dates will be coming home at the start of next week. Year 6 children will have also brought home their residential Kit list this week. If you did not receive a copy or would like an additional copy, please contact Miss Grayston: year6@stfrancismorley.org.uk.

Reconciliation letters have come home to children in Year 3 and to children in KS2 (Years 3-6) who have been Baptised and as yet not made the Sacrament. If you have misplaced the letter but wish your child to undertake their first confession, please contact me as soon as possible. We can also confirm two key dates for our Sacraments as: Reconciliation will be on Saturday 23rd March, 10am and Holy Communion will be Sunday 9th June at 10am, these will be held at Church. More information to follow.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Gibbons

PE days this half term - Spring 1

Please remember to send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on the following days:

PE kit is a plain white T-shirt, shorts, trainers and a plain black jacket

Nursery: Tuesday

Reception: Friday

Year 1: Mondays & Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Tuesday & Friday

Year 4: Monday (swimming) & Wednesday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Thursday & Friday

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Dates for your diary:

Reception 2024 admissions applications close 15th Jan

Dodgeball competition / trip 17th Jan

PTA meeting in School - 6:10pm 17th Jan

Celebration assembly, all welcome, 3pm 19th Jan

Y1 Banquet - dress as someone who has lived or worked in a castle 23rd Jan

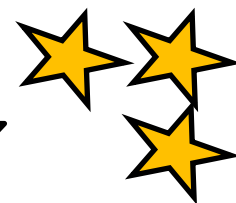
Year 6 SATs parent meeting - 3:30pm in Y6 24th Jan

Ice skating festival / trip 26th Jan

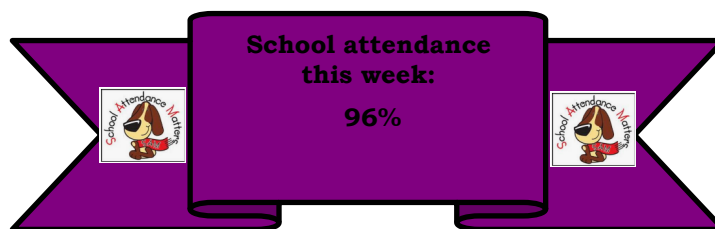
Year 4 Morley Library Visit 29th Jan

Year 6 Morley Library Visit 31st Jan

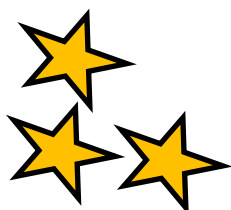
Celebration certificates



Celebration certificates	
Reception	Mufaro
Year 1	Rocco
Year 2	Zain
Year 3	Archie B
Year 4	Laura
Year 5	Luke
Year 6	Lola



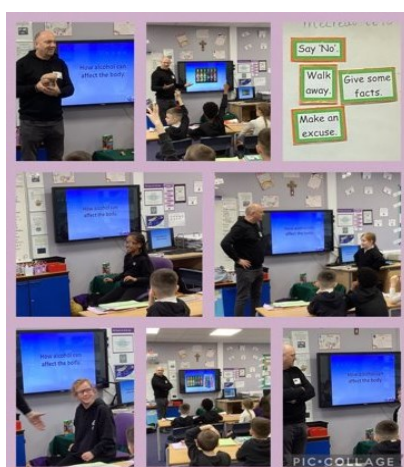
Virtue certificate	
Reception	Gabriel
Year 1	Quinton
Year 2	Diyan
Year 3	Nia
Year 4	Nathan
Year 5	Cora
Year 6	Ana



Do you have any spare milk & drink bottle lids and any cardboard (e.g. amazon packaging)? Year 5 are collecting these as part of the DT learning on pulley mechanisms. Please drop any donations into your child's class over the coming couple of weeks. Thank you for your help!

D-side

This week we have had D-Side Dave in school to educate us on risks and safety factors associated to smoking, drugs and online safety. Thank you to all the parents who approached Dave for safety information on Thursday afterschool. If you wanted to ask Dave advise or wanted any of his flyers, but you were not able to see him, do let the office know and we can seek the information from Dave on your behalf.



Some of our learning included key age appropriate use of the internet and keeping ourselves safe, Year 3 learnt all about the law and health risks associated with smoking. Year 4 learnt about the laws around and effects of alcohol. Year 5 developed their knowledge of the laws and risks associated with smoking and vaping.

Lower Key Stage 2

This week in Year 3, we have been immersed in our new units and had a fantastic history workshop on The Stone Age History learning unit.



In Year 4, we have had lots of fun investigating our new Science topic, Electricity, as well as working hard in English, learning all about newspapers.

Upper Key Stage 2



In Year 5, we had a visit from the PCSO. We learnt about the age of criminality and that actions have consequences. She stressed the importance of making the right choices so that we don't do something that we will regret as we get older.



In Year 6, we have explored the different components needed to make simple circuits. In Year 6, we explored sewa (the act of selfless service) as a fundamental part of Sikhism.



Academic Calendar 2023-24

Inset day - Friday 5th January
School closed

Start of Spring 1 half term Mon 8th Jan 2024

End of half term Friday 9th February

Start of Spring 2 half term Monday 19th February

End of term Thursday 28th March

Start of Summer 1 half term Monday 15th April

School closed - May bank holiday Monday 6th May

End of half term Friday 24th May

Start of Summer 2 half term Monday 3rd June

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. We have a special themed American dinner on Wednesday next week! If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a School dinner, please contact the office to book your child a dinner.

YOUR MENU

(v) = vegetarian
(ve) = vegan

Morley St Francis
Week 2
W/C - 11/09/23, 02/10/23, 23/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 19/01/24

Monday
Chicken Pie with Jacket Wedges (v)
Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (v)
Cheese Wrap with Jacket Wedges (v)
Jacket Potato with Vegetarian Bolognese (v)
Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Salad

Tuesday
Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato
Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potato (v)
Tuna Bag with Pasta Salad
Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)
Fruity Flapjack

Wednesday
Chicken Curry with Rice
Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese (ve)
Cheese Sandwich with Rainbow Rice (v)
Jacket Potato with Tuna
Marble Sponge and Custard

Thursday
Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes
Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)
Hot Roast Filled Bag with Roast Potatoes
Rice Pudding

Friday
Crispy Salmon Bites with Chips
Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips (v)
Tuna Mayo Sandwich with Chips
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve)
Jelly with Fresh Fruit Salad

AVAILABLE DAILY
YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit
MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS
Leeds City Council



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 Ordinary Time

January is traditionally the month of beginnings – a time for making a NEW START. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about the two disciples of John the Baptist making a new start. They may not have known what John meant when he said 'Look, there is the Lamb of God,' but they knew what he wanted them to do: they had to start afresh and get close to Jesus. Once John's disciples got to know Jesus, they couldn't wait to tell their friends and share their joy with them. We too are filled with this same joy when we get close to Jesus and share the good news. Regardless of our past, God is always ready to help us to begin again. God invites each one of us to 'Come and See' – to make a **NEW START** with Him, each and every day.



"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." St Teresa of Calcutta

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times: 10am

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