



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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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.

Christmas Fayre Friday 1st December

Many, many thanks to those who have already donated for 'Secrets Room'. Obviously, any further donations would be enormously appreciated, things which include toiletries, stationery, etc. Please bring your donations to your son/daughter's classroom. The Christmas Fayre is always a big fundraiser so your generous support of this event makes a huge difference and contributes immensely to the development of the school.

Anti-Bullying Week

Please see attached to this newsletter a separate Newsletter from our School Council on the theme Anti-Bullying. Thank you to Mr Lambert for organising this.

National Safeguarding Week

West Sussex Safeguarding week runs from the 27th of November until the 1st of December. This Monday during assembly, the NSPCC – the UK's leading children's charity – will be delivering their *Speak out. Stay Safe.* programme. This is a nationwide programme for every infant and primary-school-aged child in the UK. Yesterday, you should have received a letter with further details.

Thursday 23rd November

Please note that next Thursday is dress-down day (mufti) in return for donations to the chocolate and bottle tombola.

Next Friday 24th November is an INSET day for all staff and the school is closed.

Thank you to
St Therese of Lisieux,
Miss Date and
all the parents who
joined us for their
class assembly.



Lunch boxes/Snacks

Please can we remind you all that sweets and chocolate are not permitted for snack time or in lunch boxes. Only fruit may be eaten at morning break (fruit is provided for KS1 children) and lunch boxes should contain a balanced diet. We thank you for your continued support.

Advent Service—St Francis Class

Please can I remind you that our Advent service led by St Francis Class will be on Monday 4th December at 9.05am



Congratulations to St Philip Howard Class for achieving 99%

KS1 Nativity Production

Programmes will be on sale in the small hall on Monday 4th December and Tuesday 5th December from 3.00pm, priced at £2.00

Programmes will not be numbered and will be limited to 4 per family (for the 3 performances) with any spare programmes available to purchase at a later date.



Note from Fr Simon

This Sunday at 3pm we will have our annual bereavement service for those who have lost loved ones this year. In the Friary Church we will pray Evening Prayer (Vespers) of the Church, before processing to the Friary graveyard for the blessing of the graves. The people of God have long understood that death is something alien to our existence, that comes like a thief in the night and that is why the feeling of loss is so great. That is why it is a good practice to gather as a community of faith so that we may pray and support one another. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have come to see that death will not have the last word in our lives, but instead the Word of God himself will have the last word as he calls us home to the Father's house. May the divine assistance remain with us always and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Gardening club has been enjoying weeding and planting. Today, we planted some snowdrops for the school garden.

Tommie, Ryan, Harrison, Tom and Kevin



Chartwells Christmas Lunch -Thursday 14th December

Online orders must be placed by Sunday 3rd December.

Please note if your child is entitled to universal free school meals (this includes, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) a Christmas Lunch will be provided for them. You do not have to do an online order.



Note from the PFA—Christmas Fayre - Friday 1st December 4:30pm - 7pm

Our Christmas fayre is now only TWO weeks away, we have many exciting things happening for you and your family to enjoy. Back by popular demand we have the school choir and Paul Stanworth singing in the hall. Don't forget to visit Santa and also Poppy from trolls. Look out for our Christmas posters for more information.



Own Clothes Day - Thursday 23rd November

We will be having a non-uniform day for everyone on Thursday 23rd November.

Instead of asking for money, we would like to ask that KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children donate chocolate and KS2 children a bottle (alcoholic or non alcoholic). These should be handed to the class teacher. The chocolate and bottles will be used in our tombola.

Thank you to those who attended Santa's workshop, you did a great job wrapping lucky dip presents and sorting donations. The next workshop is Thursday 23rd November straight after morning drop off. We will be collecting all of the donations for the Bottle and Chocolate tombolas. If you are able to help it would be much appreciated.

We still urgently need some volunteers, if you can spare some time please contact us via Facebook Crawley - Parents & Friends of St Francis or email pfa@stfrancisassisi.org.uk

Open Afternoon—

Monday 27th November 2.00pm

Parents with children who are due to start school in September 2018 are invited to view the school on Monday 27th November at 2.00pm.

This is an additional opportunity to see the school after our 2 open days which have already taken place.

Diary Dates November

Tues 21—Class Assembly at 9.05am led by St Philip Howard—Parents Welcome

Thurs 23— Own Clothes Day for tombola donations

Fri 24—Inset Day—School closed

Mon 27— Open Afternoon—for children starting school in September 2018

Tues 28—Class Assembly at 9.05m led by St Pio— Parents Welcome



St. Mary: Lamuel Dainkey
St. Joseph: Akshara Umasuthan
St. Francis: Makathi Jaishankar
St. Anthony: Freddie Arstall
St. Bernadette: Destiny Latouche
St. Clare of Assisi: Caris Matovu
St. Therese of Lisieux: Gabriella Fernandes
St. Vincent de Paul: Chloe Nalubega
St. John Paul: Isobel Mullan
St Maximilian Kolbe: Lynden Huggins
St. Pio: Zachary Yeomans
St. Philip Howard: Stephanie Rodrigues
St. Peter: Danielius Burbulis
St .Paul: Sean Butterfield



St. Mary: Akshara Umasuthan
St. Joseph: Michael Manhovo
St Francis: Jamie Coomber
St. Anthony: Zara Poduvachola
St. Bernadette: Luca Bicknell
St. Clare of Assisi: Justin Luk Chin Leuk
St. Therese of Lisieux: Aedan Baldwin
St. Vincent de Paul: Kevin Norkiewicz
St. John Paul: David Zmuda
St. Maximilian Kolbe: David Vincent
St. Pio: Leo Bhalodia
St. Philip Howard: Daniel Marden
St. Peter: Andrew Jacques
St. Paul: Amelia Chacko