



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Once again may I wish you all a very Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school from everyone at St Francis. We welcome new children and families into the family of St Francis and hope that you settle in with us quickly and smoothly. We are looking forward to working with you over the coming terms and continuing the good progress that has been made so far. At the end of term two we said goodbye to several members of staff. Mrs Dray retired and we wish her well in any new endeavours. We also said goodbye to Mr Beirne and Mrs Mathews. This term we welcome Mr Dinsmore as our new caretaker, Mrs Wotton as our new assistant caretaker and Mrs Smith, our finance officer. We also welcome Mrs Martin and Mrs Thomas who are joining our class support staff. We hope they all enjoy their time with us and look forward to working with them in the year ahead. I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Williams has been appointed as permanent deputy headteacher of St Francis.

Reception New Intake 2016

If you have a child eligible to start school in September 2016 please don't forget to apply for your school place online through the Local Authority as well as completing a school form. The closing date for applications is the 15th January 2016.

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting class St Paul with 0.3% lates. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 1.1%.



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Lucy with 98.0% attendance. Our whole school attendance was 94.3%.



School Access

As a result of analysis of the impact of the closure of the school gate we will be reopening the car park at the end of the school day to allow parents access. However we are asking all parents to abide by the following:

- **If the car park is full visitors must not queue on the road to enter the site.**
- **Visitors should not queue on the internal approach and should leave the school site if no parking space is available.**
- **Parents and visitors must remain polite and courteous at all times and should not park in such a way that creates difficulties or dangers for other parents or children.**
- **Cars should only be parked in designated areas.**
- **When parking on Queen's Rd and the surrounding area parents must not park in such a way that it inconveniences our neighbours or puts other road users in danger.**
- **All visitors should leave the site promptly to enable access for all and not use the car park for anything other than St Francis school business.**
- **Anyone who cannot abide by this request will be banned from entering the site by car.**

These arrangements will be reviewed at the end of term three.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th January – Class Mass – Year 4 – St Peter

Courtesy Cup

Class AC: Liam Mateer
Class JB: Lily Steel
Class ZK: Deborah JeJe-Philip
Class NZ: Matthew Rose
Class DS: Mia Sage
Class EA/HR: Olivia Maclellan
Class KB: Neha Jose
Class JS: Caitlin Kendall
Class MH: Louis Davey
Class BL: Harry O'Reilly
Class KP: Katie Hook
Class JM: Eelan Vethavasagam
Class DW: Madeleine Arda
Class SH: George Cardwell

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders
of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

Message from the office

There are many reasons for parents and family members to enter the school building at the beginning, end of and during the school day. We would never want to make it difficult or uncomfortable for anyone visiting us but for security and safety reasons we must ask who you are and what your purpose is for visiting so please don't be offended when we ask for information, it is part of our safeguarding procedures and we are simply keeping your children, staff and other visitors safe from potential harm.

Golden Ties : Braiden McGuinness, Chloe Allen, Abigail Collins, Benajamin Woolley, Brandon Borlaza, Isabelle Rolland, James Gibson, Eirwen Bana, Martha Winek, James Carpenter, Maisie McNelis, Shay Wallace, Thomas Knowles, Kamile Brauklys, Naoise McCorry, James Herron, Vlasta Yarmus, Oscar Cushing, Aimee Pearson, Ashton Taylor, Sofia Simmons, Elisa Rosina, Jerome Kurian, Ronik Rai, Ciaran Cooper-Hayden, Ashton Wallace, Reina Kurian, Eva Duran, Lillie Jones, Ben Herron, Wayne Hormillosa, Bianca Manolache, Leah Lewis, Tessa Rojo, Shania Fisher, Kent Cordez, Joshua Tuazon, Edan Harvey, Ben Bowden-Brown, Etienne Huie-Miles, Isadora Watson and Cian Slattery.