



# St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all families and staff who attended the Summer Fayre, it was a successful event and it was enjoyed by all. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of St Francis who spent their own time organising, planning and preparing for the event.

Thank you to the Year 4 team who prepared and led our St Peter and St Paul Mass on Wednesday, it was a lovely service and the children led us beautifully.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Sports Day today, the children's behaviour was excellent and they took part in the events with enthusiasm. It has been quite some time since we were able to join together for Sports Day and we are very pleased with how the children managed. Fingers crossed that we will be able to have our family picnic next year.

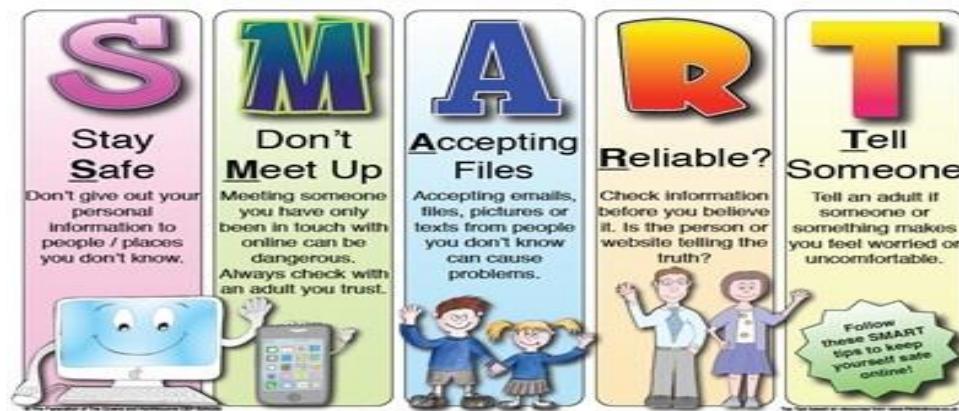
## Online Safety

We invite you to have conversations with your child/ren at home with regards to promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology for young people, and to inspire conversations about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

If you feel you need more knowledge in this area, please feel free to look on our e-safety page on the school website for further information and guidance to support conversations at home.

<https://st-francis.kent.sch.uk/pupils/e-safety/>

**Thank you in advance for your support with promoting  
the safe use of the internet with your child/children.**



## Prayer

**Christ Jesus, help us to be faithful to  
you, like Saint Peter and Saint Paul.**

**Inspire us to show that faith in  
everything we do. Amen.**

## Missions Ties

Mission Ties will not be presented this week due to Sports Day; we will celebrate ties next week instead.

Many thanks,

## Diary Dates

### July

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July-</b>	Year 6 production – PM – 1:30pm – Year 6 parents
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July-</b>	Year 6 production – PM – 7:00pm – Year 6 parents
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July-</b>	<b>Non-uniform day – for food parcels (Mini Vinnies)</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July-</b>	Year 6 Disco – 7-9pm
	YR – Y5 – Class photographs ( <b>*please note change of date from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July*</b> )
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July-</b>	Open session for parents – 2:30pm -3:15pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July-</b>	Year 6 Leavers Mass – 1:30pm – Year 6 parents invited to St Francis Church
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July -</b>	Year 6 Leavers assembly – 9:30am End of year reports – sent home
	<b>Last Day of term</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July-</b>	<b>INSET DAY – no children in school</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August-</b>	Summer Holiday Club
<b>New academic year 2022-2023</b>	
<b>First day back of Term 1-</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – all pupils in school

## Class Photographs

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**\*Please note there has been a change of date from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July\***

Children should come into school in their normal summer uniform and not their winter uniform. Class photographs will be taken by Time Photography.

## Fundraising

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who baked or brought in cakes in support of our “yellow day” for Cystic Fibrosis. We manage to raise a total of: £202.95 for the day!

We received a thank you from Mrs Conroy:-

*“Thank you to all the amazing staff at St Francis for everything that you did on Friday. We cannot believe how lucky we are for our children to be part of such a fantastic, supportive community. Thank you to all staff for their support and those behind the scenes”*

## Sporting Achievements

### Dance Competition

We are pleased to say that Myla and Sophia's dance group, Peewees came **2nd** in the Dance World Cup and they received silver medals! This is a fantastic achievement and we are all so proud of them and wanted to share the happy news and say a big well done for their efforts!



## Sporting Achievements

Well done to Nyall, Ugo, Oliver H, Adrian, Sebastian, Tristan and all the children who took part in the Bearsted tournament and contributed to their team, you should be proud of yourselves!



## Mini Vinnies Non-uniform day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

The Mini Vinnies are organising a non-uniform day for families that are in need of food. Every class will be responsible for bringing in a different item of non-perishable food so we can pack specific food parcels that will create three weekly meals:

St Ann & St Lucy: tinned spaghetti/tomatoes

St Matthew: baked beans

St Joseph: tinned meat

St John: tinned fish

St Anthony: tinned vegetables

St Mark: tea bags/coffee

St Luke: tin/carton of custard

St Peter: tinned fruit

St Paul: pasta

St Theresa: pasta sauce

St Bernadette: long life milk

St Margaret: cereal

St Clare: tin/packet of soup

Please can you make sure food items are all in date.

*We appreciate with all our hearts your kind donations in advance.*

## Sporting Achievements Football tournament



Samuel played as goalkeeper in the Bearsted tournament on Saturday, playing for the Barming Youths (under 8's) team. They did brilliantly for not conceding a goal and winning the match 4-0 winning the tournament- Congratulations!

## Open Session for parents

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

2:30pm – 3:15pm

We would like to invite all parents into St Francis school for an open afternoon. This will be an opportunity for parents to visit corridors and look at displays and look around classrooms before the end of term. Parents can collect their children at the end. **Please note that the children's books will not be available**, they will be sent home with the end of year reports on the last day of term, 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## Term Dates 2022-23

The new term dates can be found on the school website, please use the link below:-

<https://st-francis.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-for-the-year-beginning-september-2022/>



## St Simon Stock Catholic School Year 5 Taster Day: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

The purpose of this visit is to give your child an insight into a typical day.

Children should arrive no earlier than 8.30am until 2.45pm

(If your son/daughter has a sibling at the school, they can be supervised in the Restaurant until 3.05 pm when they can be collected by an older brother or sister).

The pupils should wear their primary school uniform. Cafeteria lunch will be provided for £3.00 for a dinner/dessert/drink) if requested, otherwise a packed lunch should be brought. Lighter snacks are also available during morning break at an extra cost if required. **The pupils should bring their trainers and a pencil case, pen and a ruler.**

Children should go straight to St Simon Stock in the morning.

## Breakfast & After School Club

If your child already attends Breakfast or Afterschool club, we will assume that you still require a place in September.

If you no longer require a place in September, please could you email [clubs@stfranciscatholicprimary.com](mailto:clubs@stfranciscatholicprimary.com)



## School Office

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## **Summer Reading Challenge this July!**

The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Children aged 4-11 years old are invited to join in the challenge which will start on 9<sup>th</sup> July and continue to run through the summer until September.

**'Gadgeteers'** is the theme for 2022 – in partnership with the Science Museum Group , this Summer Reading Challenge will inspire children and their families to get inspired about reading, imagination and to explore amazing science around them every day. As children read their six library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge.

The library looks forward to welcoming your children this summer where there will be fun activities to keep their brains ticking over!

### **Summer Reading Challenge 2022**



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



### **Summer Reading Challenge for 4 - 11 years old**

Join at your local library  
from Saturday 9 July



Struggling to get to the library or want to read more than 6 books?  
Then you can take part by signing up online:  
[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



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