



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This week's newsletter is a bumper edition. You will find information about the Parliamentary Review magazine in which St Francis is featured. A hard copy is available, at school, for parents to read if you wish to do so. There is a link at the bottom of the article in this newsletter which will take you to an e-copy of the magazine. We also have details about our next Bring Your Parent to Read session, information for year 6 parents about transition to secondary school and an update about Film Club.



Attendance Ted

This week Attendance Ted goes to Class St Joseph with 98.7% attendance. Well Done.
Our whole school attendance was 96.5%.



Punctuality Pup

Next week Punctuality Pup will be visiting Class St Matthew and class St John with 0% late arrivals this week. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.9%.



Courtesy Cup

Early Years and Key Stage One

SY: to follow
JB: to follow
ZK: Freya Fosher
JS: Julia Reis
KP: Imogen Lee
HR/EA: Mattie Hughes

Key Stage Two

MHo: Kai Wells
KB: Wiktor Struzik
NZ: Esmee Bartlett
MH: James Herron
DW: Angela Santosh
GH: Eduardo Pereira
BL: Conor Kiely
LMH: Jacob Gayleard

Buster's Reading Club



Year 1: Freya Fosher, Kiran Pallaram
Year 2: Elizabeth Allen, Isabelle Rolland
Year 3: Maisie McNelis, Daisy Noble
Year 4: Ciara Marshall, Leo Allen
Year 5: Lucy Robinson, Gurung Sohum
Year 6: Davis Lalichan, Achilleas Burt

Maidstone School's Cross Country Event

On Wednesday a number of our junior children took part in the second of three cross country races held by Maidstone and District Primary Sports Events. Congratulations to: Year 3 and 4 girls Ellie Ryan placed 14th, Lottie Ryan 72nd Year 3 and 4 boys James Carpenter placed 145th, Oscar Cushing 60th, Matthew Gregson 61st Oliver Meston, 143rd, Joseph Rutter 103rd, Oscar Stockford 44th, Andre Nkanta 82nd Alex Anderson 104th. Year 5 and 6 girls Lucy Anderson placed 38, Sofia Simmons 33rd, Ophelia Ward 31st, Year 5 and 6 boys Samuel Rutter, places 50th, Luke Jestin 120th, Harry O'Rielly 31st

Bring Your Parent to Read



Don't forget to join us for this term's Bring Your Parent to Read session on **Friday 29th September from 9am until 10.00am**. Come and enjoy some quiet time reading with your child. If you can't make it send granny or grandpa, or aunty or uncle along in your place.



The Parliamentary Review A YEAR IN PERSPECTIVE

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St Francis Catholic Primary School appears alongside Prime Minister Theresa May in the 2016/17 *Parliamentary Review*.

Established by former minister The Rt Hon David Curry in 2010, *The Parliamentary Review's* September release is now a key fixture in the political calendar.

St Francis Catholic Primary School features alongside the Prime Minister and a small number of outstanding schools in a document that looks back on the year in schools and Westminster. The main aim of the *Review* is to showcase best practice as a learning tool to the public and private sector.

Across all policy areas, *The Parliamentary Review* is sent to over half a million leading policymakers. The articles in the *Review* act as both a blueprint for success and a template for reform.

The Prime Minister commented that 'this year's *Parliamentary Review* follows a significant year in British politics' and this is reflected in the articles from leading journalists and best-practice representatives alike.

The PM's former cabinet colleague, Sir Eric Pickles, who was recently appointed Chairman of the *Review*, said 'it has never been more important for government to hear the views of business and the public sector in a constructive forum. It is also a vital time to share best practice and progress.'

The Parliamentary Review's director Daniel Yossman concurred, saying 'St Francis Catholic Primary School and other hardworking organisations from across the country have come together to make this year's *Review* possible.

Sharing knowledge and insight with both peers and government is essential work and I am delighted that this year's *Review* will reach every corner of the British economy.

It's always a real joy to hear from policymakers who tell me that something they have read in the *Review* has had an effect on their thinking.

It is my belief that innovation is contagious, if only it is given the platform to spread. It is the *Review's* purpose to provide this platform and I am confident we are fulfilling it.'

An e-copy of *The Parliamentary Review* can be viewed here:

<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/primary-education/south-england>

Diary Dates

Monday 25th September – work begins on the new playground equipment

Friday 29th September – Bring Your Parent to Read – 9.00am – 10.00am - classes

School dinner Payments

Please note that The Contract Dining Company have increased the price for all meals. The new price will start from October and will be £2.30.

Breakfast Club Payments

Please note - All payments for Breakfast Club must be made on Monday each week.

Film Club

We are pleased to be able to inform you that we have been able find staff cover for Film Club. It will resume on Friday 29th September. For further information please contact the school office.

Year 6 Height and Weight

Mrs Corley has emailed all Year 6 parents concerning Height and Weight check for their child, enclosing a letter from School Public Health.

If any y6 parent has not received this email please contact Mrs Corley and she will send home a paper copy.

Applications for children due to start secondary school in September 2018 open on 4 September 2017 and close on 31 October 2017.

You can apply online at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>
or by post using a KCC postal application form.

You can apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interests to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once.

To apply to a school outside of Kent, name the school in your application along with your other preferences. Your application details will be passed on to the relevant local authority for processing.

For advice call 03000 41 21 21 or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

For more information read [KCC guide to secondary school applications](#)

Almighty God

We give thanks for our school

For us it is a special place.

*Make it special for you Lord, and bring your peace,
Love, friendship to everything that we do here.*

*As we learn and as we play, may we always be in your safe
keeping*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Golden Ties: Isla Williams, Winnie Fisher, John Carlo Pefanio, Ademilola Adewumi, Amelia Zajac, Harry Hubbard, Alice Creigh, Oliver Ebdon, Rhys Land, Adam Amarzok, Valina Menezes, Alphonse Santhosh, Aoife May, Harry Cardwell, Sasha Griffiths, Daisy Noble, Eirwen Bana, Shay Wallace, Maisie McNelis, Sidney Hahnefeld, Alan Jose, Luke Einosis, Olivia McClellan, Mervyn Boadi, Kamile Brauklys, Jesna Paulose, Charlotte Ryan, Luize Meskone, Ciera Wallace, Paul Bradley, Aidan Walson, Luke Jestin, Ayushi Thapa, Charlotte Einosas, Abby Harris, James Grainger, Diya Bobby, Niamh Ormond, Reuben Todd