



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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A Community Growing in Love for Learning and Life Rooted in God's Love

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy and exciting term. We have had lots of different activities and events including Ash Wednesday Mass to begin the season of Lent, parent visits and curriculum celebrations.

Thank you to the Friends of St Francis who organised our annual Mother's Day Sale, the children really value the opportunity to give a gift they have chosen which is a real surprise.

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the lovely Mothers' Day Mass on Sunday which was led by our children and the very moving Stations of the Cross which took place earlier today and was led by our Year Five pupils. We are extremely proud of all our children; they always do their best in every endeavour and conduct themselves with dignity and thoughtfulness; they are a credit to you.

Thank you also to all the school staff, who organise and support the children at these events.

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting St Matthew, St Clare, St Paul and St Luke class with 0.0 % lates.
Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.5 %.



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Clare with 97.7 % attendance.
Our whole school attendance was 95.0 %.



I would like to extend a very happy "Welcome Home" to **Miss Page** who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 15th April at St Francis Catholic Church. We look forward to sharing her joyful experience and supporting her during the weeks and months to come.

We pray for the catechumens and all candidates of our diocese and ask God to draw others to the life of faith. We also acknowledge, especially during Lent, our own need for continual conversion.

Phonics Workshop

This is an additional date which is not on the school calendar

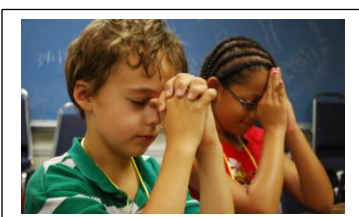
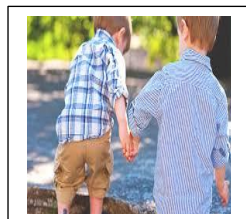
We would like to invite all parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to attend a phonics workshop on Thursday 20th April at 9.10am in the infant classrooms.

The session will last about an hour.

You will have the opportunity to see how phonics is taught, have a look at some of the resources we use and enhance your knowledge of the language and methods of phonics teaching in order to support your child's progress.

Joyful Cup

- EYFS: Chiara Trajano, Isabelle Hick
Year 1: Leon Blewere, George Philips
Year 2: Maidsie McNelis, Oliver Hick
Year 3: Sophia Jardim, Ethan Moss
Year 4: Caitlin Kendall, Jennifer James
Year 5: Johann Ajish, Lia Aure
Year 6: Lara Mayor, Joseph McBride



Buster's Reading Club Most Improved Readers

- EYFS: Julia Reis, Oliver Ebdon
Yr 1: Anaya Peiris, Alisha Simpson
Yr 2: James Carpenter, Oliver Hick
Yr 3: Ciara Marshall, Imogen Baby
Yr 4: Denzel Adama, Patryk Struzik
Yr 5: Reina Kurian, Johan Ajish
Yr 6: Alicia Crisp, Olivia Munn

Easter Celebrations

I'm sure you are aware that we traditionally have an Easter Bonnet/Egg/Garden parade on the last day of term. This year Easter Sunday falls just before we return to school and we felt it would be inappropriate to have an Easter celebration on the same day we experience Stations of The Cross and with over two weeks of Lent still to complete.

Therefore we have decided to hold our Easter Celebrations on **Friday 21st April**.

We are asking children to come to school on that day with an Easter Bonnet, a decorated egg or an Easter Garden. Any child taking part will be able to wear home clothes.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 18th April – Start of Term 5

Thursday 20th April – Phonics Workshop for parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – 9:10am – Infant Classrooms

Friday 21st April – Easter Celebration – Easter bonnet, garden or decorated egg – home clothes

Golden Ties

Golden Ties return after the Easter break

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have taken part in primary maths challenge 2016/2017 sponsored by 'The Mathematical Association'. A number of the children also qualified to take part in the 'Bonus Round'. We are very pleased and proud to announce that David Burstow and Eve Rogers have received 'Silver' awards in the final round.

THE STAFF AND CHILDREN OF ST FRANCIS
WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER.
MAY THIS EASTER HOLIDAY FILL YOUR
HOME WITH PEACE AND JOY.

