



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This will be the final newsletter for this academic year. It has been a very busy year and this week is no exception. We had the first whole school Day of Reflection at Aylesford on Monday which was a truly wonderful event. The children behaved impeccably despite the hot, sticky weather. On Wednesday the year 6 pupils had their leaving party. They all looked very well turned out and grown up, they are definitely ready for the move to Secondary education. The Leavers' Mass is today. I would like to thank all our parents, friends and governors for their continued hard work and support. Staff would like to say thank you for all the gifts and kind words that you have given them this year and particularly over the last days. On a personal note I would like to thank all the parents for your support and kindness during a very difficult year. I would also like to thank the staff and pupils of St Francis for their resilience, commitment and outstanding efforts this year. Enjoy the break (let's hope the weather remains fair) and come back refreshed and ready for a fantastic 2016-17.

Attendance



Attendance Ted returns next year

Punctuality Pup

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Courtesy Cup

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Please note children return to school on Monday 5th September 2016

A big "Thank You" to all our reading volunteer helpers, thank you for your continued dedication and support. Thank you to all those who have donated books, it is really helping to re-stock our book shelves and please keep on donating. Thank you.

To our children....Have some fun and "Join the Summer Reading Challenge"

Please encourage your child to do the Summer Reading Challenge

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library and then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find [new books to read](#), take part in [competitions](#) and play [games](#).

STOP PRESS!

Congratulations to the editorial team of the new St Francis Newspaper. The first edition was published yesterday and sold out within hours. More copies are being printed and will be available for the very reasonable price of 50p. Please ask the office if you would like a copy.

Congratulations to the members of the team: from year 4

Conor, Eva, Lily, Liliana and from year 5 Eve and Ines.



Staff Changes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to a number of members of staff at the end of term. Some have been with us a long time and some only joined us recently but all have left special memories.

- We wish Cripps well in her retirement.
- We wish Mr Smith well in his new teaching post at an International school in Thailand.
- We wish Mr Fullagar well in his new post.
- We also wish Mrs Walker well as she begins her maternity leave. I'm sure she will visit once the baby arrives.

We will be welcoming new members of staff in September - Mrs Herron, Miss Young and Miss Holland will be joining the teaching staff and we look forward to working with them in the coming months and years.

God we pray:

May you who leave this place:

Take with you every blessing you have received here:

Blessings of friendship

Blessings of memories

Blessings of knowledge

And may you who leave here today to begin a new journey, leave us your blessing; your uniqueness, the mark you leave on this place that is only you.

Amen

Medical Office Notice

All inhalers should go home with your children today. Please check all inhalers are in date before returning them to school in September.
Any other medicines will need to be collected from Reception today.

May you all be refreshed this summer, Teachers, Pupils, Support Staff, and parents,

*So when term begins again,
You may all meet new challenges, new places, new people,
with a bright and cheerful heart.*

So we pray that all may grow and learn to live with Love.

May God bless you all this day and through all the days to come. Amen.

