



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say thank you to all the parents who attended the “Festive Family Fun” event during the Christmas holidays, it was lovely to see families being creative, playing with the toys and generally having lots of fun. A huge thank you to all the staff that helped out during the week and for volunteering their own time, thank you to Asda and Waitrose for their very kind donation of items, we appreciate the support. Next week, the weather forecast is expected to turn colder, so please ensure you keep up to date with the forecast and make sure your child is wearing the appropriate clothing.

Photographs from the Festive Family Fun Event



Attendance Ted

Year R	95.58%
Year 6	94.96
Year 2	94.37%
Year 3	94.08%
Year 1	94.06%
Year 5	92.16%
Year 4	90.18%

This fortnight, Attendance Ted goes to Class St Matthew with 97.71% attendance. Very well done. Our whole school attendance was 93.6%. The best year group as a whole was Year R with 95.58%.



Punctuality Pup

Year R - 43 lates
Year 5 - 46 lates
Year 3 - 47 lates
Year 2 - 50 lates
Year 1 - 51 lates
Year 6 - 51 lates
Year 4 - 69 lates

Punctuality Pup will be visiting Year R with 43 lates recorded. Whilst we wish to congratulate Year R for having the fewest late arrivals, it hasn't been the greatest start to a new year. Any child arriving at school after 8.45am will be recorded as late. Hopefully, now parents are more familiar with the new timings, we will see the number of lates decrease.



Year 3

Last term, St Mark and St Luke classes visited Kent Life for a Stone Age Day. We learnt lots about life in prehistoric Britain and met lots of interesting people.

We met a Stone Age man called Claw.

"My favourite part was when Claw gave us Stone Age names like Puddle and Toenail!" - Edward



Attendance Ted even had a go in the playground – he loved it!



An experimental archaeologist helped us to use a quern to grind our own flour – it was so much fun" - Lily

We did some cave paintings, met some animals and even fitted in a tractor ride.



For D&T we used icing and biscuits to build our own models of Stonehenge – then we eat them, yum!



"It was really tricky to make the icing glue the right consistency, but once we worked it out, it was easy to build and I loved it when we could eat it!" - Rene



Parking

This term, we have received resident complaints that parents have parked on zigzag lines and a resident has complained that a parent blocked their driveway and then when asked to move, they parked on the zig zag line. The police community officer has been informed to patrol the area. Please ensure that you communicate with residents respectfully and in a manner that you would expect in return.

Bring your parent to...topic Friday 20th January



Parents of Year 4 and 6 only are invited to participate in a session with their child.

The session will take place at 2:00pm until 3:00pm in the children's classrooms.

Road Closures

There is a road closure due to works happening at Oakwood Maidstone Hospital, Hermitage Lane, Maidstone ME16 0QQ. SGN will be installing a new gas connection to the above property over two Saturdays, Saturday 14th and 21st January 2023. Therefore, Queens Road will be closed within the vicinity of the property on the above dates and the work is due to be completed over 2 days and the site cleared within 5 working days from their last day on site.

A full diversion route will be in place for the duration of the work and access for residents will be maintained. If you require any further information, please contact the customer service centre for SGN (Southern Gas Network) on 0800 912 1700.

Phonics Presentation

Phonics

Tuesday 17th January

A reminder that the phonics presentation will be taking place on this day at 9:15am in the school hall. Year R and Year 1 parents are invited and it will discuss how phonics is taught and there will be information on the phonics checks.

Dates for the Diary

Term 3

Monday 16th January

Primary Admissions Closing date

Tuesday 17th January

Phonics Presentation to parents (school hall) – Year R and Year 1

Thursday 19th January

Parent Council Meeting (3:30pm-4:30pm)

Friday 20th January

Bring your parent to...enjoy topic (Y4 and Y6) (2:00pm until 3:00pm)

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th January

Diversity Week

Thursday 26th January

Diversity Week - International Fair (9:00am-11:30am)

Wednesday 25th January

Class Mass Y4 (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Wednesday 1st February

Class Mass Y5 (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Wednesday 8th February

Class Mass Y6 (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Friday 10th February 2023

Last Day of term 3

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

HALF TERM

Monday 20th February

Staff Inset Day – no pupils in school

Friday 31st March

Last day of term

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

Easter Break

Monday 17th April

First day back of term



Mission Tie Awards

Joy

St Lucy:	Charlotte
St Ann:	Deborah
St Matthew:	Ianis
St Joseph:	Freya
St John:	Evelyn
St Anthony:	Elsie
St Luke:	Jayden Z
St Mark:	Alfie
St Peter:	Grace
St Paul:	Fearne
St Theresa:	Olivia
St Bernadette:	Robyn
St Margaret:	Freya F
St Claire:	Archie

Faith

St Lucy:	Grace B
St Ann:	Ryan
St Matthew:	Oscar
St Joseph:	Thomas
St John:	Cian
St Anthony:	Sara
St Luke:	Cash
St Mark:	Matilda
St Paul:	Alexandra
St Peter:	Malika
St Theresa:	Amelia
St Bernadette:	Oscar
St Margaret:	Hollie
St Claire:	Mia

Trust

St Lucy:	Aubani
St Ann:	James
St Matthew:	Ivy
St Joseph:	Jessica
St John:	Melanie
St Anthony:	Kanishka
St Luke:	Lily
St Mark:	Amber
St Paul:	Aidan
St Peter:	Erin
St Theresa:	Amelia
St Bernadette:	Sally
St Margaret:	India
St Claire:	Annie

Respect

St Lucy:	Emma
St Ann:	Eva
St Matthew:	Imogen
St Joseph:	Chloe
St John:	Eliza
St Anthony:	Kosi
St Luke:	Edward
St Mark:	Sara
St Paul:	Sebastian
St Peter:	Adrian
St Theresa:	Stefan
St Bernadette:	Anna
St Margaret:	Albert
St Claire:	Fabien