



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

For the last two weeks, we have been busy preparing for the Harvest Festival. The Mini Vinnies have enjoyed leading the school in celebrating the annual harvest. We have spent time thinking about how the food comes to our plates and the labour that goes in to this process.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous food donations in these difficult times as we think about how we can share what we have with others.

We would also like to offer a warm welcome to our new site team Mr Fogarty and Mr Sullivan who will be busy maintaining a safe environment for us to learn in.



Prayer

Dear Lord

We thank you for all the good gifts you share with us.

We thank you for the food we eat, for the beauty of the seasons and the wonders of your creation.

We thank you for our friends and families and ask you to bless and watch over us all.

Amen

HARVEST FOOD

We transported all your food donations to the Salvation Army Corps in Maidstone. They were extremely grateful and wanted to thank all of you for your kindness. Volunteers work hard to prepare food parcels in the mornings and open the Food Bank on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Our Mini Vinnies have worked with the Salvation Army volunteers and have experienced how warm and welcoming they are. If you know anyone who needs their support, please see the following website for details:

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/maidstone>

Pupil Leaders

Introducing our new pupil leavers...



Head Boy

Hi my name is HARRY HUBBARD and I am St. Francis' head boy

I can help anyone who needs it.

I enjoy most sports but my favourite sport is football.

I have a brother in year 4 and he is 8 years old.

I have a little sister who is in Reception.

I am 10 years old and my birthday is on the 31st May.

I enjoy cooking, playing video games (such as roblox; fifa and minecraft and going to the local park with my friends from my football team.

I am in year 6. I enjoy going to school to see my friends.

All four of us (head boy/girl deputy head boy/girl) will try our hardest to make our school a better place for both children and teachers. I have multiple groups of friends both inside and outside of school.

How can I help the school?

I can help the school by ...

I can HELP anyone in the school whether it is a teacher or pupil.

I can listen to other children's suggestions.

In school I enjoy seeing all my friends, playing sports on the field, and doing P.E. I also enjoy maths, science and topic (history/geography) as well as going on exciting school trips. I was a peer mediator when I was in year 5 and *really* enjoyed it. I made lots of friends in year 1 and 2. As a peer mediator I helped with a lot of arguments and helped a lot of children with their problems.

I am very thankful for all the votes and I appreciate everyone who voted for me and my dream came true. I am really happy to be my school's head boy.

Thank you everyone.

Harry

Head Girl

Hello,

My name is Maddie and you have voted for me to be your head girl.

I am so grateful you have given me this opportunity as it has been my dream since year 2 so I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The main purpose of this role for me is to be an excellent role model for all pupils and to represent the school in the best way I can

My aim for this year as head girl is to promote kindness and friendships. I am proposing to do this with the use of a friendship bench and by bringing back lunchtime clubs. I feel both of these ideas will bring together children who may not normally have the opportunity to mix with each other therefore building new friendships with pupils with similar interests.

If anyone has any ideas or just needs a friend come find me. Once again thank you for voting for me and giving me the opportunity to make a difference for you all.

Maddie.

Deputy Head Girl

Hi, I'm Freya and I'm your deputy head girl.

First of all, I would like to thank you for all the votes. I am very grateful and I appreciate every vote and everybody's support. I have a younger sister who is in Year 1. I also have experience of peer mediating.

Some of the subjects that I particularly enjoy are:

Basketball

Dance

English

Writing

Reading

I am funny, kind, loving and a good role model. I am good with children and I can help children with their worries or concerns. As I said in my speech, I fully value the mission statement and I want to help the children of St Francis to value them as much as I do.

Once again thank you for all the support and thank you for making me your Deputy Head girl.

Freya

Deputy Head Boy

Hi I'm Austin Price

Not too long ago I was voted for deputy head boy. I joined St Francis in May, so I haven't been here that long now. I am going to St Simon Stock like most St Francis year 6 kids do in September next year. I turned 11 on the 3rd of September. My favourite subject is P.E. and I also enjoy science. You may have seen me on the field playing football all day every day because football is my favourite sport followed by cricket or basketball. I play for Vinters football club and Linton cricket club. Quickly just to say thank you to everyone who voted for me on Monday. My brother goes to St Simon Stock and my mum works there. I enjoy playing football in my garden and playing video games such as: Fifa, Need for speed and Minecraft. I am also a part of the wet play monitors and sports council. All four of us (Head boy/girl and Deputy Head body/girl) will try our hardest to try and make St Francis an even better place. I am new to this school so I am not as confident as I would like to be here.

