



St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

We have really enjoyed welcoming you into school this week.

The welcome breakfast for Key Stage 2 parents was very well attended, thank you for joining us. We will be hosting further breakfasts and also afternoon teas as the year progresses.

Yesterday we were very pleased to see so many carers and parents at our Open Day. We have had a lot of positive comments from parents as a result. Many of you said you hadn't realised how different lessons were now and how hard the staff work. Your comments have been passed on to the staff who very much appreciate them.

Please come and speak to your child's teacher if there are any fall-outs between your child and another child in the class. We appreciate that this can be an anxious time, but please to not speak to the parents of another child should this happen. All class teacher will be happy to help.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival next Thursday (5th October) in school. As usual, we will be supporting the Food Bank with your donations. This year they urgently need the following:

- Rice
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Tinned Sponge Puddings



Morning Drop Off

We have had reports of a second incident this month where a vehicle has been damaged during the morning school run in the neighbouring streets. Please can I ask again that parents are considerate when parking and honest if an accident occurs and leave your contact details. We will speak to the local PCSO to see if morning patrols can be arranged to monitor the parking/drop off situation in the local area.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion Programme for this year will start in mid October. Catholic children from year 3 and above are invited to make their First Holy Communion this year. Please contact the school office for a form.

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Lost Property

Maisie B in Year 3 has is missing 2 named cardigans

Darcy H in Year 6 is missing a black Mountain Warehouse coat

If anyone has seen any of the missing items, please can you return them to their owners.

Please check names are still legible in uniform and coats. It is impossible to reunite items with their owners without names.

Parent Teacher Consultations

The booking system is now open for appointments to see your child's class teacher. Please click here https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Francis_C_C_E_Primary_Academy and register. If you have difficulty accessing the booking site, please contact the office who can assist. The meetings will take place on Tuesday 17th October from 4-6.30pm and Thursday 19th October from 3-5.30pm

Newsletter Email

If you do not receive this newsletter by email and would like to, please let the office know and we will add you to the mailing list.

Star of the Week

At our celebration worship on Friday afternoons, we share the work that the children have done during the week. Parents of children who are selected as Star of the Week will be invited to attend by text message at the beginning of the week. We hope as many parents can come to see their child. They do enjoy being able to celebrate with you.

Our Value for next week is **Courage**.

Some of the themes we will be exploring will be "Doing the right thing is not easy" and "Facing the Challenge".

St Francis Day

Wednesday 4th October is also the feast day of St Francis. The day where we celebrate the life and work of the saint our academy is named after.

Who is St Francis?

Francis is a very popular name. There are several saints called Francis, but St Francis of Assisi is perhaps the most popular. He was born in Assisi in 1181. His father was a rich businessman but Francis did not desire to be wealthy. Instead he wanted to teach people about Jesus Christ and to look after poor people and sick people. He founded a great religious order called Franciscans. Francis was very fond of animals. He was a great lover of nature but above all was a peacemaker.



A Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of
Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow
love.
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
and where there is sadness, joy.
O *Divine Master*, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we
receive—
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Open Hearts – Open Minds