



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We are at the end of another term, it has been extremely busy. We have had our Key Stage One and Two statutory assessments and teacher assessments for children in years 1, 3, 4 and 5.

On Wednesday our choir enjoyed a wonderful day at Aylesford Priory with other Catholic schools from the Diocese. The children led part of the celebration with a wonderful liturgical dance and music. Well done to the children and thank you all for your donations and thank you to Mrs Sims and Mrs Cripps for organising the trip.

Congratulations to all our children who took part in a very special assembly on Tuesday with their families to celebrate making their First Holy Communion.

Today we welcome back our year six children after their week away on the Isle of Wight. A huge thank you to Mrs Herron, Mr Loynes, Mrs Stanley, Mrs Hawkes and Mr Dinsmore for giving up their time to enable the trip to go ahead.

We look forward to all our year six children sharing their experiences of visits and activities during this time with the school and their families at an assembly next term.

We hope you enjoy the break and return renewed, invigorated and ready for Term 6.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Baker who will be leaving us at the end of this term. We thank her for all her hard work at St Francis over the years and wish her every success in the future. We welcome Mrs J Cook, Mrs H Cripps and Mrs C O'Toole who have joined the support staff this term.

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting classes St Clare, St Bernadette, St Theresa and St Peter. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.5%.



Attendance Ted

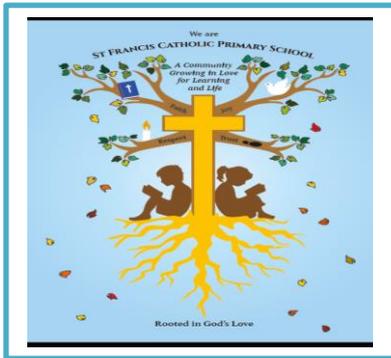


This week Attendance Ted goes to class St Margaret with 99.7 % attendance. Our whole school attendance was 95.8%.



Mission Cup

The Mission Cup returns next term



Buster's Reading Club



Year 1: Albert, Reece
Year 2: Benjamin, Lia
Year 3: Vanessa, Jesus
Year 4: Ciara, Kamile
Year 5: Jennifer, Georgia



Loving Father,
as we come to the end
of another half term
we turn to you in confidence
and place any difficulties
into the healing hands of Jesus, your Son.
Enable us to leave behind
any pain of the past
entrusting the past to your mercy,
the present to your love,
and the future to your providence.
Help us appreciate more
the need to keep a good balance
in our lives.
May the holiday be for us
a time of rest and recreation
to help restore us
and re-create us
in your image and likeness,
as we enjoy
more of the love and presence
of our families,
on whom we ask your blessing.

Amen.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

We are very pleased to announce that our fundraising efforts in support of the NSPCC have resulted in St Francis School making a donation to the charity of £1000. This money will be used to protect vulnerable children. Thank you to all our families who made such a fantastic effort in raising this considerable amount.

Year Six Leaver's Photographs



Please note that the school photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday 27th June.
Please wear winter uniform (white shirt/blouse and tie) on this day.

Year 6 Transition into Year 7 Dates

Saturday 23 rd June 2018	9.00 am to 12.00 noon	All Year 6 pupils will spend the morning at St Simon Stock Catholic School to complete Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs)
Monday 2 nd July 2018	4.00 pm to 6.00 pm	Year 6 parents to meet key staff whilst Year 6 pupils spend time with House Leaders.
Thursday 5 th July 2018	8.30 am	Year 6 into 7 Welcome Day, including lessons Periods 1, 2, 3 & 4.
	1.05 pm	Pupil/parent picnic until 1.50 pm.
	2.00 pm	Welcome Mass.
	3.00 pm	Pages Schoolwear 'pop up' shop.

Family Picnic and Sports Day

We are inviting you to join us for a family sports day on **Friday 6th July** (weather permitting). The infant sports day will take place in the morning from 10.00am, followed by a picnic for all the children at approximately 12:00pm on the field. Parents are invited to join their children on the field to share a picnic with them. Key stage two sports will take place after the family picnic at 1:15pm. All Children are expected to remain in school for the whole day.

There will be no hot school dinners on this day. If your child requires a school packed lunch on Sports Day you must return the form, which will be sent home with your child on Monday 11th June, by Monday 25th June. We will be unable to process any forms received after this date.

Can all children in Years 3-6 please wear a t-shirt that represents the colour of their 'house team' with their school P.E. shorts and plimsolls or trainers for the field. Thank you.

Please book this day into your diaries now so that we can make it a really special day.
(Reserve day is Friday 13th July.)

Please note – School closes for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 25th May. We reopen for children on Monday 4th June at 8.45am. Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for a busy term six.

Golden Ties:

Golden Ties return next term