We could help the school by thinking of new ideas and suggestions, stay in after school to help with stuff if needed and look after and promote the school at places.

Also we could help teachers and classes if needed and support everyone. We could maybe organise some fun activities or some bake sales or something like that.

I am very thankful for everyone that voted for me.

Austin.

Gold Experience

On Monday 26th September, the children in Years 2 – 6 were very lucky to have experience of a golf lesson. Jack and Callum from Tudor Park came to our school and taught golf skills in a 30 minute lesson. Here are a few photos from the day.



LONDON MARATHON 2022



Mrs Herron will be taking part in the London marathon this Sunday. We wish her lots of luck. If you would like to contribute to her JustGiving page, please use the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LaurenHerron-ClaireHolliday1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=LaurenHerron-ClaireHolliday1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=5885e22d85f94dbba3721d41e2bc0688

St Simon Stock Open Events
Year 5 & 6

St Simon Stock Catholic School
Open events for entry in September 2023
Open Evening

Thursday 6 October 5pm – 7.30pm
Principal talks at 5.15pm, 6pm & 6.45pm

Open Mornings

Tuesday 11 October & Thursday 13 October - 9am to 10.30am.

Tours commence at 9am.

Please visit www.ssscs.co.uk for advance booking and further information

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Friends

Christmas has already begun here at St Francis and no doubt the children have already been telling you about the wonderful artwork they have been doing this week. Further details on how to purchase these works of art will be coming out to parents shortly.

Watch this space for other news of the festive activities that the Friends will be offering!

Hair Styles

Any hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back, whether it is braided or not and this applies to both boys and girls. This is for health and safety reasons and to ensure concentration in class. Please also remember that children should not be coming into school with coloured hair, temporary or otherwise.

Parent Council Meeting

There will be a Parent Council Meeting taking place on **6th October at 3:30pm** at the school. If you are interested in becoming a member of the parent council then please email:-
pec@stfranciscatholicprimary.com

Dates for the Diary

Term 1

Tuesday 4th October	St Francis Mass -whole school – 9.30am (Yr6 parents only)
Tuesday 11th October	Afterschool Meeting for Year 6 residential trip 3.30pm
Wednesday 12th October	Open Morning – for prospective parents (9-11am)
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

Term 2

First day of term 2	Monday 31 st October (all pupils in school)
Wednesday 9th November	Parent Teacher Consultations (time TBC)
Thursday 10th November	Parent Teacher Consultations (time TBC)
Monday 14th November	Anti-Bullying week begins
Tuesday 22nd November	Disability History month begins
Friday 25th November	Advent Service (year 4)
Saturday 26th November	Friends Christmas Fayre (TBC)
Sunday 27th November	Advent begins
Monday 28th November	<u>INSET DAY (no pupils in school)</u>
Wednesday 30th November	Open Afternoon for new prospective parents (1-3pm)



Mission Tie Awards

Joy

St Matthew:	Doreen
St Joseph:	Megan
St John:	Harriett
St Anthony:	Mmesoma
St Luke:	Edward
St Mark:	Ellian
St Paul:	Oliver
St Peter:	Gina
St Theresa:	Nate
St Bernadette:	Henry
St Margaret:	Angela
St Claire:	Maisie

Trust

St Matthew:	Emily
St Joseph:	Daniel
St John:	Freya
St Anthony:	Emily
St Luke:	Isasubin
St Mark:	Laura
St Paul:	Destin
St Peter:	Alivia
St Theresa:	Emily
St Bernadette:	Holly
St Margaret:	Tadhg
St Claire:	Harry

Respect

St Matthew:	Lucie
St Joseph:	Florence
St John:	Sebastian
St Anthony:	Reuben
St Luke:	Xavier
St Mark:	Reuben
St Paul:	Darenz
St Peter:	Anna
St Theresa:	Emelia
St Bernadette:	Ethan
St Margaret:	Michelle
St Claire:	Harry

Faith

St Matthew:	Neve
St Joseph:	Chloe
St John:	Aiden
St Anthony:	Stanislaw
St Luke:	Rene
St Mark:	Kaitlyn
St Paul:	Alexandra
St Peter:	Ugo
St Theresa:	Ealadh
St Bernadette:	Juan
St Margaret:	Jacob
St Claire:	Jack