



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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## Attendance Ted



This week Attendance Ted goes to Class St John, attendance was 98.6 %. The whole school attendance figure for the week was 96.4 %.



## Courtesy Cup

EYFS: - Megan Crayford, Alice Creigh

Year 1: Anaya Peiris, Imogen Lee

Year 2: James Carpenter, Joseph Avda

Year 3: Blessing Musendo, Cameron Beirne

Year 4: Jerome Kurian, Pearl Woolley

Year 5: Ophelia Ward, Charlotte Eimosas

Year 6: Joel Thomas, Saffia Meflah

## Punctuality Pup

Punctuality Pup will be looked after by class St Lucy, St Matthew and St Luke who all had 0.7 % late arrivals this week. The whole school late's for the week was 2.3 %.



## First Holy Communion Programme

If any parent has a query regarding the programme please contact the group catechist or email the parish office at:

[communionprog@stfrancisparish.org.uk](mailto:communionprog@stfrancisparish.org.uk)

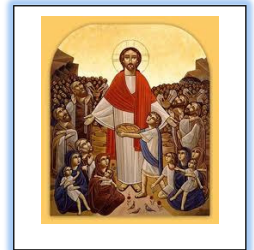
The school is unable to deal with any queries.

## Most Improved Readers

St Lucy: Maddison Keenor  
St Ann: Ferenc Mayer  
St Matthew: Benjamin Woolley  
St Joseph: Alphonse Santhosh  
St John: Wiktor Struzik  
St Anthony: Emilia Samuels  
St Luke: Henry Mills  
St Mark: Manuel Del Val Viva  
St Paul: Luke Jestin  
St Peter: Antonina Dettlaf  
St Bernadette: Achilleas Burt  
St Theresa: William Creigh  
St Clare: Joseph McBride  
St Margaret: Leila Murphy-Powell

## Prayer

Incarnate God,  
You taught us to speak out for what is  
right.  
Make us content with nothing less than a  
world  
that is transformed into the shape of  
love,  
where poverty shall be no more.  
Amen



## Sponsored Activities Fundraising for Cafod - Friday 14th October

Thank you to everyone for your amazing response to our fundraising event today. The children were fantastic and really got involved in the activities. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us to walk with and cheer the children on. Thank you to Mrs Sims for organising the event and ensuring it took place without any problems. Please do as much as you can to collect sponsor money over the next week so that we can get as close to our target as possible and help Cafod to provide a health centre for a community in desperate need.

Cafod does an amazing job in helping adults and children who find themselves in extremely difficult circumstances due to both natural and man-made catastrophes. In Rerum Novarum Pope Leo wrote that it is the Church's '*desire is that the poor should rise above poverty and wretchedness, and should better their condition in life; and for this it strives*'. As a Catholic community we must join the Church in striving to help those suffering 'poverty' in its many forms.

A big thankyou to all our children and families – you do so much to help the local and wider community and we are very proud to be part of such a giving family.

### **Message from The Friends...**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be collecting donations for our school? We have registered with easyfundraising who have over 3000 shops and sites waiting to donate whenever you spend - and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1 - Head to

<https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfranciscatholicpri maryschoolmaidstone/> and join for free.

2- Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3- After you have checked out, the retailer will make a donation to our school.

There are no catches or hidden charges, and every donation will benefit our children.

The Friends of St Francis present...

### **The Copper Pot Project**

This term every class has been provided with a pot and asked to fill it with loose change, this can be copper coins, foreign currency left over from holidays, all donations are welcome. The idea behind this is to show the children that donations of all sizes can make a difference and benefit our school community. The pots will be counted over the October Holiday. The class that raises the most will be awarded a prize.

We thank you for your support.

**Eurostar Raffle** Mrs Martin will be selling raffle tickets for our 'Year of Mercy' charity. Tickets are £1 each -1st Prize = Eurostar Return ticket for 2 to Paris, Lille or Brussels valid until 1/08/17; 2nd Prize = Tub of Chocolates. If you would like to purchase any tickets please send payment in your child's book-bag, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with Eurostar Raffle and their name and class. Raffle tickets will be drawn on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Individual and Family photographs

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Bring Your Parent to Read – 2.30pm – 3.00pm – Classes

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Assembly – 9.30am – School Hall

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – End of Term One – Please note that children do not return to school until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Golden Ties:** Lucas Pastorino, Ferenc Mayer, Layla Speirs, Francis Bassey, Jasmine Izzard, Maisie McNelis, Shayana Ghale, Eva-Mae Oredein, Finley Shaw, Katie Walker, Oscar Cushing, Aaron Peter, Ryan Moss, Summer Rose, Anna Allen, Gregory McNeil-Filmer, Ronik Rai, Bethan Davies, Sohun Gurung, St Peters Class, Harry O'Reilly, Guy Osment, Lily Stevens, Jubin Kuriakose, Liliana Czapor, Nicholas Mayos, Konrad Cook, James Cooper, Joel Thomas, Harrison Holmes, Keira Hastings, Scarlett Reed