



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Friday 22nd 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.

Every academic year we request each family to make a contribution of £20 towards the school fund.

As a 'Voluntary Aided' school under the Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, we only receive 90% funding from the Government. This means that the Governing Body of our school has to fund the other 10%. The Governors School Fund pays for the cost of the maintenance and any work to the exterior of the buildings and the grounds surrounding the school; the fund also contributes towards the provision of extra resources needed to enhance your child/ren's overall education that the normal funding does not cover.

You should have received a letter earlier today with more details. May I thank you in advance for your continued support.



Next week is Grandparents' Week! We look forward to welcoming Grandparents to our community. A letter was sent home last week confirming the schedule. Please see attached to this newsletter a copy of that letter for your information.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

As a school, we are committed to promoting the welfare of all our pupils, ensuring they feel safe and can place their trust and confidence in any adult that is working in, volunteering for or visiting the school.

Governors expect all adults to share this commitment by demonstrating their understanding of how every adult, working on behalf of the school has an active part to play in protecting children from harm and promoting their welfare.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the office administration team when signing in.

We would like to thank you for your continued support

Open Morning – Thursday 5th October and Wednesday 11th October 10.00am – 12.00 midday

No Appointment Necessary

St. Francis of Assisi will be opening its doors to prospective parents on Thursday 5th October and Wednesday 11th October. This is for children applying for a place next September 2018.



We are pleased to announce an addition to our school programme. This is a weekly support group for children called Rainbows.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or other loss issues appear to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children who are touched by such experiences. If a parent dies or a divorce happens or a painful loss occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Children may find it extremely difficult to verbalise their feelings of grief because of their age and inexperience.

We have some very sensitive, caring, and trained adults who have said “yes” to helping these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in their family. If you feel your child would benefit from participating in this programme please refer through the school office, and a member of the Rainbow team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Alfieri

Note from Mr Szymczyk

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 by Friday 29th September. These should be brought into the child’s class. Thank you in advance for your support.

Singing club: Fridays 3.30-4.15

Please note the following allocation for Singing Club

Autumn term - Yr3

Spring Term - Yr4

Summer Term - Yr5 & Yr6

Thank you to St Clare of Assisi Class, Miss Keating and all the Parents who joined us for their class assembly.



Punctuality

We would like to remind you about the importance of your children arriving promptly at school. Your child should be in class for 8.55am as we begin promptly at 9.00am.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 29th September at 9.00am to take individual pupil photographs. There will be an opportunity during the morning for siblings to be photographed together.



Congratulations to St Anthony & St Vincent De Paul class for achieving 100%

Note from Father Simon

On Tuesday 26th September, Bishop Richard will visit the parish to Induct Fr Chris Dobson as the new Moderator or leader of the Crawley Parish. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Tuesday to which the Parish is invited. Please keep Fr Chris and the team in your prayers as the next year will undoubtedly bring new challenges as we engage with the Bishop in the renewal of the diocese. Part of that renewal is looking at our own situation. As an Adult I might ask, 'do I seek baptism?' 'have I been Confirmed?', 'do I wish to be received into Catholic Church?' 'Do I need to update my own formation in the faith?' If so contact me on 01293 524 176 (opt 5) or via crawley.pariah@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com and enquire about the 'Journey in Faith' group.

Last call for applications for First Holy Communion! Make sure you are at Holy Mass this weekend as the Parish Newsletter is the only place where you'll be able to find the application details.

On Wednesday 27th Sept at 9.10am we will have a special Mass celebrating the extraordinary role of grandparents. All welcome.

Termly Learning Conferences(TLCs)

TLCs are beginning Monday 9th October and will be taking place over a 3 week period. We now have an electronic booking system through Parentmail. You should have received a letter today that explains the process. Please ensure you make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Diary Dates

Sept

Mon 25—Grandparents Week

Mon 25—Bikeability Week for Yr 6

Tues 26—Feast Day Assembly led by St Vincent De Paul, St Pio & St Therese of Lisieux at 9.05am—Parents Welcome

Wed 27—Grandparents Week Mass in school at 9.05am—Parents Welcome

Fri 29—individual Photos

House Captains

Our House Captains for the Year are:

	<u>House Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
St Peter	Amanda Colaco	Yasmin Szatkowska-Ribeiro
St Bernadette	Kyan Upton	Meda Martinkute
St Richard	Karolina Olszowy-Carreira	Daniel Ojok
St Dominic	Kate O'Mara	Olivia Faragalla

Homework sheets

You should receive a paper copy of details on how to get your child to help you register with Parentmail.



St. Francis: Dawon Wedd
St. Anthony: Tiago Silva
St. Bernadette: Jack Morgan
St. Clare of Assisi: Rose Herbert
St. Therese of Lisieux: Reuel Anoquah
St. Vincent de Paul: Davonna Fernandes
St. John Paul: Isabella Andrade Jardim
St Maximilian Kolbe: Leo Amenyogbe
St. Pio: Ethan Jacques
St. Philip Howard: Julie Zagaja
St. Peter: Olivia Brown
St. Paul: Daniel Ojok



St Francis: Maja Hasinska
St. Anthony: Matthew Tullett
St. Bernadette: Poppy Page
St. Clare of Assisi: Ehtan Stevenon
St. Therese of Lisieux: Mei-Li Chan Chi An
St. Vincent de Paul: Oliver Baillie
St. John Paul: Tom Sparls
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Wojciech Przedziecki
St. Pio: Caryn Jones
St. Philip Howard: Sebastian Blechacz
St Peter: Molly Stevenson
St Paul: Sweeny Fernandes