



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This will be the final newsletter for this academic year. It has been a very busy year and this week is no exception. This week the children spent some time in their new classes and enjoyed taking part in some activities to help familiarise them with their new year group. Our Leavers' Mass was today. We say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 and wish them the best in their future schools, they will all be missed. I would like to thank all our parents, friends and governors for their continued hard work and support. Staff would like to say thank you for all the gifts and kind words that you have given them this year and particularly over the last days. I would also like to thank the staff and pupils of St Francis for their resilience, commitment and outstanding efforts this year. Enjoy the break and come back refreshed and ready for a fantastic 2017-18.



## Attendance



Attendance Ted returns next year

## Punctuality Pup

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## Mission Statement Cup

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next year

**Please note children return  
to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September 2017**

A big "**Thank You**" to all our **reading volunteer helpers**, thank you for your continued dedication and support. Thank you to all those who have donated books, it is really helping to re-stock our book shelves and please keep on donating. Thank you.

**To our children....Have some fun and "Join the Summer Reading Challenge"**

Please encourage your child to do the Summer Reading Challenge.

**What is the Summer Reading Challenge?**

This summer, libraries everywhere are encouraging children to help solve a mystery. The annual Summer Reading Challenge, for ages 4-11, encourages children to have fun reading over the summer holidays.

**In All Kent Libraries from 15 July – 16 September - It's FREE and it's FUN!**

Children will receive a special folder which introduces the mystery and the Animal Agents who are trying to solve it. The challenge is to read at least 6 books over the summer (whatever children choose) and collect special stickers along the way. The stickers have amazing artwork by Tony Ross, they fit into the Animal Agents folder, and collecting them all solves the mystery. On finishing, children receive a certificate and a medal.

Find out more on the website [www.animal-agents.org.uk](http://www.animal-agents.org.uk) . Read, take part in competitions and play games on [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**Well done to Joseph Hill. Joseph along with family suggested and helped organise our non-school uniform day yesterday in aid of the Bradley Lowery Foundation. The children wore bright colours and football shirts in memory of Bradley Lowery. Joseph and friends collected over £300 which will be donated to the Foundation. The Foundation will continue to help and support families with sick children.**

## Staff Changes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to a number of members of staff at the end of term. Some have been with us a long time and some only joined us recently but all have left special memories.

- We wish Mrs Tucker well on her travels and hope to hear about exciting adventures next term.
- We wish Mr Bickmore every success at his new school.
- We wish Mrs Knoll well in her retirement and we look forward to her visits to the school next year.

*God we pray:*

*May you who leave this place:*

*Take with you every blessing you have received here:*

*Blessings of friendship*

*Blessings of memories*

*Blessings of knowledge*

*And may you who leave here today to begin a new journey, leave us your blessing; your uniqueness, the mark you leave on this place that is only you.*

*Amen*

## Medical Office Notice

All inhalers should go home with your children today. Please check all inhalers are in date before returning them to school in September. Any other medicines will need to be collected from Reception today.

*May you all be refreshed this summer, Teachers, Pupils, Support Staff, and parents,*

*So when term begins again,  
You may all meet new challenges, new places, new people,  
with a bright and cheerful heart.*

*So we pray that all may grow and learn to live with Love.*

*May God bless you all this day and through all the days to come. Amen.*

