



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to school all the children, parents and staff, ready and refreshed, to begin a new academic year.

Our youngest children in the school have settled in very well to their new environment and are enjoying getting to know each other and learning the routines of the school day.

Each class began the year reflecting on the school's Catholic Mission: to grow in love for learning and life, fulfilling their lives with **Joy, Trust, Respect and Faith**, rooted in God's love.

They focused on how we can also achieve our mission through our behaviour policy: to be **Ready, Respectful and Safe**.

We began the year thinking about one of the 5 fundamental British values, '**Democracy**', as we successfully appointed a new Head Boy & Girl and Deputy Head Boy & Girl. Before announcing our pupil leaders, we would like to say a special thank you and well done to all the children who applied for these roles. It was clear to see how much time, preparation and courage went into delivering their manifestos, making it very difficult for the rest of the school to vote.

We can proudly announce that the successful applicants were:

Head Boy - Harry

Head Girl - Maddie

Deputy Head Girl - Freya

Deputy Head Boy - Austin

We look forward to our first Senior Leadership Team meeting, where we can discuss our School Improvement Plan.

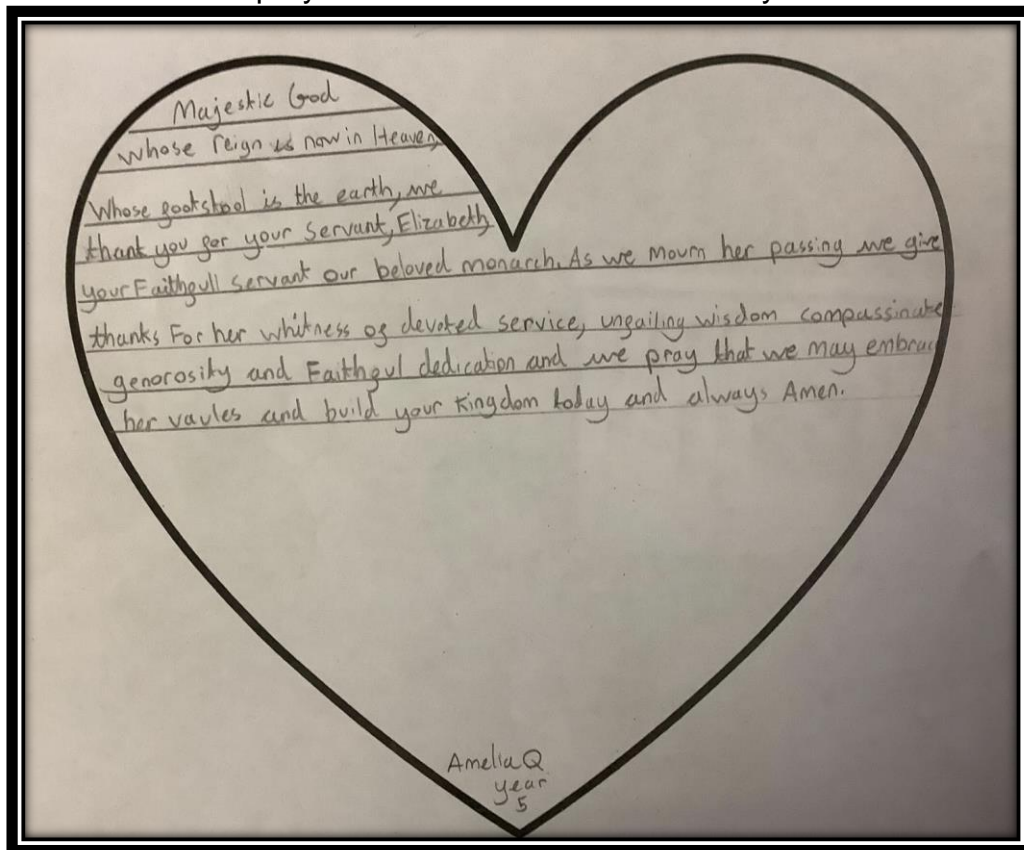
School Photographs

Time Photography will be carrying out individual and sibling photographs. The individual photographs will take place on Monday 17th October and the sibling photographs will take place on Thursday 20th October. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Queen Elizabeth II



We were sad to hear of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and came together to share our thoughts, reflections and prayers for the Queen and her family.



