



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy two weeks that began with a visit from our WOW mascot, Wanda, to encourage us all to walk to school as much as possible and to make a particular effort on Wednesdays.

We enjoyed having the opportunity to share the children's learning during the parents' evenings. We will continue to work together with all our parents to enable our children to develop a love of learning and life.

Mr Forster has set up a scoreboard in the main corridor to celebrate the class with the most participation in the Pixl timetables app. Don't forget to log on and give it a go and watch your class rise to the top!

This week we have focused on the British value, '**Mutual Respect**', by taking part in Anti Bullying week. The theme, '**Reach Out**' has helped us think of who we can (reach out to/seek help from) when we see people being treated or we are treated in a way that does not respect the human dignity of every individual.

It was great to be able to begin our '**Bring your Parent to.....**' sessions again this week with Year 2 and 3. We loved being able to start by sharing the joy of reading. The children had a brilliant time and should be full of good recommendations for their Christmas lists!

We look forward to the **Christ the King Mass** on Sunday as we lead the congregation during the **10am** service.

Just a reminder that there is a staff inset day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November so there should be no children in school on this day. School will resume as normal on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## Attendance Ted

Attendance Ted goes to Class St Luke with 97.1 % attendance. Extremely well done on achieving such a high attendance. Our whole school attendance was 92.4%.

Year 5	95.85%
Year 1	92.95%
Year 3	92.84%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 2	92.09%
Year 6	90.65%
Year R	89.55%



## Punctuality Pup

Punctuality Pup will be visiting Year R yet again with only 20 lates recorded. Well Done Year R on being the top year group for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time running.

Come on Years 1 - 6. Let's get more pupils in school on time and have Punctuality Pup coming to see you!

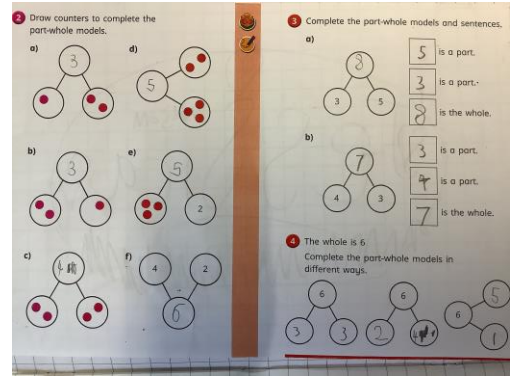
Year R	20 lates
Year 6	26 lates
Year 1	35 lates
Year 5	36 lates
Year 3	39 lates
Year 4	42 lates
Year 2	54 lates



# Fun in Year 1

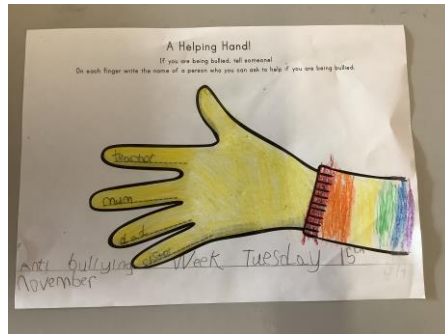
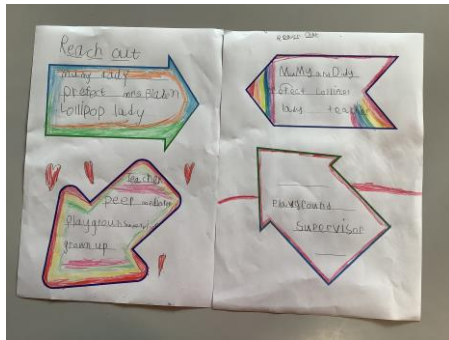


We have been writing labels and lists.



We are learning to add numbers by recognising part, part whole.

It is anti-bullying week. We have thought about the behaviours we like to see. We know who we need to talk to if we are worried.



We made crowns to prepare for Christ the King Mass at St Francis Church this Sunday.



At Forest School we used fire steels and palm drills.



We had fun at Rugby Tots. We learnt the 'haka'.



### **Staff Inset Day**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Please remember there is a staff inset day this coming Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November so **there should be no children in school on this day**. School will resume as normal on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We look forward to seeing you then!

### **Parking**

We have received complaints that parents are continuing to park blocking driveways and this prevented an emergency vehicle from accessing the driveway of the individual in need.

Please pay attention to the traffic build up and ensure you are leaving enough room for vehicles to pass by.

We appreciate your support to ensure it is safe for all of the community at St Francis.



**Christmas Jumper Day**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. The children can join in the festivities by wearing a festive top, or something that sparkles or glitters over their school uniform. Please don't feel you need to buy one, you could always decorate an old t-shirt or jumper to make it festive.

