



## St. Francis Catholic & Church of England Primary Academy

Newsletter 3

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### Message from the Principal

So it has been another amazing week at our Academy. We have had a number of wonderful things happening. Year three and four visited Mottisone, the children all said that they had a wonderful time and the ambulance service have been in to talk to key stage one. We also had a wonderful commissioning service and I would like to thank all the children, staff and parents who supported this service. Then to top it off the work to our school curriculum has been Nationally recognised and is going to be presented at a conference at Loughborough University. This is testament to the hard work of our amazing staff team.

Please know that your child's safety is of the most paramount importance. With that in mind, can I ask that if someone else is going to collect your child from school that you notify the office in advance.

Thank you for another great week, enjoy your weekend.

Mr Augustus

### Year 3 trip to Mottisone

Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic day out to start their week on the West Wight.

They visited the famous Longstone at Mottistone, to tie-in with their 'Tribal Tales' topic discovering the Stone Age. They learnt that this important site, which is reportedly over 6,000 years old, was the setting for many Neolithic ceremonies, including burials of Chieftains.

The children took part in re-enactments of such ancient rites and recreated daily events of long ago. After an inspiring morning, the children enjoyed a picnic in the Mottistone Manor apple-orchard, followed by a treasure-hunt in the stunning gardens.

Luckily the sun shone throughout!



### Weekly Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for the world you created for us.  
Thank you for all the animals and insects.  
We know you love us because you help us when we are stuck. Thank you for being there to love us always. Thank you our families and friends.

Amen.  
Maisie



### School Money

Since we have returned to school, there has already been a staggering £495 amount of dinner money/ twilight and breakfast money which is already outstanding. Please can I remind parents that ALL money for dinners or clubs need to be paid in ADVANCE. Payment can be made via the School Money online system. If you are having trouble logging on, please let the office know who will be able to help you.

### Upcoming dates

26<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 swimming starts

27<sup>th</sup> September – Bikeability/ Scootability  
Years 3,4,5 & 6

1<sup>st</sup> October – Bikeability/ Scootability  
Years 3,4,5 & 6

4<sup>th</sup> October – Balanceability YR

4<sup>th</sup> October – St Francis Day

5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Celebration  
Assemblies

15<sup>th</sup> October 1pm-5.30pm Open Day for  
New Entrants to Reception September  
2019

16<sup>th</sup> October 1pm-6.30pm Open Day for  
New Entrants to Reception September  
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### Commissioning Service

I would like to thank everyone who attended the commissioning service on Tuesday. The children sang magnificently and our Year six students read beautifully. A special thanks must go to Fr John and Canon Hugh who facilitated the wonderful service.



School Attendance Target = 96%  
Current Attendance = 96.85%

### School Uniform

A reminder that the uniform at St Francis is:

- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- White Polo (with logo if possible) Years R, 1, 2
- White button through shirt/blouse and tie Years 3,4,5,6
- School Sweatshirt/Cardigan with logo
- Grey socks/tights
- Black School Shoes (not trainers)

PE Kit is:

- White Logo T Shirt
- Navy PE shorts
- Plimsolls Years R, 1, 2
- Trainers Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up at all times and hair accessories should be subtle (no big bows please).

We are proud of our school and its uniform, please help us to keep looking smart.

### Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Mid-day Supervisory Assistant (MSA) 3 hours a week every Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact the office for more information.

### After School Clubs

The lists have been sent out and you will be receiving texts to confirm if your child has been allocated a space or not in the clubs they chose. Please be aware of the start date of the club as not all of them start next week.

### Harvest Celebrations

We would like to invite the children to bring in items of non-perishable food for our forthcoming Harvest Celebrations!

### St Johns Ambulance Service Visit

The children were very excited to see inside an ambulance and to learn about the jobs our amazing emergency services do.

