



# **St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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**

**Don't forget that next Friday is the last day of term three. Children will finish at normal time. Children return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

## **Reception New Intake 2018**

If you have a child eligible to start school in September 2019 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.** These are available via the school website [www.st-francis.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-francis.kent.sch.uk) or from the office. 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 with St Margaret and St Ann with 0% lates. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.6%.



### **Attendance Ted**



Attendance Ted goes to class with St Anthony 98.1% attendance. Our whole school attendance was 94.8%.



## E-Safety

Thank you to Lola, Harry and Bethan, our Internet Eyes, for leading a very informative assembly on Tuesday morning, as part of "Safer Internet Day", explaining how to stay safe online by discussing any concerns with parents or a responsible adult and never giving away personal information. More advice and information can be found via the address here: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

## Love What Makes Us Different – Diversity



**Next week will be a very exciting one as we take part in our annual Diversity Week celebrating who we are as individuals and as part of our community.**

Our aim for this year is to think about 'hidden' differences, love what makes us different, and discover new ways to change little things in our daily lives to include everyone as best we can. We will be building upon previous years' learning objectives, exploring the deeper meaning of difference and 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. We have several visitors coming to school next week, including Bemix who are a group of people

*'...with and without learning difficulties and/or autism, working and learning together. Whether it's to be seen working, be heard campaigning or belong to a friendly group of people, people achieve their goals with Bemix. We live and work in Kent. We support people with learning difficulties and/or autism to speak up, make choices and become powerful and influential. We support them to gain opportunities and become more independent in learning, housing, work, health, money, travel, leisure and relationships. We support people to hear, respect and empower people with learning difficulties and/or autism. We promote positive action to challenge negative attitudes about disability. We work with local communities so that people with learning difficulties and/or autism become fully included and no longer segregated.'*

We also have African Drumming and Chinese Dragon Dancers. We are very grateful to a number of parents who will share their knowledge about Poland, the UK, India, Spain, Portugal, Romania, Venezuela, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Italy, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Nepal, Ireland and Nigeria

Please pop in during our **Diversity Celebration** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. **A timetable has already been sent to parents.**

## Mission Cup

EYFS: Clark and Adrijan

Year 1: Nate and Ronan

Year 2: Demi and Fabien

Year 3: Alphonse and Kacper

Year 4: Martha and Alan

Year 5: Jema and Thomas

Year 6: Ayesha and Elizabeth



## Buster's Reading Club

Yr 1: Leyla and Nathan

Yr 2: Phillip and Jewel

Yr 3: Johan and Luca

Yr 4: Finley and Eirwen

Yr 5: Ciara and Sophie

Yr 6: Chisom and Oscar

## THE TREASURES WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN; BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN ONE ANOTHER

God our Father,

In saying that you have written our names on the palm of your hands, you are telling us that each person is unique and special to you.

We pray for students and staff and families that we may all discover in ourselves the treasures you have given us, and develop and put to good use the qualities we hold in trust from you.

We pray and commit ourselves today, Father, to promote goodness and happiness, by treating others with respect and care and understanding. So may we help to bring out the best in one another.

Amen

## Diary Dates

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Diversity Week

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Diversity Celebration – School Hall – All parents invited to visit between 9.30am and 11am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friends' Valentines Discos

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## Golden Ties :

St Lucy: Lily, Sahasna, Alivia

St Ann: Lily, Danielus, Fearne

St Matthew: Sonny, Flory, Isla

St Joseph: Nathan, Abigail, Charlie

St John: Megan, Harry and Lucas.

St Anthony: Joshua, Archie, and Clara.

St Luke: Chloe, Imogen and Julian

St Mark: Xavi, Elena and Chukwuka

St Peter: Emilia, Zangi and Vaniah

St Paul: Ryan, Summer and Alex.

St Bernadette: Sophie, Ashiya, Daisy

St Theresa: Niah, Ciara, Gregory

St Clare: Aidan, Jack, Benjamin

St Margaret: Lucy, Jonath and Aaron