



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back to term six. It's hard to believe that we are already in the last term of the academic year. The weather is gradually improving and the medium term forecast is for some warmer than average days in between the usual sunshine and showers. Please make sure you send your child to school with plenty of water to drink. Their water bottles can be refilled at school. Please also make sure they bring a hat to protect them from the sun.

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting Class St Clare and St Margaret with 0% lateness. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 1.1 5%.



Attendance Ted



This week Attendance Ted goes to class St Mark with 98.9 % attendance. Our whole school attendance was 95.1 %.



Year Six Leaver's Photographs



Please note that the school photographer will be coming into school on Thursday 22nd June. Please wear winter uniform (white shirt/blouse and tie) on this day.

Please note: Ms. Butler's children will also have their class photograph taken on this day.

Lord,

We bring to you a priceless treasure, greater than the mountains, wider than the world, and deeper than the ocean. We offer you the greatest of all gifts, higher than the heavens, more glorious than the sun and weightier than the whole earth; even the offering of our own heart, to be yours now and for ever.

Amen.



The Friends of St Francis

Did you know?

Every year The Friends subsidise all the school day trips - parents are asked to pay £10 and The Friends make up the difference. This has been a long standing arrangement with the school which The Friends have been very pleased to be able to support. Subsidising school trips costs around £1,100 a year, over the past six years over £8000 has been donated to ensure all the children get to enjoy these trips. Recently The Friends presented the school with the donation towards this year's trips. Thank you to all of the families at St Francis whose support makes this possible.

What else are Friends' funds spent on?

As you will be aware recent fundraising has been to support the development of the playground areas. The Friends recently donated £2000 towards providing benches for the playground to be used as an outdoor education space, and as social spaces for the children during break times. Further funds have been set aside for the playground, and The Friends look forward to unveiling some fantastic new equipment very soon.

Other recent donations have included a £2,700 mobile cooker to be used in class projects across the curriculum. Just under £2000 was donated in 2015 for new books and equipment in the school library.

£3000 has been donated to provide outside storage at the school, allowing more space inside the building and easy access to equipment. £1500 was donated to the school to contribute towards the recent IT project to make the school wireless. The Friends have also contributed to smaller projects; providing class cameras, donating £200 of soil and seeds for science projects and providing every class with a brand new set of wet play toys at Christmas.

How can I get involved?

The next Committee Meeting will be on Friday 7th July - date and time TBC. If you have an idea for a fundraiser or would like to be involved with deciding how funds are spent, please come along, we would love to see you there. Look at for details of events coming up on our noticeboards or the school newsletter, or our Facebook page - search "Friends of St Francis - Maidstone".

Thank you to all the children and their families for all the support given, we look forward to seeing you all at The Sumer Fayre - Saturday 1st July 12-4pm.

Trustful Cup

EYFS: Maddison Keenor, Oliver Ebdon
Year 1: Brandon Borlaza, Yasasvi Gurung
Year 2: Sadie Crunden, Kyra Stokes
Year 3: Ehizojie Igwebor, Naoise McCorry
Year 4: Evie Munn, Mia Eldergill
Year 5: Opehlia Ward, Alex Yarmus
Year 6: Daisy Smith, David Burstow



Buster's Reading Club



EYFS: Lily Nguyen, Lucas Pastorino
Year 1: Antonio Mendes, Elizabeth Allen
Year 2: Ruby Rodrigues, Niamh Humphrey
Year 3: Anna Allen, Finley Davies
Year 4: Luize Meskone, Bethan Davies
Year 5: Liliana Czapor, Reuben Todd
Year 6: Eve Rogers, Angel Miranda

Family Picnic and Sports Day

Don't forget our fantastic family sports day on **Thursday 15th June** (weather permitting). The infant sports day will take place in the morning from 10.00am, followed by a picnic for **all** the children and families at 12:00pm on the field. Key stage two sports will take place after the family picnic at 1:15pm. All Children are expected to remain in school for the whole day.

There will be no hot school dinners on this day. If your child requires a school packed lunch on Sports Day don't forget to return the form, sent home last week, by Monday 12th June. We will be unable to process any forms received after this date.

KS1 children should come to school in PE kit. They will complete their races in the morning; have their picnic lunch with their families and then return to class for the afternoon.

Can all children in Years 3-6 please wear a t-shirt that represents the colour of their 'house team' with their school P.E. shorts and plimsolls or trainers for the field. Thank you. **All children will go home at normal time.**

Diary Dates for Term Six

Friday 16th June – Year Six Assembly – School Hall - 9:15a.m

Sunday 11th June – Trinity Mass – St Francis Church, Week Street, 9.00am

Wednesday 14th June – Year 3 Mass – School Hall – 2pm

Thursday 15th June – Family Sports Picnic – KS1 10.00am - Picnic 12.00pm – KS2 1.15pm
(All pupils to remain in school on this day for the whole day)

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June – Friends Father's Day Sales

Sunday 18th June – Father's Day

Wednesday 21st June – Yrs R/1/2 RE Celebration – School Hall – 2pm

Thursday 22nd June – Photographer – Year six leaver's photos

Friday 23rd June – Family Sports Picnic Reserve Date

Monday 26th June – Arts / CLJ week

Thursday 29th June – St Peter & St Paul Whole School Mass – School Hall – 9.30am

Friday 30th June – Friends Non-Uniform Day – Bottle donations for bottle tombola stall

Saturday 1st July – Friends Summer Fair

Thursday 6th July – Leaver's Play – 6.30-8pm

Wednesday 12th July – Open Afternoon – 2-3.15pm

Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Day of Reflection

Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Disco – School Hall

Friday 14th July – Years R, 1, 3, and 4 reports home (Years 2, 5 & 6 Progress Reports)

Tuesday 18th July – 30 minute class handover

Wednesday 19th July – 40 minute class handover

Thursday 20th July – 40 minute class handover

Friday 21st July – Leavers' Mass and coffee – School Hall – 9.30am

Friday 21st July – End of Term Six

Golden Ties: Megan Crayford, Angela Gonzales, Jacob George, Albert Bobby, Hollie Brooker, Fabien Bean, Alvin John, Chloe Allen, Aoife May, Harriett Davies, Francis Bassey, Thomas Carpenter, Lee Matthew, Wiktor Struzik, Maisie McNelis, Kristof Aletor, Oliver Hick, Alex Mercado, Esther Sonquit, Harriet Finnegan, Mara Nicola Cosneanu, Anna Allen, Niah Soni, Sara Reszka, Eduardo Pereira, Adam Aletor, Mia Whitmore, Ceira Wallace, Angela Santosh, Jennifer James, Reina Kurian, Jasper Dumarán, Daniella Yung-Hoi, Mollie McCoy, Ines Del Val Vivar, Brogan Welfare, The whole of St Clare's Class