



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. The children look very smart in their uniforms. They have settled well into their new classes and are working hard. They are a credit to you and an asset to our school. We welcomed a number of new families this week and enjoyed meeting our new reception children yesterday. We look forward to working with you to make 2019-20 another fantastic year for all our children, families and the school as a whole.

Attendance Ted
Returns next week.

Punctuality Pup
Returns next week.

Mission Awards

In today's assembly we have spoken to all the children about our mission awards. The children have reflected on ways in which we can live out our mission statement, so we look forward to being able to award the children with special ties that represent each of our core values: **Joy, Trust, Respect, Faith.**

We hope you are able to share and celebrate with your children the variety of reasons for why they have been awarded a particular colour: **Joy**- yellow/gold **Trust**-blue **Respect**-red
Faith-green

Parent Volunteers for Reading

During the last academic year we were very grateful to parents who came in on a regular basis to hear children read. Please can any of those parents who are willing to continue this good work let Miss Killackey know as we are keen to schedule the reading as quickly as possible. We will only be asking volunteers to come in for afternoons this year so if you feel you can commit to a regular afternoon to help out, Miss Killackey would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

This year's school calendar is included with today's newsletter. If you require a paper copy please ask at the office and one will be provided. These dates do not include class and year group trips as these are planned through the year.

Please make sure you check the school website and newsletters for any updates or additional activities.

We do try to keep unplanned events to a minimum but sometimes opportunities arise that it would be a shame to miss even though we give a little less notice than usual.

Meet the Teacher Dates

During the week beginning 16th September you will have the opportunity to meet your child's year group team to find out general information about year group expectations, procedures and day to day routines. This is not an individual parent/teacher meeting. If you have any specific concerns please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher at a different time. Please see dates and times below.

Year R Monday 16th September 3.05pm

Year 1 Thursday 19th September 3.05pm

Year 2 Wednesday 18th September 3.05pm

Year 3 Thursday 19th September 3.20pm

Year 4 Wednesday 18th September 3.20pm

Year 5 Tuesday 17th September 3.20pm

Year 6 Monday 16th September 3.20pm

All children will be looked after in the library so that parents can attend.

Golden Rules

I would like to remind parents of the four Golden Rules of St Francis Catholic Primary School.

We will always use common sense, courtesy and consideration

We will always try our best and allow others to do the same.

- **We will show respect by looking after ourselves, others and school property.**

We will listen and follow adult instructions.

Please help your children to understand and appreciate the importance of following these positive rules by discussing them with your child and modelling them yourself.

Year Three Parents UFSM

The Department for Education only funds Universal free school meals (UFSM) for pupils in Key Stage One. Once your children enter Key Stage Two (Year Three) schools have to be paid for by parents and carers unless your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium. For more information about the Pupil Premium please speak to Mrs Corley, our Family Liaison Officer

Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfil Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in your name.

Amen.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10th September – First Class Photographs – Reception Children

Week Beginning Monday 16th September – Meet The Teacher – see timetable above

Thursday 19th September - Year 6 Parents Meeting Residential Trip

Friday 20th September – Non Uniform day

Thursday 26th September – Bring your parent to read

Friday 27th September – Pupil Enrichment Afternoon

Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October Diversity Week

Uniform

With the start of the new term, please make sure all children are looking smart. There should be no hair wax; gel; long hair must be tied back and earrings must be a small pair of studs only.

Secondary School Admissions

With the admissions deadline for entry to Year 7 in September 2020 fast approaching, *St Simon Stock Catholic Primary School* has some forthcoming Open Events:-

Open Evening:

Thursday 3rd October, 5:00pm – 7:30 pm



Open Mornings:

Tuesday 8th October & Thursday 10th October – 9:00am – 10:30am

Please find a link to the school brochure below:-

<http://www.stsimonstock.digital-brochure.co.uk/>