



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Thank you to the Friends for organising another really successful Christmas Fair which took place last Friday. It was lovely to see so many parents and children enjoying the stalls, refreshments and festive atmosphere – it is clear that a great deal of time and effort went into this event so once again a massive thank you to Kylie and her team. Next week is the final week of term two and there are a number of events taking place. Please make sure you check the diary dates so that you know what's happening and when. Please also check the school's website for any updates or changes.

The government's national schools performance tables are released this week. We are proud to confirm the successful achievements of our children last year. Information is at www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance



Attendance Ted



Returns after Christmas



Courtesy Cup

Courtesy cup winners return next year

Light Up a Life

Once again our school took part in the Heart of Kent Hospice Light Up a Life service of Carols and readings last Sunday. The children sang beautifully and were a credit to Mrs Cripps and the School. Thank you to Mrs Cripps for organising and attending the event with the choir. Thank you also to the parents and staff who were able to attend.

Punctuality Pup

Returns after Christmas



I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Collins, one of our parents, who nominated St Francis for an Axa Healthcare award. Her nomination was successful and Axa have awarded us a significant amount of money to help us improve access to learning for some of our children with additional needs. We have decided that we will use the award to buy a laptop to support learning in the classroom.

The Latin Group

To conclude our amazing Latin lessons, on Friday 4th December, Mr Ashton organised an exciting trip to the Maidstone museum. On arrival we were taken to a room full of real roman artefacts and armour. The guide was a woman, who was very nice, and she was the one who taught us about the historical items placed in the room including coins, chainmail and other various things. We had so much fun and even learnt two more Latin words. When we arrived back at school we owed Mr Ashton a great big thank you for an amazing year

Message from the Friends

- Please could we have donations for the raffles to be held as part of the infant nativities next week
 - Tickets for the raffle will be on sale before the nativities begin

Friday 18th December is the last day of term. The school day will finish at the normal times of 3:00pm for infants and 3:15pm for juniors. We are asking the children to wear Christmassy clothes on this day. In the morning we will be singing carols together followed by coffee morning – all parents are invited to attend.

Monday 4th January, the first day of term three, all children should attend school on this day.

St Francis Christmas Carol Service

On Thursday 17th December the children of St Francis will be leading a service of carols and readings to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. This event will take place at St Francis Parish Church at 7:00pm and will last approximately forty five minutes. We are asking that all parents make a special effort to support the school and parish by attending this celebration with their children. There will be time after the service to meet friends and enjoy refreshments provided by the Phoenix Youth Club. Please put this date in your diary now as this is an important service and we expect as many families to attend as possible.



Diary Dates

Monday 14th December – 2:00pm (raffle tickets on sale from 1:30pm) – Infant Nativity – in the school hall

Tuesday 15th December – 2:00pm(raffle tickets on sale from 1:30pm) – Infant Nativity – in the school hall

Wednesday 16th December – 1:15pm – children’s Christmas parties children will wear home clothes on this day

Thursday 17th December – 7:00pm - St Francis Carol Service led by junior pupils – St Francis Parish Church

Friday 18th December – 9:15am – Carol Singing and Coffee morning – School Hall – All parents welcome –

Buster's Reading Club
Returns after Christmas



Father, we are grateful for the kindness and generosity you show us every day and we ask that you help us to see those around us in the same way you do - as loved and treasured people. Conform our hearts to be like yours and activate our hands by your Spirit at work within us so as to participate with you in showing kindness and generosity to others today and every day.



Golden Ties
Return after Christmas