



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

It has been wonderful to visit classrooms over the course of this week and to observe the level of engagement and enjoyment throughout the school, and in every class! What struck me powerfully was the way in which children were thinking and trying to articulate their understanding, which made me think....

Show Your Working

A colleague once handed me an examination script, promising me that I would enjoy reading it. Patiently turning over the first page (**always turn over the page**) I reached Question 7:

What is 27×3 ? (show your working).

In the box provided, the young boy had supplied the solution: 81. He had diligently enclosed this answer in a thought-bubble emanating from a stick figure crouched over a desk, demonstrating that he was indeed working.

Without wishing to gloss over the power of apostrophes, it strikes me that he was illustrating a truth as well as an answer (he got the extra mark). School is not just about being able to deliver the appropriate response. How you got there matters more.

Teacher: From where did Abraham come?

Pupil: Err...

Teacher: Well done.



The next time one of your children invigorates a long car journey by replying 'Why?' to each and every one of your explanations as to why the sky is blue or crocodiles don't live in England, remember that they are fulfilling a noble philosophical tradition in the quest for truth...in a time of fake news!

Note from Fr Simon

We have returned to ordinary time after our celebrations of Christmas. Ordinary sounds dull, but it really means the time in which we knuckle down and exercise our office to announce the Gospel of the Lord. Bishop Richard has reminded us all of this call to Mission. One of our resolutions for 2018 is to become an *'intentional disciple'*, for the proper dignity of the lay faithful is to an apostolate, meaning that we have been sent out to tell others the Good News of Salvation. In this way we play our part in fulfilling Christ's command to the disciples at the end of the Gospel: *"go baptise all nations in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the commandments that Christ has taught us"*. Part of this New Year's resolution must be, then, to think about our relationship with God and his Holy Church, and as a necessary first step resolve to ensure that the Sunday Mass is our first and most important priority each week; then nourished in Word and in Sacrament we may be strengthened in the mission to which the Lord has called us.



Congratulations to
St Maximilian Kolbe
Class for
achieving 100%

Payments for Osmington Bay and Morning/After School Club

Please could we have all deposits for Osmington Bay and any outstanding payments for Morning/After school Club as soon as possible. Thank you.

Happy New Year from your PFA

Our next PFA meeting is on Wednesday 24th January at 6pm. This meeting will review the Christmas fayre and start planning many exciting events for 2018. We would love to hear your new ideas for activities so please come and join us. We look forward to bringing some new activities along with your much loved favourites in 2018.

Our AGM is on Monday 5th February at 6:30pm. This is your opportunity to become involved with the PFA in an official capacity. During this meeting all current committee members and officers stand down, this gives every parent in school a chance to stand for election as either an officer such as chair person, secretary, treasurer or to become a committee member. It is extremely rewarding to be part of the PFA, so why not come along. New faces are welcomed and encouraged. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend the meeting please complete the form which was sent via Parentmail.

Our First event for 2018 is a ladies only fashion night which will be held on Wednesday 7th March at 7:30pm. This will be the first time we have hosted this type of event and hope you will bring all your friends for fun and a laugh. Details will follow at the end of January.

Admissions September 2018

Please note the closing date for
September 2018 intake is
Monday 15th January 2018.

Diary Dates

January

Tues 16—Class Assembly at 9.05am—led by St John Paul—
Parents Welcome

Tues 23—Class Assembly at 9.05am—led by St Clare of Assisi—
Parents Welcome

Tues 30—Class Assembly at 9.05am—led by St Bernadette—
Parents Welcome



St. Mary: Abigail Amenyogbe
St. Joseph: Julia Zmuda
St. Francis: Blanka Pacucha
St. Anthony: Grace Yeomans
St. Bernadette: Daniel MacDonald
St. Clare of Assisi: Michal Mrowiec
St. Therese of Lisieux: Rhoen Vizmanos
St. Vincent de Paul: Davonna Fernandes
St. John Paul: Bartosz Wawruszak
St Maximilian Kolbe: Max Misiaszek
St. Pio: Liyana Dalrymple
St. Philip Howard: Isaac Vasquez
St. Peter: Tommy Zinga
St. Paul: Antonina Frankowska-Kerr



St. Mary: Ronan Keegan
St. Joseph: Olivia Gilera
St Francis: James Johnston
St. Anthony: Archie Butler
St. Bernadette: Frances Schilthuis-Duggan
St. Clare of Assisi: Victora Bray
St. Therese of Lisieux: Abishan Elil Amalan
St. Vincent de Paul: Enzo Vieira
St. John Paul: Maja Tucknott
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Gabi Malkowska-Dias
St. Pio: Callum Mukasa
St. Philip Howard: Daniel Jeans
St. Peter: Theo Allam-Walsh
St. Paul: Sean Butterfield