



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents

Thank you for your patience and support over the changes to the car parking arrangements. We have seen a significant improvement in the flow of traffic along Queens Rd with very little congestion between 2:50pm and 3:30pm. We have received a number of comments and suggestions from parents and we appreciate the effort that is being made to find an acceptable solution to the problems we face. We will continue with the current procedures next week and monitor the situation very carefully.

I have had a number of meetings with parents who are very concerned about the behaviour of children prior to the school gate opening at 8:45am and whilst waiting for older siblings between 3:00pm and 3:15pm. **Please ensure your children are supervised during this time and are not left to play on the paved area or the grass and that the older children remain on the school site prior to the gate opening if they arrive just prior to 8:45am.**



## Attendance



Attendance Ted goes to class St Bernadette with 100 % attendance. **Our whole school attendance was 97.3 % so well done everyone for your excellent attendance, keep it up.**



## Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting classes St Ann and St Theresa with 0 % late. **Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 1.1 % well done everyone for trying really hard to arrive on time.**



## Courtesy Cup

EYFS: Harry Cardwell and Thomas Carpenter.

Year 1: Joseph Arda and Neve Brown.

Year 2: Sophie Holmes and Jan Wolek.

Year 3: Angela Santhosh and Adam Aletor.

Year 4: Achilleas Burt and Lily Stevens.

Year 5: Mehrab Choudhury and Francheska Dalisay.

Year 6: Reuben Kurrian and Tom Griffiths.



### Diary Dates

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Friends' Christmas Quiz – School Hall – 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Pupil Premium Information Evening – 7:00pm – School Hall - *come and find out all about the Pupil Premium funding initiative – how it works, if your child is eligible to receive it and how the school uses the funding.*

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Isle of Wight Year 5 Parent information Session – 9:15am – School Hall

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Christ the King Mass – 9:00am – St Francis Parish Church

#### St Francis Christmas Carol Service

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

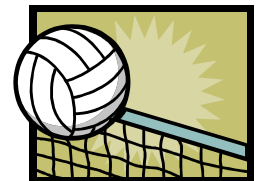


#### Year 5 and 6 Sports Teams

Trials for year 5 and 6 football and rugby teams will be taking place from 17<sup>th</sup> November until the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> of December (weather permitted) and are open to any year 5 or 6 pupil.

Boys' football begins on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Girls' football begins on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Boys' tag rugby begins on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
If you are interested in taking part please bring football boots, shin pads, a rain jacket or waterproofs.

Once the squads are announced weekly lunch time training sessions will take place.



#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS**

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE TEAMS AT THE WINE AND WISDOM QUIZ ON FRIDAY.**

**ALSO THE FRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF THERE ARE ANY LOCAL BUSINESSES SELLING GIFT IDEAS THAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A STALL AT THE FAYRE.**

**STALLS ARE £10 AND WE ASK THAT THEY DONATE A PRIZE FOR THE RAFFLE TOO.**

**IF ANYONE KNOWS OF ANY BUSINESSES THAT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE.**

#### Shoebox Appeal:

Don't forget to start putting together your shoebox on behalf of Samaritan's Purse for the Shoebox Appeal. Don't forget to include your £3 donation and we look forward to receiving your shoeboxes from next week. (Collection of shoeboxes from school will be end of November)

Tender Jesus, so meek, so mild; teach us to be like you in all our ways. Teach us kindness, gentleness, generosity, and to be giving, forgiving, loving and caring. Teach us to follow in your humble footsteps. Guide us to the place you want us to be. Mould and shape us into the brilliant beings we were always destined to become.

**Golden Ties :**

**Sasha Griffiths, Francis Basse, Aoife May, Poppy Carter, Daniel Pearson, Beatrice Lee, Olivia Cripps, Brenden Beirne, Oliver Meston, Matthew Gregson, Alan Jose, Emily Willets, Naoise McCorry, Francis Dalisay, Henry Miles, Summer Rose, Lily Sage, Isaiah Mujuni, Paul Medina, Lola Sparks, Mia Noble, Harrison Dinley, Thea Reuyan, Jack Shepherd, Ninetta Soni, Jeswin Paulose, Raismi Raiju, May Jun Ho, Shane Paranagamage, Faith Musendo, Brooke Huckstepp, Erin Manser, Alfie Holding, Apollo Booth, Leila Murphy-Powell, Mollie McCoy, Mia Harms, Madeleine Arda, Edan Harvey, Nayana Rojo, Etienne Huie-Miles, Rhiannon MacDonald .**