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NEWSLETTER: 22nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



Unfortunately, due to positive cases of COVID-19, and on the advice of PHE (Public Health England), we have had to close Nursery, Reception and Year 3

classes. The children and staff will need to isolate for 10 days and will be able to return on **Tuesday 30th March**.

Learning packs will be delivered to Nursery and Reception and on-line/Remote Learning, will begin for Year 3, on Tuesday 23rd March.

We understand how challenging these closures can be for families and we do not take the decisions lightly. School is continuing to adhere strictly to the safety measures in place, however, we cannot eliminate the risk of infection completely, we can only reduce it.



We appreciate all that our parents/carers and visitors are doing in adhering to the additional safety measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe. The wearing of face coverings and the one-way system, along with social distancing, will help to reduce the risks of infection for everyone. For

more information on our safety measures, please see the school website, <https://bsf-leeds.co.uk/>

FLEXIBLE START AND FINISH TIMES

Just a reminder that the school start and finish times are flexible to enable parents/carers to adhere to social distancing. Children can be dropped off anytime between 8:45am and 9:00am and pick up is between 3:15pm and 3:30pm Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 2nd April – Friday 9th April. Children return to school on Monday 12th April 2021.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

We are now entering the 5th week of Lent. This is a good opportunity for us to stop and think about how we want to spend the final stage of our Lenten journey.

Like a seed, we think about growth, change and transformation. In order for a seed to grow, it needs to be planted in the ground, it disappears to produce a beautiful plant.



In St John's Gospel, 12:20-33, Jesus talks about the earth and its goodness. He tells us that we will only become the fruitful people we are meant to be if we are prepared to change. Throughout our Lenten journey, we have been trying to weed out unhelpful habits to make room for good ones. Inspired by the Gospel and the story, 'Isabella is growing up', we discover the beauty of growth.

'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit'.



Dear Jesus,

You call me to keep changing, to keep growing into the fruitful person you meant me to be.

Thank you for loving me and looking after me so that I can grow.

Amen.

PARKING



ATTENDANCE: 15th – 19th March

Reception: 98.7%

Year 1: 98.6%

Year 2: 99.1%

Year 3: 98.9%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 94.8%

Year 6: 100%

Overall: 98.6%

↑ Up 1.3% on last week. Well done!

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97.5%

Congratulations to Years 4 and 6 who are our ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS this week!

BIRTHDAYS: 15th – 21st March



Congratulations to:

Joanna, Samuel and Nahid

SAFEGUARDING



There are lots of ways in which we can keep our children safe. One simple way is to **talk to them**. Ask them if they are worried about anything.

Please also see the link below to useful resources for parents/carers in supporting their children's mental health.

<https://www.mindmate.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/resources-for-parents/>

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please contact the school office to book and pay for a place for your child at Breakfast Club.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK: 3.15-4.15pm

With coach Suj,

MONDAY Sports – Y1/2

WEDNESDAY Football – Y5/6

THURSDAY Sports – Y4

YEAR 4 CLASS MASS

Year 4 had the pleasure of celebrating Holy Mass with Fr Timothy Whitwell, at St Francis of Assisi church today. The children were an absolute credit to themselves and the school, celebrating the Mass with reverence, respect and wonderful responses. The readers read with confidence and clarity.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS



It is vital that we have correct contact details for your child, in case there is an emergency, and we have to contact you. We should have at least 2 contacts on our system.

Please contact the office admin team to ensure your details are up to date.

If your details change at any point during the year, please ensure you let us know. Thank you.

MEDICAL/DIETARY INFORMATION



If your child has a medical condition, special dietary needs, requires an epi-pen, inhaler or any type of medication, please contact us, as soon as possible to ensure your child's records are up to date on our system.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*YOU are
Braver
than you believe
Stronger
than you seem
Smarter
than you think
& loved more
than you
know.*

Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support!
God bless.

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