Remembering the Queen

Dear God, we are thankful for Queen Elizabeth II and her 70 years of service to us. She has never given up when times were tough. We thank her for her hard work and care. Amen

Harvest



This month we will specifically be focusing on how many people in our local community and worldwide do not have enough food to eat. To support those in need, we will be setting up a collection point for people to be able to contribute non-perishable items.

We are really grateful for any donations we receive, but to ensure we have a good variety we have put together a list of suggested items for each year group:

- EYFS:** tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish)
- Year 1:** condiments (jam, honey etc.)
- Year 2:** long-life milk, squash
- Year 3:** dried pasta / rice
- Year 4:** cooking sauces
- Year 5:** tea and coffee
- Year 6:** cereal

Please drop your items in the box outside the school by **Tuesday 27th September** for our Mini Vinnies to be able to sort from there. Thank you very much in advance.

We recognise that one simple act of kindness can brighten up people's lives.

Netball Club

Year 5 and 6 we need you!

Please sign up for the Netball Club which takes place afterschool on Wednesdays. It's free of charge so pick up a form from the School Office

Watch this Space!

News of forthcoming events organised and run by the Friends of St Francis will be announced soon. So look out for news on the notice boards outside school, continue to read School emails and why not join the Friends of St Francis Facebook group so you don't miss out.

Dates for the Diary

Term 1 starts

Monday 19th September	National Bank Holiday for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral – <u>no pupils in school</u>
Tuesday 20th September	<u>Meet the Teacher – 3:30pm – in classrooms</u> Year 5 –St Bernadette Year 5 – St Theresa Year 6 –St Clare
Wednesday 21st September	<u>Meet the Teacher sessions – 3:30pm until 4:00pm – in classrooms</u> Year 2 –St John Year 3 –St Luke Year 3 –St Mark
Thursday 22nd September	<u>Meet the Teacher sessions – 3:30pm until 4:00pm – in classrooms</u> Year 2 –St Anthony Year 6 –St Margaret
Monday 26th September	<u>Meet the Teacher sessions – 3:30pm until 4:00pm – in classrooms</u> Year R (EYFS) - St Lucy and St Ann Year 1 –St Matthew Year 1 –St Joseph Year 4 –St Peter Year 4 –St Paul
Monday 26th September	Golf Experience for the day
Tuesday 4th October	St Francis Mass -whole school – time TBC
Wednesday 12th October	Open Morning – for prospective parents
Monday 17th October	School Photographs – individual
Thursday 20th October	School Photographs – siblings
Friday 21st October	Last Day of Term
Monday 24th – 28th October	HALF TERM
First day of term 2	Monday 31 st October (all pupils in school)



Mission Tie Awards

Joy

St Matthew: Evie
 St Joseph: Eric
 St John: Melanie
 St Anthony: Margaret
 St Luke: Joshua
 St Mark: Matilda
 St Paul: Clark
 St Peter: Bethany
 St Theresa: Ollie
 St Bernadette: Anna
 St Margaret: Louis
 St Claire: Mishel

Trust

St Matthew: Connie
 St Joseph: Ciara
 St John: Tara
 St Anthony: Evie
 St Luke: Roseanna
 St Mark: Grace
 St Paul: Sammy
 St Peter: Tristan
 St Theresa: Myla
 St Bernadette: Dara
 St Margaret: Sam
 St Claire: Jordan

Respect

St Matthew: Daniel
 St Joseph: Mark
 St John: Bill
 St Anthony: Tomi
 St Luke: Ranti
 St Mark: Evelyn
 St Paul: Mae
 St Peter: Gabriella
 St Theresa: Teddy
 St Bernadette: Sonny
 St Margaret: Nick
 St Claire: Maya

Faith

St Matthew: Edward
 St Joseph: Anabelle
 St John: Onose
 St Anthony: Johan
 St Luke: Olivia B
 St Mark: Kenneth
 St Paul: Doultton
 St Peter: Adrian
 St Theresa: Amelia
 St Bernadette: Nathan
 St Margaret: Arianna
 St Claire: Niki