



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

10th November 2017

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who attended parent teacher consultations this week. These are important meetings which enable us to celebrate your child's successes and also discuss next steps in their learning.

Congratulations to Mrs Hope and her family on the birth of Millie who arrived last Friday.

We also wish Mrs Woodland Wallis, who is unwell at the moment, a speedy recovery.

Please be aware that the school office is extremely busy as they are short of a member of staff due to sickness.

Read about the [Digital 5 A Day](#) initiative launched by The Children's Commissioner which is designed to help children lead healthy online lives



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Lucy and St Teresa with 99.3 % attendance. **Our whole school attendance was 97% so well done everyone for your excellent attendance, keep it up.**



Courtesy Cup

EYFS: Henry Cummings, Victor Solinski

Year 1: Ferenc Mayer, Lilly Nguyen

Year 2: Matilda Meskone, Xavi Nuez

Year 3: Deneisha Yung-Hoi, Joshua Jeyes-Ujoodha

Year 4: Ciara Marshall, Aaron Peter

Year 5: Chisom Mbadeke, Samuel Rutter

Year 6: Jasper Dumaran, Isabella Smyth

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting class St Matthew, St Joseph, St John, St Clare, St Bernadette, St Peter, St Paul and St Luke with 0 % late. **Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.3 %.**

Well done everyone for trying really hard to arrive on time.





The Feast of Christ the King Mass will be held On Sunday 26th November and the children of St Francis will be leading the service This Mass takes place at St Francis Parish Church at 9:00am. We are asking that all parents make a special effort to support the school and parish by attending this Mass with their children.

Bring Your Parent to Read

Come and join us on Tuesday 21st November to share your love of books with the children. This session is Bring Your Parent to Read with a difference...We are asking the children to choose an extract from their favourite book to read aloud to their class. So come along from 2pm until 3pm to help celebrate your children's love of books.

Grant me to recognise in others, Lord God, the radiance of your own face.

Amen



Prospective Parents Sessions

Prospective Parents Open Days 2017.

Applications for children due to start primary and junior school in September 2018 open at 9am on 6 November 2017 and close on 15 January 2018. If you are applying for a place at St Francis you will also need to complete our supplementary sheet which is available from the school office.

If your child is beginning school in September 2018 and you would like to visit us to look around and meet the staff and pupils please join us on Wednesday 15th November at 1.30pm or Thursday 16th November at 9.15am.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

Tickets are still available for the Christmas Quiz (£6) on Friday 17th November and for the Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening (£5) on Friday 24th November. Tickets can be bought via forms sent home in book bags or at www.pta-events.co.uk/fosf

Tickets are also now available for the Christmas Discos on Friday 15th December.

The Infant Disco runs from 3.30pm until 5.00pm and includes a snack for the children. They can bring their change of clothes to school and get changed in their classrooms; they will then be brought to the Disco by their class teacher. Infant tickets are £4.50 - this also includes a small gift to take home.

The Junior Disco runs from 5.30pm until 7.30pm, children may bring up to £3 for the tuck shop. Tickets for this Disco are £3.50. Water and fruit is provided free of charge. Tickets are available online for the discos at www.pta-events.co.uk/fosf - please note that the discos cannot run without sufficient volunteer chaperones and the events may be cancelled should we not have enough volunteers signed up.

There will be no tickets available on the door for discos, all children must be dropped at the school doors by a parent or guardian over the age of 18, the children will all be signed in upon entering the building. Contact details and emergency information must be given at time of ticket purchase, without this information we will not be able to admit your child to the Disco.

We thank all the parents and carers for their support in ensuring these fun events fun as safely and smoothly as possible.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December- please look out for further details in next week's newsletter!

Readers

St Lucy: Marley Rae Douglas
 St Ann: Nathan
 St Matthew: Maisie Denney
 St Joseph: Sam Santhosh
 St John: Adam Amarzouk
 St Anthony: Krystian Freyer
 St Luke: Eirwen Bana
 St Mark: Deborah Je Je-Philip
 St Paul: Ciara Marshall
 St Peter: Charlotte Ryan
 St Bernadette: Eduardo Pereira
 St Theresa: Luize Meskone
 St Clare: Niamh Ormond
 St Margaret: Eva Duran



Pupil Leadership

This week we hear from our deputy head boy and deputy head girl

Hello, my name is William and I am deputy head boy at St Francis Catholic Primary School. I was so happy when I was told by Mrs Blanden in assembly that I was going to be this year's deputy head boy and I just couldn't wait to be working with the pupil leadership team!

I am looking forward to greeting many of next year's reception parents in the coming weeks. I reckon with all the school's help this will be a brilliant year.



Hello, my name is Lily and I am proud to be deputy head girl at St Francis Catholic Primary School. I was overwhelmingly happy when I found out that I would join Mrs Blanden, Mrs Williams, Mrs Herron and the school council to improve the school in any way possible.

I am very much looking forward to the rest of the school year ahead of us! I hope with all the school's help this will be a fantastic year.



Children in Need UNICEF – Drinking Water for Africa



The School Council has decided that this year on Children in Need Day we will do things a bit differently. So on Friday 17th November we will be raising money for **Children in Need** and **UNICEF's Water for Africa** initiative.

The school council have come up with a number of ways to raise money throughout the day: The children can wear home clothes with spots or yellow colours for a donation of 50p.

We are asking children to bring donations of doughnuts to be sold at break time and the end of the day.

Our main event is a sponsored house team dance-a-thon. We are asking the children to get as many sponsors as possible (**friends and family only**) to sponsor them to take part in a whole school dance-a-thon in the school hall during the afternoon. Year groups will dance individually and the minutes will be recorded and totalled at the end of the session. All the children have a sponsor form in their book bags today.

No special clothes are needed, just trainers or plimsolls for the actual dance.

Year Two SATs Information Session

Year 2 Tests and Assessment Arrangements Presentation for Parents

We would like to invite you to attend an information session about the end Year Two assessments. All Year Two children are expected to participate in these statutory assessments throughout May and June. The purpose of the assessments is to provide the government, parents, the school and governors, information about individual pupil progress over time, and the schools performance against National Standards.

Mrs Rogers, Phase Leader for Year Two and Miss Page, Year 2 teacher will be running the session on **Wednesday 6th December at 3.15pm**

Please note that School photos will be taken on the 20th November 2017

Golden Ties: Saseth Namalarachchi, Nate Soni, Joanna Jomon, Natalie Freyer, Emelia Stockford, Etta-rae Gerald, Lucas Pastorino, Albert Bobby, Sophie Allen, Annalise Phillips, Julia Reis, Joseph Thomas, Class St John, Beatrice Lee, Donald Grainger, Louie Mateer, Emilia Samuels, Daisy Noble, Alex Anderson, Lee Shipley, Jasmine Izzard, Ruby Dalmedo, James Herron, Naoise McCorry, Cameron Beirne, Lily Sage, Charlotte Ryan, Esther Sonquit, Luize Meskone, Aran Noorullah, Jack Hoey, Patryk Struzik, Daniel Robinson, Georgia Finnegan, Ollie Martin Brown, Lucy Anderson, Jeswin Paulose, Diya Bobby, Reina Kurian, Grace Brundish