*We are asking for £1 donations, all money raised will go to save the*

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the pupil leaders, with support from the school council organised a day to raise money for Children in Need. The whole school were invited to wear their Pyjamas to school. The children participated in a sponsored run and then we ended the day with a bake sale. A huge well done to the pupil leaders and school council for organising a wonderful day for the children.



We just want to say a huge thank you for the overwhelming generosity within the St Francis community. From the sponsorship to the beautiful cakes, without all of you, the day would not have been a success. There is still money coming in from the sponsorship forms and we will give you the final amount in the next few days.

### **Bring your parent to...Maths**



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Parents of Year 1 and 5 only are invited to participate in a session of maths with their child.

The session will take place at 9:00 until 10:00.

Come join in the maths fun!



## **Foundation Governor Vacancy**

St Francis Catholic Primary School has vacancies for Foundation Governors on the governing body.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and must be practising Catholics.

The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the Headteacher and all the staff.

Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;*
- *Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;*
- *Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent. It is important that each governing body has a good mix of skills, knowledge and experience.*

**No previous experience of being a governor is necessary as training is available.**

The role includes attending full governor meetings and serving on at least one committee.

You will also be encouraged to attend free training sessions.

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If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact the school on 01622 771540 or [generalenquiries@stfranciscatholicprimary.com](mailto:generalenquiries@stfranciscatholicprimary.com)

## **Friends of St Francis**

### **Upcoming events**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Friends Non Uniform day**

Donations for Christmas Hampers can be crackers, chutneys, jams, sweets, hot chocolate, biscuits for cheese, mince pies, Christmas decorations, wine, beer or treats for the children.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Christmas Tree arrives in school – children can bring in their homemade decorations to hang up

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am – 9.00am – parents can purchase tickets for the Christmas Fayre Grotto and the School Discos!

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Elfridges Opens during school hours - Bring in some cash for a raffle – lots of great prizes to be won!



### **WE NEED YOUR HELP - Diversity Week** **- 23rd - 27th January 2023**

Thank you to those families who have offered to support us during Diversity Week. Please ring or email the office if you are able to help.

We are looking for a family member to visit the classroom and tell their story

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for volunteers to help at the International Fair.

We look forward to hearing from you Mrs Edwards and Mrs Neill

## **Dates for the Diary**

### **Term 2**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying week begins
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> November -</b>	After school – parents can purchase tickets for the Christmas Fayre Grotto and the School Discos
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Disability History month begins
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Advent Service (Year 4 parents only) – 9:30am
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	8.30am – 9.00am – parents can purchase tickets for the Christmas Fayre Grotto and the School Discos
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Friends Non-uniform day – (please see Friends message in this newsletter)
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas Tree arrives in school – (please see Friends message)
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Friends Christmas Fayre 11:00 until 1:00pm
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Advert begins
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b><u>INSET DAY (no pupils in school)</u></b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Afternoon for new prospective parents (1-3pm)
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup>, Tue 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Elfridges Opens – during school hours
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nativity to parents (year 2)
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner (further information to follow) Christmas jumper day (further details in this newsletter)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Deadline for posting letters to Father Christmas
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Disco – 3pm – 5pm KS2 Disco – 5.30 – 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Parties
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Junior Carol Service- (All KS2 parents invited to attend) -2:00pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><u>Term 2 Ends for all pupils</u></b>



# Mission Tie Awards

## Joy

St Lucy:	Ose
St Ann:	Lydia
St Matthew:	Ariana
St Joseph:	Isla
St John:	Bruce
St Anthony:	Charlie
St Luke:	Cash
St Mark:	Natan
St Paul:	Matilda
St Peter:	Nicholas
St Theresa:	Adam D
St Bernadette:	Sophie
St Margaret:	Freya
St Claire:	Alice

## Trust

St Lucy:	Grace N
St Ann:	Antonio
St Matthew:	Jethro
St Joseph:	Ellie
St John:	Eliza
St Anthony:	Emilia
St Luke:	Rene
St Mark:	Sophia
St Paul:	Darenz
St Peter:	Alfie
St Theresa:	Abigail
St Bernadette:	Runo
St Margaret:	Sophie
St Claire:	Austin

## Respect

St Lucy:	Mason
St Ann:	Tilly
St Matthew:	Hendrix
St Joseph:	Sophy
St John:	Emilia
St Anthony:	Sofia
St Luke:	Olivia M
St Mark:	Nathan
St Paul:	Fearne
St Peter:	Yshmael
St Theresa:	Cameron
St Bernadette:	Seb
St Margaret:	Harry
St Claire:	Emily

## Faith

St Lucy:	Caolan
St Ann:	Reggie
St Matthew:	Iselin
St Joseph:	Max
St John:	Katie
St Anthony:	Amelia
St Luke:	Oliver D
St Mark:	Kaitlyn
St Paul:	Jake
St Peter:	Riona
St Theresa:	Thomas
St Bernadette:	Nathan D
St Margaret:	Evie
St Claire:	Joshua