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Religious News

In Collective Worship this week, we continued our exploration of the theme of Courage and looked at two different people from the Bible, Daniel from the Old Testament and Paul from the New Testament. We used the analogy of a small pin and a large balloon to compare how small things can be more powerful and to help us understand the significance of Daniel overcoming Goliath. We looked at the story of the Shipwreck of Paul to compare how both Paul and Daniel demonstrated courage in face of adversity, secure in the knowledge that God would be with them. In keeping with the events in the Liturgical Year, we looked at the story of The Baptism of Jesus and discussed how this was quite different to any Baptism which anyone had attended. Parents are invited to join us at our annual Education Service which will take place at 10am at St John's Church on 26th January 2020. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall in celebration of the event.

May the love of God flow through our hearts as long as we shall live.

Isabelle W and Jack

BRADFORD ACTIVE AWARDS

We are delighted that, for the third year in a row, we have been shortlisted as finalists for the Bradford Active Awards. This year, we have nominations for Active Schools, Active Workplace and Active Team where our Cross Country Team has been shortlisted. These nominations are, once more, endorsement of the work which the staff do, most of it voluntarily, for sport in school.

Unfortunately, this does cause us some problems in that the Awards Evening is on 12th March which was one of the dates which we had originally planned for our Consultation Evenings in March.

Due to the clash, we have decided to change both dates for consultation so that they will both be in the same week.

Therefore, the new dates for consultation will be

Wednesday, 18th March and Thursday, 19th March.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and we hope that this will give you sufficient notice to enable you to attend.

The letters regarding consultation will go out on **Friday, 28th February** and the system will go live that night for appointments.

Achievers Of The Week

As you are aware, resilience is one of our characteristics of effective learning and something which we are continually trying to develop in school.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates for demonstrating resilience this week:

Nursery: Louise S

FS2 Alice S, Ayla I

Y1 Freddy G, Noah M

Y2 Olivia P, Sam B

Y3 Ella A, Noah A

Y4 Ethan W, William S

Y5 Matilda T, Millie M

Y6 Ethan S, Tom Goodall

Our certificates will be awarded to children who demonstrate creativity next week.

VISIT TO THE MOSQUE

Both Mrs Dunne and Miss Firth were extremely complimentary about the excellent behaviour and interest demonstrated by the children in Year 2 on their visit to the Mosque on Tuesday. The children themselves found the visit really interesting and were very keen to share some new facts which they had learned on their return to school. Please encourage them to share these with you.

ATTENDANCE Week of 6th January

FS1am 97.14%

FS1pm 100%

FS1 (30)95%

FS2Q 99%

FS2M 92%

Y1S 97.33%

Y1P 98%

Y2F 98%

Y2D 98%

Y3W 96.33%

Y3FH 97.67%

Y4M 93.79%

Y4AW 99.33%

Y5B 98%

Y5G 98.28%

Y6V 97.67%

Y6B 94.14%

Our whole school attendance was 96.96%. Congratulations to Nursery pm and to 4AW who won the EYFS/ KS1 and KS2 attendance cups.

INTERNET SAFETY

Tuesday, 11th February is Safer Internet Day where children will engage in activities linked to furthering their understanding of the importance of staying safe on the Internet. Mr Van Der Gucht will lead Parent Sessions at 9.15am and 2.30pm on 11th February on the same topic. These sessions have always been very well received in the past. A letter about booking on these will be sent out next week.

SPORTING UPDATE

We had a number of children in action at a table tennis competition this week. This was the first time which we have competed in this sport and was made possible by the generous donation of a table from one of our parents. Such has been the interest and enjoyment in the sport, we have now ordered two more tables so that we can provide more opportunities for children to enjoy the game. Congratulations to the children who finished a very credible 2nd. Thanks, as always, to the generosity of the staff for giving freely of their time to make this possible.

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

As you will be aware, we are actively taking steps to try and promote the love of reading. Initial feedback from children on the opportunity to be read to at the end of the day has been extremely positive and particularly from children at the top of the school. 'When I am reading, I have to concentrate a lot and can't imagine what is happening. I really enjoy an adult reading to me, I find it very relaxing and I can imagine clearly what is being read to me.' (Year 5 Child) On interviewing children, we found that the children who particularly enjoy reading or being read to at home have routines in place and reading is part of the routine. We can't stress enough the importance of reading and ask you to continue to support our drive to promote reading and, particularly, the enjoyment of reading.

PTFA UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who came to the PTFA meeting on 13th January. The following events will take place in the Spring term:

24th January – Year 3 Bun Sale

30th January – all parents should receive a letter and a bag about Bags 2 School which will be collected on 30th January. Parents are asked to leave the bags outside the hall.

31st January – 'Feet Up Friday' for **KS1**. Following an evaluation of last year, this will only be for Years 1 and 2 and not as advertised. Tickets for this need to be purchased in advance and can be bought using the online system. For catering and staffing purposes, tickets must be bought by Tuesday, 28th January.

28th February – Year 2 Bun Sale

6th March – Advance notice that Feet Up Friday for KS2 will take place on 6th March.

20th March – Quiz Night £1 a head

27th March – Year 1 Bun Sale

The PTFA currently have £7055 in their bank account, which is a credit to all involved. We are delighted that the PTFA have agreed to donate £4000 of this money to support us buying some more new Ipads which have now been ordered. Many thanks to everyone for your support.

CALENDAR UPDATED

Attached to this newsletter, you should receive an updated calendar for Spring and Summer. A copy of this has also been placed on the website for your reference.