



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 both in Reception classes and across other year groups. We look forward to working with you to make 2015-16 a fantastic year for all our children and the school as a whole.

Included with today's newsletter is a document which shows the Mission Statement ideas that were generated at our Mission Day which took place on Friday 4th September. I would like to thank staff, parents, governors and Canon Luke and Father Peter for giving up their time and helping to make the day such a success. Please spend some time going through the ideas and send any comments you have into school by Friday 18th September when we will be deciding which Mission Statement best reflects the ethos of St Francis.



Attendance Ted

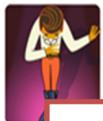


This week Attendance Ted goes to Classes St John and St Peter with 100% attendance. Well Done. Our whole school attendance was 98.4%.



Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting Classes St John, St Paul and St Mark who had 0.0% late arrivals this week. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.4%.



Courtesy Cup

Early Years and Key Stage One

AC:
JB:
ZK: Brendan Beirne
NZ: Neve Brown
DS: Charlotte Ryan
HR: Esmee Bartlett

Key Stage Two

JS: Elisa Rosina
KB: Jennifer James
BL: Johann Ajish
MH: Sterling Stone
KP: Jeslyn Kurian
JM: Jarema Gatkowski
DW: Isabelle Tillott
SH: Gilliane Vito

Buster Bug Readers

Readers of the week will return soon. A leaflet all about Buster Book Club is attached for further information.

Diary Dates

Along with this newsletter you will also receive the school calendar for the academic year 2015-16. This will give you the dates for all trips, meetings and information sessions already confirmed. There may be additional dates to be confirmed later in the year but you will be informed of these in due course.

Parent Volunteers for Reading

During the last academic year we were very grateful to a small group of 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 (our new leader for reading) 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.

Message from SG17

Just a reminder that after school football is on a Wednesday & after school multi sports will be on the new day of Friday until at least the new year. Both clubs will run from 3:30pm-4:30pm. The sport for the multi sports this term is basketball. Start dates, the sport for multi sports & any other information can always be found on the posters at the front of the school. It will run the same as previous years so once you have filled out a form you will not need to do so again for the whole school year (unless any details change). Money is to be paid into the school office by the first Friday back after each term ready to start the following week; this is so we can arrange registers and coaches. We always start back the 2nd week of each term. Forms will be handed out to every child in the first couple of days back. Any questions do not hesitate to get in touch - all details can be found on our forms. Thanks,
SG17sports.

Responsible Parking

I am sorry to say that we have already received complaints about inconsiderate parking by some of our parents when they arrive to pick children up at the end of the day. I received the complaint below on Tuesday 8th September.

It is with great regret that for the second day running I have witnessed careless and inconsiderate drivers parking across mine and my neighbour's drives. There is one car in particular which has used my drive this afternoon and my neighbour's yesterday to turn around and wait on it until there was a gap to move off.

I would appreciate it if you could remind all parents that people actually live here opposite the school and do not appreciate being blocked in or having their private drives used as a turning point. It is hard enough getting up and down Queens Road between 3.00 and 3.30 without this added stress from the minority.

We have always had a good relationship with the school, so I am quite disappointed at this latest occurrence.

We teach the children to always be courteous and considerate in their dealings with each other and adults and celebrate their efforts to do so. Our children learn best when we model the behaviour we expect of them so I would expect all our parents to be modelling this behaviour through courteous driving and parking. Please ensure you park in an appropriate way and do not create difficulties for our neighbours.

At our first Parent Café on 23rd October we will be discussing problems with parking, the car park and traffic during busy times and we are asking as many parents as possible to attend so that we can discuss these ongoing problems and hopefully find a long term solution.

Golden Rules

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

- **We will always use commonsense, 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.

Golden Ties

Martha Winek, Abigail Millaner, Anna Duran, Jasmine Izzard, Eva Mae Oredein, Joseph Rutler, Kamile Brauklys, Chelsey Temple, Luke Einosas, Olivia MacLellan, Teddy Kelly, Daisy Walsh, Neha Jose, Lola Sparks, Angela Santhosh, Ashley Watkinson, Sohum Gurung, Cathal Nevin, Charlotte Einosas, Conor Kiely, Finley Nyholt, Harry O'Reilly, Joseph Lake, Ophelia Ward, Madison Eldergill, Harry Kelly, Mateusz, Cecilia Aletor, Angelina Shaji, Konrad Cook, Arpitha Binu, David Burstow, Maisie Devlin, Maria Berry, Olivia Rutter and Tom Griffiths

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Message From The Friends

The Friends would like to remind parents that disco tickets for Friday 18th will be available for purchase at pick up on Monday and drop off on Tuesday or alternatively by form to be collected from the office (if paying via the office pleas have correct change). Volunteers are needed to chaperone this event. Please see The Friends noticeboards for details of other events coming this year and contact friends@st-francis.kent.sch.uk for any further information or to be more involved. Thank you for your support.