



St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

Wow, what another amazing week at our Academy! The children have continually surprised me with their fabulous work. I have given out numerous, but well deserved Principal Awards for their excellent learning and look forward to giving out many more to reward their brilliance.

It has been fantastic to welcome our new reception children and it has been nice to see so many smiling faces. I would like to thank Mrs Scarpato and her team for all their wonderful efforts in supporting the children to settle into their new routines. I know that new routines can be unsettling for all children, not just the new ones, but please remember that the school staff are here to help so please do 'pop in' as there will always be someone there to support you.

This week the school year really got going. We saw the start of the enrichment afternoons in Year Six with the children taking part in a range of lessons to enhance their skills. The Year Six staff team have done an amazing job in organising and delivering such an amazing programme. Tae kwondo started and looked incredible, one of the many clubs that we will be offering this year. Our sports coach Paul Marshall started in school to support the teachers in Physical Education.

Next week will see Year Three and Four children head off to The Longstone at Mottisone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their support with this trip as they have paid for the transport. Without this amazing group of volunteers we would not be able to offer such a diverse and rich curriculum, so thank you.

Finally, next week I will be focusing on children wearing the correct uniform. We will be rewarding children with House Points for all those who have the correct uniform on which includes their top buttons done up, ties tied properly and shirts tucked in. I would appreciate it if you would support us with this drive and ensure that your child is looking presentable before they come into school.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, have a lovely weekend.

Mr Augustus

Principal

Data Collection Sheets

You will have received a copy of your Data Collection Sheet prior to the of last term and it is vitally important that it is checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to the school office. We have to be able to contact you or someone else on the list in the case of an emergency with your child. Recent updates from the Government regarding Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) require us to have at least **TWO EMERGENCY CONTACTS** for your child. If you require another copy of the Data Collection Sheet, please just ask for one at the office.

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Well done Anna for writing the prayer for this week for our Golden Assembly!



First Holy Communion

If your child is in year 3 and you would like them to take their First Holy Communion this year, please let the office know so we can inform the Church as classes will be starting shortly.

FLU Vaccinations

Children in years 1,2,3,4 and 5 will have received an information pack this week about receiving the Flu vaccination. Please can you complete and return the form to the office by Friday 21st September. Any applications received after this date will not be able to be processed by the organisers and if you will have to make your own arrangements for your child to have the vaccination.

Chale Show

During the summer holidays, Miss Brewerton took the a display about our Gardening Club to the Chale Show. We were lucky enough to receive a donation from the organisers which we will be using on our forthcoming Gardening Club!



Art Aprons

Year 3 are on the look out for some men's unwanted shirts which can be used as aprons when they are doing their art lessons.

Year 6 into Year 7

If your child is due to move up to High School next September, they will have recently received an information letter from the School Admissions department giving you instructions on the Application process. Each of the High Schools will be holding Open Days in the forthcoming weeks. We are aware of Christ the King 's on Thursday 20th September at 5.30pm , Medina College on Tuesday 9th October at 6pm and the Island Free School's is on Saturday 13th October 11am but please keep a look out for dates for the other High Schools.

After School Club List

This will be issued early next week so keep a look out for it, and remember to send it back to us as soon as your child has decided what they would like to do.

Open Hearts – Open Minds