



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

Newsletter 5

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What another amazing week within the Academy! The children continue to astound me with their wonderful work; from the Year 5 and 6 Photography to the fabulous Art work in Year 2. Today we held our Harvest Festival celebrations for both Key stage 1 and Key stage 2. The children were impeccably behaved and performed wonderfully, I was incredibly proud of them all. Again a big thank you to the staff for working so hard to make this happen.

This week started off with a fitness theme. All the children had the opportunity to develop their cycling skills with the bike ability scheme. Mr Clark's class also took part in the Jo Wicks body coach schools workout week, this was an initiative with the aim to get one million children participating in exercise.

On Thursday we celebrated St Francis day and the children participated in a worship to remember the story of our Saint. We must thank Reverend Hugh for leading this wonderful service. The children also had a special lunch and some lucky children had hot chocolate and marshmallows with me. It was such an enjoyable experience that I will be rolling it out as part of a reward system for the Stars of the Week.

Please can I ask that all children are in school before 8:35am in an effort to ensure that your child is not given a late mark. We are always trying to improve attendance as it plays such a large part in your child's learning.

I hope that you all have safe and wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing what the next week brings.

Mr Augustus

### News from Kingfisher Class

We've had a really busy week in Kingfisher class. Last week we were visited by the Ambulance Service. We spent this week learning more about the ambulance service. We wrote information booklets on the equipment the paramedics use and why the ambulance use flashing lights. We painted ambulances, made I.D badges and



### Bikeability/Scootability

We have had WightCycle come into school twice recently and Reception, years 3, 4, 5 and six have enjoyed going on scooters and bikes.

They learnt a lot and had a great time!



## CAFOD

This week Liz Burdon from CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) visited to lead an assembly on CAFOD's work. To find out more about CAFOD and to do an activity with your child/children please go to [CAFOD's website for children](#)

## School Shoes

Please ensure your child wears black school shoes which are suitable to be worn outside in damp weather. Plimsols and canvas shoes are inappropriate, particularly if the ground is damp.

## Headlice

We have had numerous reports this week about headlice. Please can ALL parents check their child's hair on a regular basis and take any necessary remedial action if required. Headlice is a nuisance for everyone concerned.

## Lateness

7 children were late this week losing 105 minutes of learning time.

We also have had a number of children being picked up late at the end of the day. If this continues to happen, your child will be placed into Twilight and you will be charged for the session. (£4.00 to 4pm or £7.00 to 5.30pm).

School finishes at 2.50pm and the after school clubs finish at 3.50pm (excluding Twilight).

## Animal Blessing Service in honour of St Francis

This Sunday at 9.30am at St Alban's Church, Ventnor, all animals and their human companions welcome. (if the animal might get too stressed to be brought, you can bring a picture of it to be blessed) .

## School Money

If your link to School Money, our online payment system does not work, please contact the office for a new link.

## Attendance this week

### Academy:

Wren:	94%
Kingfisher:	96.67%
Chaffinch:	93%
Goldfinch:	91.58%
Cormorant:	100%
Egret:	87.73%
Heron:	98.70%
Kite:	96.09%
Buzzard:	94.40%
Kestrel:	93.44%

## Weekly Prayer

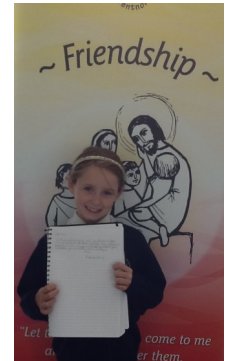
Dear God

Thank you for giving me and my friends comfort when we need it. We all know that you love us because you give us love, courage and friendship. I know you will be there for me and the world.

Thank you.

Amen.

Katie Barrier



## Milk / Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for Free school meals and brings a packed lunch into school, they are able to collect a glass of milk at lunchtimes if they want one. The milk is available next to the salad bar in the hall.

If your child has a Free school meal, then they can choose between water and milk to drink.

## Jo-Jo bands and Hair bands

Please can children refrain from wearing the Jo-Jo bands and big hair bands. Children should be tying any hair up which is shoulder length or longer with a regular hairband.

## PE lessons

Mr Clark has been using the H.I.T. exercise to promote healthy living and how the effects of daily exercise can benefit us in the classroom.



### Upcoming dates

8th October—Year 6 to UKSA for sailing

11th & 12th October— Literacy Festival

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 2019

16th October—Individual photos—School Photographer

16th November—Flu vaccinations take place

### REVISED Development Days

**22nd July & 23rd July (these replace 23rd April and 3rd June)**

### Free School Meals

All families in receipt of Universal Credit and earning an annual income of £7,400 or lower entitled to Free School Meals. Please contact the school office for a form if you think you may be eligible.

### 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 3-6
- 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.

Outstanding Dinner / Twilight/ Breakfast Club to date = £618

Please ensure ALL dinners money and Twilight/Breakfast Club money is paid IN ADVANCE. We are getting close to the stage of refusing for your child to receive meals and attending clubs until the debts are paid. Your co-operation on this matter is much appreciated.

### Attendance

Education Welfare Service will monitor any pupil under 90% as this is considered to be Persistent Absence. Please be aware that we will need to ask for evidence, such as doctor appointment cards, to present to EWS should medical advice be sought. Please remember we are unable to authorise any absence from school due to holidays during term time, this is government legislation not an individual school decision. We will be obliged to pass on information of any absence to EWS who may wish to issue a Truancy Penalty Notice. The current fine is £60 per parent per child.

### Twilight

Our After School Childcare facility (Twilight) is available every day and places are allocated on a booking system. May I remind parents that if a space is booked and the child is then collected at the end of the day and no longer requires the Twilight space, we will be charging you £4.00 for the non-attendance. This is due to us holding a waiting list if the Twilight spaces are full. If the space is cancelled 24 hours or more in advance, you will not be charged.

### Literacy Festival

We are delighted to announce that, again this year, we have been invited to host 2 authors from the Isle of Wight Literary Festival. The children will have the opportunity to meet and work with them on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

On Friday morning, key stage 1 and Reception will be entertained by and working with a wonderful local author, Debbie Webb. Debbie writes books with a setting on the Isle of Wight, one of which is titled 'Stevie Stegosaurus'. She will read a class-based story for Reception class and will then work with Years 1 and 2 in the hall. The children will be able to purchase signed copies of Debbie's books and an order form will be sent home next week.

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## Term Dates and Development Days 2018-2019 REVISED

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Development Day	Holiday	Bank Holiday
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