



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We wish you all a belated 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 Mitchelhill has decided to leave us and we wish her well in any new endeavours she undertakes. This term we welcome Mr Bickmore as a new teaching assistant in year 4. We hope he enjoys his time with us and we look forward to working with him in the year ahead.

Reception New Intake 2017

If you have a child eligible to start school in September 2017 and have applied for a place at St Francis through the Local Authority system **please make sure that you have completed and returned the supplementary forms required by us as a Catholic School.** We are required to rank all applications according to our criteria and can only do this if we have all the evidence needed.

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting class St Clare with 0 % lates. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 1.0 %.



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Clare with 95.7% attendance. Our whole school attendance was 93.7%.



Next week at St Francis School will be very exciting as we enter **Diversity Week** celebrating who we are as individuals and as part of our community.

Our motto for this year is to share our similarities, celebrate our differences. We will be building upon last year's learning objectives, exploring the deeper meaning of our school and life values, reflecting upon visible and invisible similarities and differences, thinking about what understanding, inclusion and empathy mean in everyday life. The 'buzz words' for the week are our main school values - respect, trust, faith and joy, as well as harmony, inclusion, equality and forgiveness, to name a few.

We have several visitors coming to school next week, including Jim Bernardin from World Music, Paul Smith with his guide dog Pedro from the Maidstone Guide Dogs Charity and also many parents sharing their experiences, talents and knowledge.

Please pop in during our **International Morning** on **Thursday 26th January** any time between **9.30 - 11.00** and join us for the whole school **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday at 2pm**.

On **Friday 27th January** – children can come to school in their traditional or home clothes and bring 50p for the Maidstone Guide Dogs Charity.

Diary Dates

W/B 23rd January 2017 – Diversity Week

Wednesday 25th January – Year 4 Mass – School Hall – Year 4 parents invited to attend

Friday 27th January – Diversity Assembly – 2pm – School Hall – All parents invited to join our celebration

Courtesy Cup

EYFS: Angela Gonzales, Rhys Land

Year 1: Alvin John, Matilda Meskone

Year 2: James Carpenter, Thomas Carpenter, Matthew Gregson

Year 3: Leo Allen, Teddy Kelly, Kamile Brauklys

Year 4: Patryk Struzik, Elizabeth Cooper, Angela Santhosh

Year 5: Philipose George, Annmaria Prince, Conor Kiely

Year 6: James Cooper, Leila Murphy Powell, Harrison Holmes, Erin Manser



Buster's Reading Club Most Improved Readers

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EYFS: Emily Cook, Annalise Phillips

Yr 1: Denooshika Selvarajah, Matthew Crisp

Yr 2: Keon Thomas, Joseph Arda

Yr 3: Sophie Holmes, Finley Davies

Yr 4: Caitlin Kendall, Sofia Simmons

Yr 5: Alfie Baker, Noah Spice

Yr 6: Brogan Welfare, William Strong

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

Lockdown Procedure

Following on from yesterday's talk, we held our first Lockdown drill this morning, which ran very smoothly.

Thank you to all the children, who all remained calm, sensible and well behaved during the drill.

As we advised, we will continue to follow current regulations and this will hopefully be seen much as a fire drill which will run on a regular basis.

Hairbands

There have been an increasing number of girls wearing non uniform hairbands. Girls with long hair must have their hair tied back. If a hairband is worn it needs to be discreet please.

Golden Ties :

Christano Kingson, Joseph Thomas, Mason Moss, Aanlin Baijy, Arianna Maulayah, Philip John, Emily Allen, Johan Roy, Antonia Mendes, Izabele Mikstaite, Liam Mateer, Lucy Gray, Alphonse Santhosh, Elizabeth Allen, Floyd De Villa, Joseph Rutter, Summer Huckstepp, Reno Titus, Harry Reid, Charlotte Ryan, Brandon Griffiths, Emilia Samuels, Kyra Stokes, Alex Tzanakakis, Harriet Finnegan, Ehizojie Igwubor, Mara Cosneanu, Anna Allen, Gregory McNeil Filmer, Mia Sage, Tara Belle Yanney, Bethan Davies, Rejoice Obiefuna, Ashton Taylor, Paul Bradley, Lucy Cardwell, Elizabeth Cooper, Mia Eldergill, May Jun Ho, Auguste Brauklys, Niamh Ormond, Jeswin Paulose, Raismi Raiju, Charlotte Einosas, Annamaria Prince, Johann Ajish, Philipose George, Alfie Baker, Lia Aure, Alex Yarmus, Apollo Booth, Francheska Dalisay, Olivia Munn, Tia Mountain, Paddy Cooper- Hayden, Brooke Huckstepp, Daisy Smith, Jarema Gatkowski, James Cooper, Harrison Holmes, Leah Lewis, Jeslyn Kurian