



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Next week is forecast to be very cold. Please make sure you wrap your children up well to protect them from wind, rain and freezing temperatures. If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via the Kent Closures website. To determine whether St Francis is open or closed please visit [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk). Search for the school in the search box. The Kent Closures website can also be used to find out if other services in Kent are open or closed, such as nurseries, children’s centres and libraries. We also recommend parents sign up for SMS/Email alerts on the Kent Closures website. This service will send an SMS or email alert to let parents know if St Francis is closed. Parents can also listen to KMFM, BBC Radio Kent or Heart FM to hear if the school has closed.

## 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 St Bernadette with 0.0% lates. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 1.0 %.



### Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St John and St Anthony with 97.6 % attendance. Our whole school attendance was 95.3 %.



## YLA Visit to St .Francis



Last Wednesday St Simon Young Language Ambassadors from Ashford came to visit St Francis Language Ambassadors. We had a really fun morning with them. First, they joined us for Wednesday word Assembly and after that we played several diversity and identity games to get to know a bit about one another. For example, we played Human Bingo. This is a game where you have a sheet with questions like: 'Can you say Hello in more than 3 languages?', 'Are you a vegetarian?' or 'Have you said a prayer today?' The aim of the game is to write somebody's name to each question as quickly as possible and shout Bingo! We also talked about our visible and invisible similarities and differences and played 'Chase around the World'. We played outside for about three minutes but the storm chased us back indoors so in small groups we gave our new friends a guided tour around St Francis School. They loved it and said it was so huge compared to their little school in Ashford. After that, still in small groups, we discussed the role of a Language Ambassador and what our responsibilities are. We had lunch together in the Yr 3 mobiles and then learnt a special Indian classical dance from the Yr 6 girls. It was challenging but good fun. Some of the children from St Simon had never seen this kind of dance before and they enjoyed it very much. In the end we played a few board games but too soon it was time to say good bye. We had a fantastic time and now we hope to see the Language Ambassadors from St Simon School again in the summer term when we visit their tiny school in Ashford. We can't wait!

### Mission Cup Award

EYFS: Leyla Sevenoaks, Harrison Spiers

Year 1: Harry Hubbard, Millie Collins

Year 2: Valina Menezes, Matthew Cripps

Year 3: Oliver Meston, Finley Shaw

Year 4: Olivia Fisher, Isaiah Mujuni

Year 5: Ashley Watkinson, Lola Belle O'Connor

Year 6: Ninetta Soni, James Grainger



### Buster's Reading Club

EYFS: Adam Nowakowski, Adam Danowski-Neshev

Yr 1: Jacob George, Harry Pike

Yr 2: Preston Boorman, Juvan Kuriakose

Yr 3: Vanessa Chung, Jesus Dos Santos

Yr 4: Esmee Bartlett, George Delaney

Yr 5: Allena John

Yr 6: Davis Lalichan, Alfie Baker

Lord

As we ready ourselves to go out about our lives, help us to ready our hearts as well. We are grateful to be your children. Today help us to cultivate mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness, so that peace will be the message of our day. Amen

# The Great St Francis Bake Off



Are you any good at baking and decorating? Can you create a fancy bun or tasty tart? How about making some gooey chocolate brownies or a delicious Victoria Sponge!



**On Friday 9th February our Enrichment Day will become the Great St Francis Bake Off Day.**



All children are invited to bring a home baked cake, buns, biscuits or savoury treats to school. Finalists will be chosen by our School Council in the morning ready for an extravaganza judging event in front of all the children in the afternoon. There will be prizes for finalists and a prize for the overall winner in each category in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two.

**Please include photographs of the baking process to aid the judging.**



At the end of the day you can either take your baking home or donate it to our Great St Francis Cake Sale which will be held from 3.00pm on the same day in the school hall in aid of the NSPCC who will be working with our children next term at no cost to the school.



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultations**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Great St Francis Bake Off**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Friends Discos**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – last day of term three.**

**Golden Ties : St Lucy class, Nate Soni, Sally Anne-Strange, Leo Meston, Amelia Quiban, Holly Roy, Ayden Quarshie, Blaze Binu, Ashlyn Joseph, Isabelle Hick, India Buckley, Oliver Ebdon, Annalise Phillips, Ethan Szydluk, Johan Roy, Floyd De Villa, Donald Grainger, Lia Silva, Emily Allen, Zahra Leigh, Alex Tzanakakis, Vanessa Chung, Summer Huckstepp, Oliver Hick, Chiazam Mbadike, St Peter class, St Paul class, Mia Whitmore, Bethan Davies, Thomas Mills, Paul Bradley, Abigail Skylab, Mia Noble, Finley Nyholt, Auguste Brauklys, Daniel Freyer, Eva Duran, Noah Spice, Johann Ajish**