



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Please can I remind all parents and carers not to park across residents' drives or on the zig zag lines outside the school gates. The zig zag lines are designed to keep our children safe. We have painted 'zig-zags' road markings outside school for a very good reason: the safety of pupils.

**Do not park or stop even for a short moment on these markings.**

Any cars stopped or parked in the restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road. The children may not see approaching cars, and approaching motorists may not see the children.

**We all want to keep your children safe. You can help – keep the zig-zags clear**

## Reception New Intake 2018

If you have a child eligible to start school in September 2018 and have applied for a place at St Francis through the Local Authority system **please make sure that you have completed and returned the supplementary forms required by us as a Catholic School.** We are required to rank all applications according to our criteria and can only do this if we have all the evidence needed.

### Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting class St Margaret and St Peter with 0 % lates. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.7 %.



### Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Lucy with 98.9 % attendance. Our whole school attendance was 94 %.



## E-Safety

We all know that to many children online life is real life. The internet is like a magician's hat. It's full of exciting things to explore and children love it. But whilst they seem to know what they're doing, sometimes it's hard for us as parents and educators to keep track. To help us support your children to use and understand new technologies safely we are asking the children to complete a simple survey so that we can update our e safety provision. We are also asking parents to complete a Parent e-Safety questionnaire. This is being sent home today and we are asking for it to be returned by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The questionnaire is completely confidential. Please support us by completing and returning the questionnaire as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday.

Next week at St Francis School will be very exciting as we enter **Diversity Week** celebrating who we are as individuals and as part of our community.

Our aim for this year is to discover new ways to change little things in our daily lives to include everyone as best we can. We will be building upon last year's learning objectives, exploring the deeper meaning of our school and life values, reflecting upon visible and invisible similarities and differences, thinking about what understanding, inclusion and empathy mean in everyday life. The 'buzz words' for the week are our main school values - respect, trust, faith and joy, as well as harmony, inclusion, equality and forgiveness, to name a few. We have several visitors coming to school next week, including Pete the Poet from Somerset and a number of parents who will share their knowledge and talents in Chinese Art, Indian Dance, Romanian Story telling and the Pongal Festival.

Please pop in during our **Diversity Celebration** on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January** any time between **9.30am and 11.00am** and join us for the whole school **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday at 2pm**.

### Joyful Cup

EYFS: Leo Meston, Amelia Quiban

Year 1: Maya McPherson, Joshua Rojo

Year 2: Alisha Simpson, Thomas Carpenter

Year 3: Eva-Mae Oredin, Elysia Thapa

Year 4: Summer Rose, Malachy May

Year 5: Ayushi Thapa, Luize Meskone

Year Alfie Baker, Ophelia Ward



### Buster's Reading Club

EYFS: Sophie Dyer, Holly Roy

Yr 1: Jacob Witt, Alice Creigh

Yr 2: Valina Menezes, Matthew Cripps

Yr 3: Katie Walker, Summer Huckstepp

Yr 4: Vlasta Yarmus, Sara Reszka

Yr 5: Neha Jose, Cathal Nevin

Yr 6: Ashton Wallace, Jeswin Paulose

Dear Lord,

You created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of people in this world.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship,

and show us your presence in those who differ most from us,

until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in

our love for all your children

Amen.

## **Diary Dates**

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Diversity Week

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Diversity Celebration – School Hall – All parents invited to visit any time between 9.30am and 11am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Diversity Assembly – 2pm – School Hall – All parents invited to join our celebration

### **Diversity Week Celebration Fair**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January any time  
between 9.30 and 11.30 am.**

Come and sample some international food, see various traditional costumes and learn about different nationalities represented in our school



### **Diversity and Inclusion Assembly**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm**

Each class will share their favourite activity and tell us about what they have learnt and enjoyed most during Diversity Week



**Golden Ties : Jude Lee, Leyla Sevenoaks, Teddy Conroy, Charlie Winek, Ronan Land, Ealadh McCorry, Serena Crunden, Benjamin Ward, Harry Hubbard, Rhys Land, Alice Creigh, James Miranda, Alphonse Santhosh, Johan Roy, Matilda Meskone, Luca Winek, Krystian Freyer, Katie Walker, Zangi Kwambota, Kaisha Mroz, Sophie Holmes, Ehtan Moss, Gregory McNeil Filmer, Matthew Rose, Sadie Crunden, Sidney Hahnefeld, Sophia Jardim, Vlasta Yarmus, Finley Davies, All of class St Theresa, whole of class St Bernadette, James Grainger, Sydney McNeil-Filmer, Lily Stevens, Harley Williams, Reuben Todd, Ciaran Cooper**