



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. The children look very smart in their uniforms. They have settled well into their new classes and are working hard. They are a credit to you and an asset to our school. We welcomed a number of new families this week and look forward to meeting our new reception children on Monday. We look forward to working with you to make 2017-18 a fantastic year for all our children and the school as a whole.



Attendance Ted

This week Attendance Ted goes to Class St Joseph with 99.2 % attendance. Well Done.
Our whole school attendance was 95.4 %.



Punctuality Pup

Next week Punctuality Pup will be visiting classes St Joseph and St Clare with 0 % late arrivals this week. Our whole school percentage of late arrivals was 0.6 %.



Courtesy Cup

Early Years and Key Stage One

SY: reception classes begin next week
JB: reception classes begin next week
ZK: Tadhg Nevin
JS: Rhys Land
KP: Elizabeth Allen
HR/EA: Louie Mateer

Key Stage Two

MHo: Shayana Ghale
KB: Neve Brown
NZ: Jesna Paulose
MH: Cameron Beirne
DW: Lola-Belle O'Connor
GH: Sohun Gurung
BL: Eva Duran
LMH: Finlay Nyholt

Parent Volunteers for Reading

During the last academic year we were very grateful to parents who came in on a regular basis to hear children read. Please can any of those parents who are willing to continue this good work let Miss Killackey know as we are keen to schedule the reading as quickly as possible. We will only be asking volunteers to come in for afternoons this year so if you feel you can commit to a regular afternoon to help out, Miss Killackey would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

This year's school calendar was sent out earlier this week. If you require a paper copy please ask at the office and one will be provided. Please make sure you check the school website and newsletters for any updates or additional activities. We do try to keep unplanned events to a minimum but sometimes opportunities arise that it would be a shame to miss even though we give a little less notice than usual.

Meet the Teacher Dates

These were sent home earlier this week.

Year 1	Wednesday	13th September	3.00pm
Year 2	Monday	11th September	3.00pm
Year 3	Thursday	14th September	3.20pm
Year 4	Thursday	14th September	3.20pm
Year 5	Tuesday	12th September	3.20pm
Year 6	Thursday	14th September	3.20pm

Children will be looked after in the library so that all parents can attend.

Golden Rules

I would like to remind parents of the four Golden Rules of St Francis Catholic Primary School.

We will always use commonsense, courtesy and consideration

We will always try our best and allow others to do the same.

We will show respect by looking after ourselves, others and school property.

We will listen and follow adult instructions.

Please help your children to understand and appreciate the importance of following these positive rules by discussing them with your child and modelling them yourself.

Don't forget that the cost of school dinner has increased from £2.20 per day to **£2.25 per day**. The increase started Monday 4th September 2017. Parents were informed of the increase at the end of last year.

Film Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to delay the start this year's Friday Film Club. We hope to have it up and running again in the next couple of weeks. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused parents. We will let you know as soon as we are able to start again.

Golden Ties: Philip John, Benjamin Ward, Megan Crayford, Carys Bana, Angela Gonzales, Joshua Rojo, Alphonse Santhosh, George Philips, Julita Warchol, Abigail Johnson, Braiden McGuinness, Juvan Kuriakose, Vaniah Coleman, Ola Maslanka, Katarzyna Mros, Isaac Tayag, Ruby Rodrigues, James Carpenter, Ashley Oliver, Thomas Knowles, Ciara Marshall, Esther Sonquit, Olivia Fisher, Neha Jose, Jennifer James, Benjamin George, Elsie Crisp, Ashley Watkin, Bethan Davis, Darren Beirne, Shaun Ellesmere, Aleksandra Yarmus, Alice Marshall, Mason Pinto, Nicholas Mayos

Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfil Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in your name.

Amen.