#### St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 9th February 2024

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# Weekly News Headteacher's Welcome

What an interesting week it has been with our snow flurry yesterday. Thank you for your understanding and appreciation of the staggered finish as I know it helped ease congestion on the very icy Highcliffe road and reassured grandparents who contacted concerned about collection. My priority is always to plan the best I can for the safety of all.

We have lots of exciting learning experiences this week from:

Lego workshops to

National online safety day; where Mrs Walker joined Year 2 and our whole School assembly to

Nursery and Reception celebrating Chinese New Year with Mrs Ho. Thank you Mrs Ho for telling us all about the origins of the Chinese celebration and for bringing us a range of traditional foods!

We also had an exciting 3rd place win at the Panathlon yesterday too, well



done children for your hard work and brilliant achievements...although the journey back in the snow added to the excitement I'm sure you will agree!

We had a visit from Mrs Ward our Local Authority advisor, who came to see our delivery of Maths and look at the provision for our SEND children. She was exstremly impressed with the challenge through our ambitious, yet personalised curriculum. Huge thank you to all the staff for continuing to provide our chil-

dren with highest quality of education.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

See you on Monday 19th February at 8:50am!

Mrs Gibbons

#### PE days this half term - Spring 2

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: Thursday & Friday

Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4: Monday (swimming) & Tuesday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday
Year 6: Thursday & Friday



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## Dates for your diary:

School reopens— 19th Spring 2 half term Feb Y5 Saxon & Viking 21st

Feb

PTA event: Eys & 21st KS1 Sponsored Feb bounce

Eys/KS1 Songs 22nd with stories work- Feb

PCSO working 22nd with KS2 - keeping Feb safe online

Eys & Y1 Lenten 23rd fundraiser - bun Feb sale

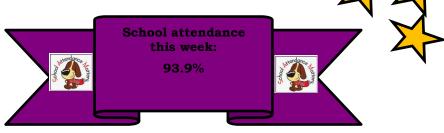
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PTA event: Jump 23rd inc Feb

Y2 Lenten fundraiser- name the Feb teddy.

#### Celebration certificates







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Nursery	Elsie & Hugo
Reception	Rory & Bethel
Year 1	Millie & Freddie
Year 2	Divit & Emily
Year 3	Matilda & Joseph Ha
Year 4	Isla & Joehan
Year 5	Frazer & Florence
Year 6	Nael & Nayher



## STEM Lego workshops

As part of Year 1, 2 and 5's Design Technology curriculum, children had the opportunity to combine Lego with computing to form structures. The children loved planning and making their own computer controlled mechanisms.





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#### Lower Key Stage 2

In Year 3 Science, we have been busy using scientific skills to explore the formation and differences in the main types of natural rocks through chocolate. We also explored fossilisation and the Mohs hardness scale. Year 3 certainly are rockstars!



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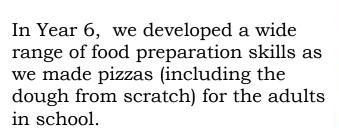
This week in Year 4, we have enjoyed

making our light up greetings cards in DT, designing emojis for Safer Internet Day and working hard on bar charts in Maths!

#### **Upper Key Stage 2**



In Year 5, we worked together to create an aerial tramway using a pulley system. We had to show resilience and solve lots of different problems along the way!









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## Dates for your diary next half term...

Monday 19th February – Back to school - school open for Spring 2 half term

Wednesday 21st February - Year 5 trip to Leeds Museum

- PTA event: Early Years / KS1 sponsored bounce

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Early Years, KS1 & Y3: Songs with stories workshop day

Friday 23rd February - Lenten fundraising: Bun sale led by Reception & Y1, 50p per cake

- PTA event: Jump inc. 6-7pm

Monday 26th February – Lenten fundraising: Guess the name of the rabbit led by <u>Y2</u>

- Year 5 Morley Library visit

Tuesday 27th February – Parents reading workshop, 9:10am (come and learn with your child)

Wednesday 28th February - Y4 Skipping Competition @ Mount St Mary's

Year 3 Morley Library visit

Monday 4th March - Lenten fundraising: Smartie tube coin collection led by Y5

Wednesday 6th March - Parents maths workshop, 9:10am (come and learn with your child)

- PTA event: Mothers' day shop

Thursday 2nd 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 11th March – Mothers' day liturgy led by Y1, 9:10am, parents & grandparents welcome

Thursday 14th March - Author visit 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

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Thursday 21st March - Inclusion coffee morning, all welcome

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9-10:30am: Stay and Play (Easter theme) across School

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 welcom

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



Can you spare half an hour on Thursdays?

Bring your child to Y6 classroom to help Mrs Gibbons & Mrs Green 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)

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

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School opens for Summer <u>term</u>

## PTA Update...

If you need a copy of the Jump inc consent letter or a sponsored bounce letter, these can be found in the letter holder above the weekly dinner menu, in the main entrance.

Early Years & KS1 Sponsored bounce is Wednesday 21st February 2024!



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## Academic Calendar 2023-24

End of half term Friday 9th February

Start of Spring 2 half Monday 19th February

End of term

Thursday 28th March

Start of Summer 1 half term Monday 15th April

School closed - May Monday 6th May

End of half term Friday 24th May

Start of Summer 2 Monday 3rd June

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Friday 19th July

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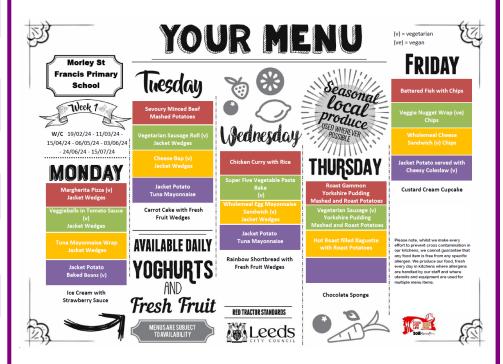
Inset days—

22nd & 23rd

School closed July

### School dinner menu - Spring Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 1) 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 & SENDCO

Miss Grayston
Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

### 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

One day a man who had leprosy came to Jesus because he wanted to be healed. The man knelt in front of Jesus and said, "If you want to, you can heal my leprosy." Jesus was filled with compassion and said, "Of course I want to." Then Jesus reached out to touch him and said, "Be healed!" At once the man's leprosy disappeared and he was healed. Before sending the man on his way Jesus said firmly, "Don't tell anyone about this. Just go and show yourself to the priest, and take an offering to the Temple as commanded by Moses, and everyone will know that you have been healed." But, instead, the man went and told everyone what had happened. This meant that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay

out in the country. Even so, people would still come to him from everywhere around.



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 10am

Weekday mass times: Monday 9am,

Tuesday - Friday 10am

Lord Jesus, please increase our faith in your love and compassion, and give us the compassion and strength to help us to care for all those who are left out. Amen.