



St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families



The highlight of our week has undoubtedly been the Christmas Fayre last Saturday. The organisation of which was fantastic, thanks to our amazing PTA. We were very pleased to see so many of you on Saturday and the atmosphere was lovely. We hope to have made about £1400 for our school after expenses have been paid. This is a lot of money and we very much appreciate it.

This coming Thursday we will be looking forward to seeing parents at our next "Show & Share" session. The children will be ready to show you the work of which they are most proud and spend some time sharing it with you, once again thinking about our school value of Courage when they show both perseverance and pride. You are welcome to join us between 8.20am and 8.50am. Please enter by your child's classroom door and then walk around the outside of the school to the classrooms of any brothers or sisters.

As mentioned previously, we now have our next parents' breakfast booked and would like to invite you to join us on 14th December to talk about **Keeping Your Children Safe Online**. We know that internet safety can be a real concern for parents and hope that the session will provide you with advice and information that will be very valuable. Some children may well receive electronic devices for Christmas and we hope that by providing this session, we will help both you and your children to be aware of the potential dangers of being online and what to do to minimise risks. We would ask that on this occasion, parents do not bring little pre-school children with them, who will want to run around the hall during the session. This is due to the nature of the contact of the session as well as the need for parents to be able to hear easily. A letter will follow nearer the time with a slip for parents to complete. We thought it would be helpful for you to know the date in advance.

Have a good weekend

Mrs F Perkins

Congratulations!

Some of our children took part in a Tae Kwon-Do competition last weekend. Congratulations go to: Andre D for achieving 2 Golds in Continuous Sparring & Point Stop Sparring and 3 Silvers in Patterns, Board-Breaking and "Beat Pete".

Passion Y who achieved 2 Golds for Continuous Sparring and "Beat Pete", 2 Silvers for Point Stop Sparring and Patterns and a Bronze in Board-Breaking.

Kruze Y—the youngest competitor who achieved Gold in "Beat Pete" and Silver in Board-Breaking. Well done to all three children who have taken their training seriously, it has paid off.



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Library Stock Take & Book Amnesty

Due to a problem with our library database, books have been borrowed this term without being logged in or out. The problem has now been resolved, but this does mean that we will need to recall all library books & free reader books over the Christmas Holiday so that we can run a complete stock take. As



you can appreciate, we have several thousand books that get shared between nearly 300 library members. We appreciate that some become firm favourites at home, but to allow others to enjoy the library at its best, we will be holding an amnesty for any dusty tomes that have been lounging under the bed or behind the book case. Please can everyone check at home and return anything that should be with us so that others can enjoy them too. Thank you.

The School Day 8.35am—2.50pm

Classroom doors are opened at 8.25am to admit the children and will close at 8.35am for morning registration. Any child arriving after 8.35am should enter via the main office where they will be registered as late and their lunch and going home arrangements confirmed. Children arriving after 8.45am will be classed as "Late after registers have closed" and this counts as an unauthorised absence unless a valid reason has been given and confirmed in writing (ie doctor's /dentist appointment). Children in years R, 1, 2, & 3 should be accompanied by an adult until the classroom is opened.



Children should be collected from the classroom at 2.50pm unless they have an after school club or have been booked into Twilight. Children in years 4, 5, & 6 who have written permission will be released to walk home or to their pre-arranged meeting point. Children not collected from the classroom by 3pm will be brought to the office and contact will be made with the parent. If we cannot reach the parent, we will contact other authorised adults on the child's file. If no appropriate adult is available to collect your child, they will be put into Twilight club if a space is available, which parents will be charged for. If after 1 hour, contact has still not been made with a parent, we will follow our Child Protection procedures and contact the Local Social Services who will endeavour to find the parent/carer/relative.

Drivers beware: Zebra Crossing

Please can we ask drivers to take care and be aware of children and adults using the zebra crossings outside school. We have had a report this week that one of our children was using the crossing and a vehicle failed to stop. Fortunately on this occasion there was no injury to the pedestrian, however we hope you can appreciate that this is could have been a very serious situation had the car not stopped at the last minute



Rotary Club of Ventnor - Father Christmas 5th December 6.30pm

The Rotary Club of Ventnor will once again be out in Upper Ventnor on 5th December with Father Christmas on his sleigh. They have asked if any parents would like to assist with collection boxes on the day, please can they contact Lawrence Chivers on 857680. Thank you.

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