



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We come to the end of another busy week in school. It was good to see so many families represented enjoying and sharing books with their children during our 'Bring your parent to read' morning last Friday. Children across the school valued a wonderful day of workshops, presentations and an assembly led by Ten : Ten Theatre. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the assembly on this day. Well done to all our children in Year 5 Class KP and both our Year 4 classes for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm during their visits to Madginford Primary School and Maidstone Museum. We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible at next Friday's events, please see diary dates below.

### Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting Class St Theresa who had 0.7% late arrivals this week. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 1.1%.



### Visiting the School Site

It is with dismay that I have to raise a concern regarding a minority of parents who seem to be unable to observe the safety procedures in place in the school car park and risk the safety of our children.

Drive slowly with due care at all times on entering, when leaving and driving on the school site. May I also remind parents to be considerate of our neighbours and not create difficulties blocking driveways.

Please note that there are now specific parking bays for staff and visitors. Please do not park in bays which have been designated for staff parking. It is essential that staff are able to park without difficulty and spaces are very limited.

I also expect visitors to the school to be polite and courteous at all times and to all members of staff.

### Courtesy Cup

- EYFS: Donald Grainger and Alisha Simpson
- Year 1: Summer Huckstepp and Shayana Ghale
- Year 2: Sophia Nguyen and George Delaney
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- Year 3: Antonina Dettlaff and Cathal Nevin
- Year 4: Conor Kiely and Shane Parangamage
- Year 5: Arpitha Binu and Ines Del Val Vivar
- Year 6: Ryan Friend and Edan Harvey

### Section 48 RE Inspection

We are absolutely delighted to be able to announce the outcome of our recent RE inspection. Our school has been judged as outstanding in all areas and outstanding overall. A copy of the report was sent to parents at the end of March and is also available on the school website. Thank you for your continued support. It is only through working together in positive partnerships that we are able to ensure the best outcomes for our children.

## Buster's Reading Club

Class AC: Abigail Collins  
Class JB: Matthew Cripps  
Class NZ: Sidney Hahnefeld  
Class ZK: Niamh Humphrey  
Class HR/EA: Teddy Kelly  
Class DS: Charlotte Ryan



Class JS: Georgia Finnegan  
Class KB: Elizabeth Cooper  
Class MH: Davis Lalichan  
Class BL: Grace Brundish  
Class JMH: Angelina Shaji  
Class KP: David Burstow  
Class DW: Gilmore Carino  
Class SH: Etienne Huie-Miles



## Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to Class St John with 96.9% attendance. Well Done. Our whole school attendance was 95.4%.



## St Francis Catholic Primary School Garden – First planning meeting – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am

We would like to create a garden on a small area of the school field and we need your help to realise our ambition.

# Volunteers Wanted



CAN YOU BUILD A FENCE?  
LAY A BRICK WALL? CREATE A RAISED  
FLOWER OR VEGETABLE BEDS?

ARE YOU AN EXPERT AT DIGGING?  
LANDSCAPE DESIGN?

## WE NEED YOU

## Parent Drop-in - Friday April 29th at 9am

Parent drop-in and Coffee morning with Karen Brinkman from the KM Charity Team speaking about options available to help with the journey to school. Find out about how you can avoid the stressful journey and delays to school in the car caused by the continuing congestion and road works by using the Walking bus, Walk on Wednesday and walking Bug.

Join us to find out about rewards that the children receive when registered to use the walking bus.

Support the school's commitment to promote strategies to improve the health and well-being of our children by offering to walk one morning with other children and adults. After DBS checks you will be provided with a tabard and identity card. With sufficient helpers you may only need to commit to walk on one day.

## Prayer

Father,

We thank you for our school community, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in faith together.

We pray for everyone involved in our school that we may grow as the people you call us to be.

Amen

## Junior Sponsored Walk – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

During the school day next Friday, your child will have the chance to participate in the 2016 **Junior** Sponsored Walk. Sponsorship forms and a letter were sent home earlier this week.

The children will be allowed to wear their own clothes for this event, and families are being invited to come along and watch, access to the field will be from 1.30pm. Should poor weather mean the event is rescheduled – this will be announced via email in the morning of the event. The Friends will be providing refreshments for spectators.

All sponsorship raised from this event will go directly to the Friends' Playground Equipment Fund.

## Breakfast Club



There are now a few spaces available. Please telephone Mrs Corley on 01622 771540 for any enquiries. The Breakfast Club Policy and Application Form can be viewed on the school website.

## Diary Dates

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – St Francis School Garden – First planning meeting – 9:00am - Extension

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Parent Drop In – Walking bus – 9:00am – School Hall

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friends Junior Sponsored Walk – from 1:30pm – School Field

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School closed

## Golden Ties:

Braiden McGuinness, Fraser Dinley, Aoife May, Harry Roberts, George Phillips, Leon Blewer, Alex Gray, Mark Quijano, Olivia Cripps, Jasmine Izzard, Shay Wallace, Emily Willetts, Harriet Finnean, Olivia Fuller, Henry Mills, Sofia Addow, Cameron Beirne, Vlasta Yarmus, Luize Meskone, Mahad Islam Chowdhury, Mia Eldergill, Georgia Finnegan, May Kui, Samuel Rutter, William Creigh, Noah Spice, Ninetta Soni, Jacob Gayleard, Liliana Czapor, St Peter Class (for a lovely Wednesday Word assembly), St Theresa Class (for an excellent and enthusiastic visit to Madginford Primary for Schools Linking Network), Callum Washford, Francheska Dalisay, James Cooper, Tom Griffiths, Albert Delaney, Maria Berry, Amelia Cushing, Isabelle Tillott and Frank McGovern.