



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our families who were able to join the children, staff and governors at our Ash Wednesday Mass which was prepared by Mrs Hope's Year 6 class and marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Today we welcomed back Tom Middleton, the Paralympian coach, to work with some more classes across the school playing sitting volleyball. Tom also represents the Gurkha Welfare Trust for which our School community has raised a very generous grand total of £307.81. Thank you all for your donations.

Last week we had our annual Bring and Buy sale which is organised and led by our year six pupils. This year's event raised £438.61 to support CAFOD, our chosen charity in the Year of Mercy. A big thank you also to our wonderful team of Mini Vinnies who organised and sold a variety of delicious doughnuts and raised a whopping £135, as well as a further sum of £25 in the sale of Rosaries. So well done and thank you to everyone!

We look forward to your continued support at a number of upcoming events, suggested and organised by the children, which will include a cake sale and a sponsored event.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable half-term!

Courtesy Cup

EYFS: Braiden McGuinness and Louie Mateer

Year 1: Anna Duran and Jasmine Izzard

Year 2: Luke Einosas and James Herron

Year 3: Sofia Judd and Cathal Nevin

Year 4: Conor Kiely and Eva Duran

Year 5: Brooke Huckstepp and Evan Demery

Year 6: Madison Eldergill and Edite Spalvena



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St John with 98.4 % attendance. Our whole school attendance was 95.7%.



Buster's Reading Club

More Buster Reading Challenge News to follow in Term 4.



Lord,

We know how much you love us. It's hard for us to feel it sometimes, but we know your love is always with us.

Help us to use your love as a way to persevere in our Lenten intentions. We are weak, but we know with your help, we can use these small sacrifices to draw us closer to you.

Punctuality Pup

Punctuality Pup goes to class St Theresa with 0% lates. Our whole school lates were 1.1%.



Rosary Prayer in Lent

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to join the children in praying a decade of the Rosary every Friday morning between 8.45 am and 8.55 am in the school chapel.



READING VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to our volunteer reader helpers for their hard work; if you would like to join this team please give your contact details to the office, an email address would be welcome. I look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Killackey

Please remember that the school is not open until 8:45am and children should not be left before this time as there is no one to supervise them. We have had some incidents of unsupervised children running around and accidentally hurting themselves or others. Please make sure you supervise your children until the school gate opens at 8:45am.

We are asking parents to please be considerate of school staff in the morning by leaving the spaces nearest to the school free and by parking in the cage until it is full. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Diary Dates

22nd February 2016 – Term 4 begins.

25th February 2016 – Reconciliation Service for year 6.

3rd March 2016 – Reconciliation Service for year 3, Mother's Day Sale (3rd and 4th March).

6th March 2016 – Mother's Day Mass at St Francis Church at 9.00 am.

Golden Ties: Abigail Collins, Antonio Mendes, Donald Grainger, Ebubedike Uzowulu, Thomas Carpenter, Lily Steel, Anna Duran, Mark Quijano, Alex Mercado, Katarzyna Mroz, Lee Matthew, Aleisha Woolley, Eduard Bilboreanu, Sofia De Barros, Olivia Fuller, Leo Allen, Cameron Beirne, George Delaney, Lucy Cardwell, Jack Hoey, Ceira Wallace, Bethan Davies, Cathal Nevin, Luke Jestin, Charlotte Einosas, Raismi Raiju, Sivin Viji, Shane Paragamage, Darren Beirne, Abby Harris, Tia Mountain, Wayne Hormillosa, Brooke Huckstepp, Natalia Sharpe Martin, Brogan Welfare, Logan Bull, Isabelle Tillott, Joseph Pinto, Kristupas Strelcovas, Ayden Gillespie, Tim Thomas and Salma Toghzaoui