



## Religious News

Once more this week, we have used one of the parables to further our understanding of the Christian value of Forgiveness. This time, it was the Parable of The Unforgiving Servant which we looked at and explored what the message was and how it relates to our lives. We used a non – religious text on Tuesday to further explore the theme of Forgiveness. This time, we looked at a story called Jamela’s Dress where a girl promises to look after special material for her mum but in the end it is ruined. In our story, Mum found it difficult to forgive her daughter as she was disappointed and we likened this to how sometimes we also find it difficult to forgive people who upset us and do things which upset us. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at the events of the First Easter and trying to find examples of forgiveness. In hymns, we have started learning the hymns for our Easter services which will take place on 3rd April at 9.15am in school for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and at 10.15am in St John’s Church for Key Stage 2. All are welcome.

*“If you forgive others the wrong things they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you.”*

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE** As a school, we are continuing to keep the latest updates on the Coronavirus to the forefront of our planning and continue to review our operational strategy in light of the ever changing guidance. Teachers have continued to emphasise the importance of hygiene with all children and the need to use tissues. Please can we ask you to continue to stress these messages at home also. We continue also to ensure that we have sufficient supplies of soap, cleaners and toilet rolls. One simple directive which we have given staff is that they are not to shake hands with visitors at any meetings. Therefore, please be advised that, staff will not shake hands with parents at the consultations next week. We ask that you are not offended by this decision but recognise the reason why we have put this in place. We ask that all parents are extremely vigilant for any of the symptoms of the virus and self -isolate themselves or children if required, notifying us as well so as to help with any contingency planning. In the event of parents feeling slightly unwell or displaying any of the identified symptoms, please can we ask you to cancel your consultation appointment and staff will organise a telephone interview with you. All families should have received information about the VLE yesterday which will be used to set some work in case of closure. Further information will follow in that eventuality.

### Achievers Of The Week

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates for PE and Sport this week to coincide with our celebration of Sport Relief today:

Nursery: Leo T

FS2 Oscar P, Yago W-S

Y1 Jude R-K, Joshua F

Y2 Ted L, Louis T

Y3 Roman I, Isabelle K

Y4 Imogen M, Shankar K

Y5 Charlie R, Joseph H

Y6 Esther G, Lucy B

Our certificates will be awarded to pupils who demonstrate good problem solving which is one of our characteristics of effective learning.

### ECO COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Aided by two of our parents and Mrs McCaul, our Eco Councillors have been engaged in a number of eco activities recently. They have made sponges using recycled socks (clean), begun to make wax wraps (to replace cling film) and this half term the KS2 children are continuing to make the wax wraps. Yesterday, they launched the Clean Air campaign with details of a poster competition which will be judged at the end of this half term. The winning posters will be used for display around school.

## ATTENDANCE Week of 2<sup>nd</sup> March

FS1am 94.29%

FS1pm 94.55%

FS1(30) 99.17%

FS2Q 99.33%

FS2M 96.96%

Y1S 99.67%

Y1P 98%

Y2F 92.96%

Y2D 98%

Y3W 98%

Y3FH 98%

Y4M 96.48%

Y4AW 96%

Y5B 98%

Y5G 97.93%

Y6V 98.33%

Y6B 96.55%

Our whole school attendance was 97.35%. Congratulations to Y1S who, with 99.67%, won the EYFS/ KS1 cup and to Y6B who won the KS2 cup.

### ASSORTED

We have started offering out our places for our September 2020 Nursery. If you are interested in a place and have not put down your child's name, please contact the office.

The 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' day for Reception will now take place on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May.

The bun sale and Easter Egg raffle raised £240.07.

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Parents are reminded that the closing date for receipt of nominees for the Parent Governor vacancy is next Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### PTFA UPDATE

Feet Up Friday was once more another successful event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and thanks to all the staff who organised and ran the evening for our KS2 pupils. Thanks also to Nathan for preparing the food for the children. After expenses, the event raised over £550 which is fantastic – well done everyone! The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Thank you to everyone who entered the Art competition and the winners will be announced next week.

All families should have received information about the Quiz which will be run next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm. – Quiz Night £1 a head. Tickets can be purchased online. Raffle tickets to win a holiday will be on sale also at the event. 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Bun Sale

### SPORTING NEWS

It's definitely been a very busy time recently on the sporting front with lots of children participating in local and regional finals.

Thanks to Mr Scarborough for organising the tag rugby festival at Bradford Grammar on 28<sup>th</sup> February which was played in less than ideal weather conditions! On 6<sup>th</sup> March, we also took 2 teams up to Sandals for another friendly festival which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the parents for assisting with lifts as these are vital to ensure that we can enter more than one team in events. Can we ask parents to have a good search for school sports kit as we have quite a lot of shirts, shorts and socks outstanding.

A number of children were in action on Tuesday at a Tri Golf competition where one of our teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and the other team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done everyone.

Well done to the 36 runners who qualified to take part in the West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals on Wednesday. Mr VDG was extremely proud of everyone as they showed real resilience on a very challenging course. Well done everyone and special congratulations to Joseph H who has qualified for the national finals- what a fantastic achievement!

It was the turn of the staff last night to attend a sporting event with 10 of us representing school at the Annual Active Bradford Awards. This year we were proud to be the only school nominated in three different categories: Active School, Active Team – Cross Country and Active Workplace. Whilst we were runners up this year in all three categories, these awards endorse the work we do and are a real testament to the strength of PE and Sport in the school which is due in no small measure to the time which staff give freely to ensure the excellence and the many opportunities which are on offer.

Thank you to everyone who supported our celebration of Sports Relief today which raised £316.90. Well done to the children in Years 5 and 6 who led the activities for the children throughout school.