



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter—No. 2

Friday 15th September 2017

At St Francis of Assisi we believe God is at the heart of our school. As a school community, we work together to provide a caring, stimulating nurturing environment, where every child can discover their true potential and grow closer to Christ. As pupils and staff we encourage in each other a love of learning. This is a place where we can all belong and where diversity and difference is celebrated. We rejoice in each other's uniqueness and respect the dignity and beauty of each individual. Using our gifts and talents we will actively seek to make a real difference - by caring for one another and caring for our world.

On Monday, we welcomed our new Reception children to St. Francis; they have all settled very happily and are quickly making new friends and adapting to the St. Francis of Assisi School day.

This week, curriculum meetings were scheduled for parents/carers of children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. Curriculum information meetings will continue next week for the remaining year groups. Following each meeting, parents/carers will be emailed a Curriculum Information Booklet. Please let the school office know if you do not receive this.

During Celebration Assembly this morning, a child from each class was awarded a certificate for 'Star of the Week' and 'Learner of the Week'. The children have been listed at the end of the newsletter. As part of a recent review of our Behaviour Policy – **please see school website: Key Information/Statutory Policies/Behaviour Policy** – children elected as 'Star of the Week' and 'Learner of the Week' are now able to select from the following as a reward:

<b>Celebration Assembly Rewards</b>	
<i>Wear whatever you like to school for a day</i>	<i>Sit next to a friend for a day</i>
<i>Head teacher for an hour</i>	<i>Prize box</i>
<i>Help teach the class</i>	<i>Bring a teddy ( no electrical)</i>
<i>Take a friend in early for lunch</i>	<i>Play in a brother or sisters playground with a friend</i>
<i>For fruit snack have any snack of their choice</i>	<i>Pick any lesson in the school to be in for an hour</i>
<i>Take a friend to the art room for an hour.</i>	

(We will continue to review this list; any sensible suggestions, please let the school office know)

In last week's newsletter, Miss Chester confirmed exciting changes to our House system. At the end of each term, House winners will be rewarded one of the following:

- Winter – Film in hall with popcorn (afternoon)
- Spring- House Disco (2.00-3.00pm and mufti)
- Summer- Picnic on field (afternoon)

In addition to our revised Behaviour Policy, please see a list of all our Statutory School policies on the website in the section: **Key Information/Statutory Policies**



As a way of demonstrating our commitment to online safety at St. Francis of Assisi school, we have recently made an application to engage with **360 Degree Safe Accreditation**.

The 360 degree safe self review tool is intended to help schools review their online safety policy and practice. It provides:

Information that can influence the production or review of online safety policies and develop good practice.

A process for identifying strengths and weaknesses.

Opportunities for commitment and involvement from the whole school.

A continuum for schools to discuss how they might move from a basic level provision for online safety to practice that is aspirational and innovative.

Following a recent review of our Esafety policies, please see attached to this newsletter our **Mobile Phone Policy**.

### Open Mornings

Open Morning days this term are:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am – 12.00

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am – 12.00

If your child turns 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, it is now the time to think about making an application for a **Reception Class** place. We will be holding **Open Mornings on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12noon**. I will speak to prospective parents at approx. 10.45am – please may I ask you to tell friends, relatives or anyone you feel will be interested in a place for their son or daughter in Reception next September 2018. These places will fill very quickly. It is not necessary to make an appointment, please just turn up on the day.

Thank you to St John Paul Class, Mrs Radley, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Amaral and all the Parents who joined us for their class assembly.



### **Note from the PFA—**

Reminder - There will be a PFA coffee morning for Reception parents on Wednesday 20th September at 9.00am in the After School Club.

### **Curriculum Meetings for Parents and Carers of Years 5 & 6**

Year 5 - Tuesday 19th September at 2.30pm  
Year 6 - Wednesday 20th September at 2.30pm.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Sept**

- 18 Junior Citizen for Yr 6 at the Hawth
- 19 Class Assembly at 9.05am –led by St Clare of Assisi - Parents Welcome
- 19 Curriculum meeting for Yr 5 at 2.30pm
- 20 Curriculum meeting for Yr 6 at 2.30pm
- 20 PFA coffee morning for Reception parents –9.00am



Congratulations to Mary & St Francis class for achieving 100%

### Note from Father Simon

Just to remind those in Year 3 and above who wish to make their First Holy Communion in May / June 2018 to apply now. You will find the application information in the Parish Newsletter when you go to Mass on Sunday. Every year someone is disappointed because they apply after the cut off! For older siblings, applications for Confirmation are likely to open in October. For Adults seeking Baptism or Reception into full Communion and Adult Catholics who haven't yet been Confirmed please contact the parish office on 01293 524 176 (opt 1) or via [crawley.parish@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:crawley.parish@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com) to find out more about the 'Journey in Faith' Group. They'll forward your enquiry onto me and I'll get back to you when I'm back from my hols.

### Note from Mr Szymczyk Music Lessons

On Wednesday children took part in a music assembly led by peripatetic teachers.

There are two providers of music lessons at St Francis:  
LoveMusicSchool ([www.lovemusicschool.co.uk](http://www.lovemusicschool.co.uk)) and West Sussex Music ([www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk)).

They offer individual and group lessons in: piano, keyboard, violin (West Sussex only), drums, guitar (classic, acoustic, electric and bass), singing. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please use website links (above) or contact Mr Szymczyk for more details.



### Grandparents Week

We are celebrating Grandparents week beginning Monday 25th September. We have planned a number of various activities and events that we would love our Grandparents to join us with. Together with this letter you will receive a timetable for Grandparents week with a response section that needs to be returned by Wednesday 20th September.

### Harvest

This year Harvest donations will be collected for the Easter Team. It is a Christian organisation that seeks to help the homeless and desperately poor. Please send your donations of dried, tinned and packets of food or toiletries into school from Monday 18th to Friday 29th September. These should be brought into the child's class. Thank you in advance for your support.



St. Francis: Sophie Blechacz  
St. Anthony: Dana Minster  
St. Bernadette: Rhys Murphy  
St. Clare of Assisi: Justin Luk Chin Leuk  
St. Therese of Lisieux: Jozef Potok  
St. Vincent de Paul: William Balestrini  
St. John Paul: Anna Sousa  
St Maximilian Kolbe: Stella Kakande  
St. Pio: Theo Olivia Kalucka  
St. Philip Howard: Rianna Anoquah  
St. Peter: Josh Jean  
St. Paul: Sean Phillips



St Francis: Vicky Sztobryn  
St. Anthony: Justin Veerabadren  
St. Bernadette: Joanna Peiris  
St. Clare of Assisi: Reuben Grant  
St. Therese of Lisieux: O'Neill Casimir  
St. Vincent de Paul: Leah Chacko  
St. John Paul: Chelsy Rabouine  
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Victoria Noweta  
St. Pio: Alex Mann  
St. Philip Howard: Zac Murphy  
St Peter: Aiden Erickson  
St Paul: Angelina Biju