



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

11th November 2016

Dear Parents

I have had a number of meetings with parents who are very concerned about the behaviour of children prior to the school gate opening at 8:45am and whilst waiting for older siblings between 3:00pm and 3:15pm. **Please ensure your children are supervised during this time and are not left to play on the paved area or the grass and that the older children remain on the school site prior to the gate opening if they arrive just prior to 8:45am.**



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Bernadette with 100% attendance. **Our whole school attendance was 95.6% so well done everyone for your excellent attendance, keep it up.**



Courtesy Cup

EYFS: Lilly Nguyen, Oliver Ebdon

Year 1: Julian Peter, Abigail Johnson

Year 2: Lee Matthews, James Gibson

Year 3: Rowan Ezhil Sankar, Henry Mills

Year 4: Mia Whitmore, Denzel Adama

Year 5: Reuben Todd, Diya Bobby

Year 6: Ines Del Val Vivar, Leah Lewis

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting class St Luke with 1.1 % late. **Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 2.3 % well done everyone for trying really hard to arrive on time.**



Diary Dates

Monday 14th November – Topic Week

Tuesday 15th November – Prospective Parents Open Afternoon – School Hall - 1.30pm

Friday 18th November – Parent Celebration of Topic Week Activities – Classrooms – 9.30am – 10.30am

Friday 18th November – Children in Need Day

Friday 18th November – Friends Quiz Night – School Hall – 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Sunday 20th November – Feast of Christ the King Mass – St Francis Church – 9.00am



The Feast of Christ the King Mass will be held On Sunday 20th November and the children of St Francis will be leading the service This Mass takes place at St Francis Parish Church at 9:00am and will last approximately forty five minutes. We are asking that all parents make a special effort to support the school and parish by attending this Mass with their children. Letters will be sent home today asking for pupil volunteers to help lead the Mass. Please return the slips as soon as possible and by Tuesday 15th November to enable us to organise the Mass in good time.

Topic Celebration

Come and join our topic week celebration and find out about all the different types of learning the children will be experiencing next week. We will have singing, dancing, clay work, painting, drama and all sorts of exciting work to share with you. So come along from 9.30am until 10.30am to help celebrate your children's learning.

Grant me to recognise in others, Lord God, the radiance of your own face.
Amen



A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE TEAMS AT THE WINE AND WISDOM QUIZ NEXT FRIDAY.

DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT FREE DONATIONS WITH EASYFUNDRAISING WHEN YOU DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE! WITH OVER 3,000 RETAILERS TO CHOOSE FROM, YOU'LL FIND ALL THE STOCKING FILLERS YOU NEED THIS CHRISTMAS. SIGN UP TODAY, IT'S QUICK AND EASY:

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Please note timings for the Children's Christmas Discos are 3.30-5pm for the infants and 5.30-7.30pm for the juniors

Shoebox Appeal:

Don't forget to start putting together your shoebox on behalf of Samaritan's Purse for the Shoebox Appeal. Don't forget to include your £3 donation and we look forward to receiving your shoeboxes from next week. (Collection of shoeboxes from school will be end of November)

Most Improved Readers

To Be Advised next week..

St Lucy:

St Ann:

St Matthew:

St Joseph:

St John:

St Anthony:

St Luke:

St Mark:

St Paul:

St Peter:

St Bernadette:

St Theresa:

St Clare:

St Margaret:

Pupil Leadership

Congratulations to our pupil leaders for 2016-17. These children were voted for by staff and pupils after a rigorous selection process during which each applicant made a speech in front of the whole school. All the children did very well and are a credit to their parents.

We look forward to working with our pupil leaders in a number of ways including making presentations to prospective parents, attending senior leadership team meetings, meeting and talking to visitors and presenting assemblies.

Head Boy: Joel Thomas

Head Girl: Angelina Shaji

Deputy Head Boy: James Cooper

Deputy Head Girl: Bruna Andrade De Melo

Children in Need

On Friday there will be a variety of fundraising events to help raise money for this year's Children in Need. Some of our year 6 girls will be selling home-made bows, small pillows, tee-shirts for teddy bears, small bags and small blankets. We are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a superhero or in home clothes including something yellow, for a donation of 50 pence per child (or more if you would like to donate more). Please send your child into school with some coppers with which to cover Pudsey Bear. There will also be a cake sale at the end of the day with cakes donated by school staff.

Golden Ties: Leon Blewer, Harry Cardwell, Matilda Meskone, Oliver Otway, Braiden McGuinness, Elena Warchol, Martha Winek, Summer Huckstep, Joshua Jeyes, Kyra Stokes, Joseph Arda, Abigail Millaner, Lily Sage, Ehizojie Igwubor, Kamile Brauklys, Sara Reszka, Daisy Walsh, Teddy Kelly, Thomas Mills, Elisa Rosina, Samuel Rutter, Paul Bradley, Lola Sparks, Neha Jose, Ophelia Ward, Ben Herron, Ciaran Cooper-Hayden, Alice Marshall, Lucy Anderson, Darren Beirne, Joseph Hill, Leila Murphy-Powell, Jarema Gatkowski, Joseph McBride, Mehrab Islam Chowdhury, Katherine Hook