



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Thank you to the Friends for organising another really successful Christmas Fair which took place today. It was lovely to see so many parents and children enjoying the stalls, refreshments and festive atmosphere – it is clear that a great deal of time and effort went into this event so once again a massive thank you to Kylie and her team.

Next week is the penultimate week of term two and there are a number of events taking place. Please make sure you check the diary dates so that you know what’s happening and when. Please also check the school’s website for any updates or changes.



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Luke with 99.0% attendance.

Our whole school attendance was 94.3% so well done everyone for your excellent attendance, keep it up.



Courtesy Cup

EYFS: Flory Winek, Laycie May

Year 1: Jacob George, Harry Pike

Year 2: Johann Roy, Abigail Johnson

Year 3: Vaniah Coleman, Ruby Ro

Year 4: James Herron, Kamille Brauklys

Year 5: Lucy Robinson, Aisha Shaikh

Year 6: Lia Aure, Niamh Ormond

Punctuality Pup

This week Punctuality Pup will be visiting class with St Lucy, St John, St Clare with 0% late. **Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.6% well done everyone for trying really hard to arrive on time**



As you are all aware, Mrs Woodland Wallis sadly passed away on the 22nd November this year. The Heart of Kent Hospice were instrumental in making sure she was as comfortable as possible, as well as being such a big support to her family. Mrs Wallis' family have asked for any donations through their Just Giving page. The link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/angelawoodlandwallis>



St Francis Carol Service

Please note change of date

On Monday 20th December the junior children of St Francis will be leading a service of carols and readings to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. This event will take place in the school hall at 9.15am. We are asking that all parents make a special effort to support the school by attending this celebration.



God of hope

be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
be with us in our meeting
and in our travelling together,
be with us in our worship
and our praying together,
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
our God of hope.



Light Up a Life

Once again our school took part in the Heart of Kent Hospice Light Up a Life service of Carols and readings last Sunday. The children sang beautifully and were a credit to Mrs Cripps and the School. Thank you to Mrs Cripps for organising and attending the event with the choir. Thank you also to the parents and staff who were able to attend.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th December – 2:00pm – Infant Nativity –school hall

Thursday 14th December – 2:00pm – Infant Nativity –school hall

Friday 15th December – Children's Christmas parties - Children can come to school in their party clothes on this day.

Friday 15th December – Friends Christmas Discos

Wednesday 20th December – 9:15am – Junior Advent Assembly – School Hall – All parents welcome – Children can wear home clothes on this day

Wednesday 20th December is the last day of term. The school day will finish at the normal times of 3:00pm for infants and 3:15pm for juniors.

Please note: Term three begins for children on Thursday 4th January 2018

Buster's Reading Club

St Lucy: Jude Lee

St Ann: Robyn Wallace

St Matthew: Tadhg Nevin

St Joseph: Oliver Ebdon

St John: Frances Bassey

St Anthony: Benjamin Woolley

St Luke: Matthew Gregson

St Mark: Elysia Thapa

St Paul: Sara Reszka

St Peter: Esmee Bartlett

St Bernadette: Aleena John

St Theresa: Sofia Simmons

St Clare: Harry O'Reilly

St Margaret: Sydney McNeil-Filmer



Charity Fundraising

I would like to say a huge thank you to the whole of the family of St Francis School for your incredible fundraising efforts throughout terms one and two.

We have supported a number of charities – Step and Learn, Children in Need and Water Aid – since September.

We raised a fantastic amount of money for all these worthy causes - over £400 for each of the three charities.

It is only through your continued generosity that we can show our children how our efforts really do make a difference to many children and families who do not have all the opportunities available to us.



CAFOD

Head boy Harry O'Reilly presented our wonderful contribution of £4600, to a representative of CAFOD, at a whole school assembly this morning. This money was raised during the Year of Mercy thanks to the amazing efforts of all our children and families. It is an absolutely astounding achievement and we are very proud of all of you.

Golden Ties Chido Nduefuna, Oscar Veitch, Oliver Illingworth, Lenny Samuels, Caleb Silva Williamson, Kezzie McGill, Hollie Brooker, Summer Baker, Philip John, Millie Collins, Freya Philpott, Joshua Rojo, Antonio Mendes, Alvin John, Adam Amarzouk, Braiden McGuinness, Xavi Nuez, Luca Winek, Ola Maslanka, Emila Samuels, Matthew Gregson, Maisie McNellis, Oliver Hick, Ava Rose Williams, Thomas Knowles, Sophie Holmes, Luke Einosas, Esmee Bartlett, Oscar Cushing, Aaron Peter, Sofia Simmons, Kaithlyn Mercado, Jennifer James, Daniel Robinson, Jerome Kurian, Paul Medina, Luke Tann, Philipose George, Guy Osment, Anjelica Pefanio, Finley Nyholt, Ashton Wallace