



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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## Attendance Ted



This week Attendance Ted goes to Class St Peter, attendance was 99.3 %. The whole school attendance figure for the week was 96.9%.



## Courtesy Cup

EYFS: -

Mia McKenzie and Isabelle Huck

Year 1:

Poppy Carter and Juvan Kuriakose

Year 2:

Joseph Rutter and Oliver Meston

Year 3:

Jan Wolek and Sofia DeBarros

Year 4:

Patryk Struzik and Elizabeth Cooper

Year 5:

Jeswin Paulose and Eva Duran

Year 6:

Tessa Rojo and Isaiah Tayag

## Punctuality Pup

Punctuality Pup will be looked after by classes St Ann and St Bernadette who had 0% late arrivals this week. The whole school late's for the week was 0.9 %.



## 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.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to May Jun Ho who has been selected to be part of British Gymnastics Rhythmic Espoir Squad.



British  
Gymnastics  
More than a sport

## **Child Safety**

Last Friday two residents and several of our parents reported seeing a dark hatchback car pull up on the opposite side of the road to the school; the driver and passenger allowed a young pupil, possibly year one or year two, to get out of the car and cross Queen's Rd by themselves. A serious accident was only narrowly averted after the driver of a moving car saw the child at the last minute and had to act to prevent them hitting the child.

Please make sure you cross the road with your child to ensure they cross safely and to prevent any accidents.

## **Prayer**

Lord God

You have promised us that if we have faith, we can achieve the seemingly impossible; because through You we know all things are possible.

Help us to live out our faith, and equip us to do all that you call us to do; so that we live lives that reflect you back to the world.

Amen



## **Morning Drop Off**

Please can I remind you that the school gate opens at 8.45am. Prior to this time we cannot supervise the children. Some children are arriving earlier and earlier and are treating the waiting area by the gate as a playground. Children who arrive before 8.45am should be supervised at all times by the adult dropping them off. On Wednesday an accident was caused by several of the older children running around and playing with water bottles, one was thrown and hit another child in the chest.

## **Walk to School / Buster Reading Challenges**

Well done to Year 3 for winning our walk to school challenge; 44 out of 57 children walked to school.

Class St Claire won the Buster Reading challenge with almost 1300 minutes read; each child won a ticket to The Canterbury Tales.

Well done.

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

As you are aware, St Francis School is fund raising for CAFOD during this 'Jubilee Year of Mercy.' CAFOD is an integral part of the Catholic Church and we as a school share their values of helping some of the world's poorest people. Our goal is to raise £4,000 towards the running of a medical centre.

We are now preparing for our biggest fund raiser event so far, which we hope will take us closer to our goal.

Children will be able to choose from one of 3 activities which we hope will be supported through sponsorship by family and friends. We will be holding a sponsored walk around the field, or children may choose skipping or hula hooping on the playground. Parents may wish to join their children and take part in these activities on the day by making a donation themselves.

Mrs Hawkes has kindly donated an amazon fire 7" tablet, kids edition. This will be presented to the child that collects the most sponsorship money.

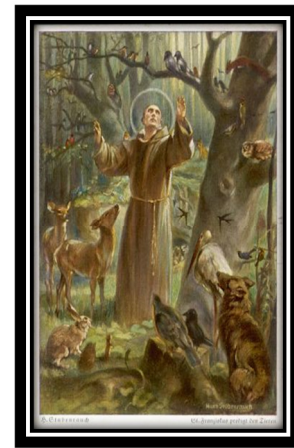
This event will take place on Friday 14th October and will begin at 1.30pm. Children will be able to wear their own home clothes and will also need to bring a rain mac or a hooded coat. Please also ensure that foot wear is suitable for all weather as the field can become very muddy. Children may bring in money to buy snacks which will be available after their activity.

We hope that you will support your children with this initiative, who in turn will be supporting the good works of CAFOD. [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

**Please support your child in our efforts to achieve our fundraising goal. Please be sure to check your child's book back for a sponsorship form.**

## The Feast of St Francis

On Wednesday we celebrated St Francis Feast Day with Mass in the morning followed by coffee and cake for parents and staff and ice creams for the children. Thank you to the Year Four staff and children for leading the first whole school Mass of the year. It was a lovely celebration of our special Saint. Thank you to the Friends for serving teas and coffees and also for organising the ice creams for the children, and finally a happy (belated) St Francis Day to all our friends and families



### 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/stfranciscatholicprimaryschoolmaidstone/> 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

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Friends Calendar 2016-17 – children to dress for their birthday month**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Yr6 KS2 SATs Information meeting @ 3:30pm – School Hall**

**Friday 14th October – Whole School Fundraising for CAFOD**

### Golden Ties

Julia Reis, Jacob Witt, Kiran Pallaram, Amelia Zajac, Nicholas Shorter, Benjamin Ward, Liam Mateer, Izabele Mikstaite, Chloe Allen, Abigail Collins, Valina Menezes, Skye Lucas, Alex Anderson, Sadie Crunden, Brandon Griffiths, Neve Brown, Daisy Noble, Alex Tzanakakis, Francis Dalisay, Olivia Fuller, Jesna Paulose, Mervyn Boadi, Olivia Maclellan, Naoise McCorry, Class MH, Antonina Dettlaff, John Furigay, Benjamin George, Alfie Baker, Jacob Gayleard, Mary Preposi, Conor Kiely, Annmaria Prince, Raismi Raiju, Angelina Shaji, Shania Fisher, Malik Lansanah, Bruna De Melo, Brooke Huckstepp and Wayne Hormillosa.