



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter—No. 2

Friday 11th September 2020

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.

### Welcome new Reception children and parents!

This week, 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.

On Monday morning, we joined other schools in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton to celebrate Mass for the start of the new school year, led by Bishop Richard. The Mass was live-streamed from Arundel Cathedral. It was wonderful see the children participating from their classrooms reverently and with so much enthusiasm.



### COVID REMINDERS

A big thank you to all parent/carers who are supporting the school by following the covid guidelines and helping us keep our school environment as safe as possible. Please remember that once children have been picked up, families should leave the school premises immediately. Children are not allowed on any play equipment before and after school and as a general safety precaution, children are also not allowed to run on the grass bank at the front of the school (just inside the gate). Due to the current situation, sadly we are not allowing any birthday celebration treats to be brought into school and shared.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Mr Croghan.

## Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum Meetings have been scheduled for next week and will take place in the school hall. Chairs will be positioned so that parents/carers conform with social distancing. Parents/carers must wear face-masks when in attendance and only one member from each family should attend. The schedule is as follows:

**Monday 14th** - Yr2 St Bernadette 2:40pm

**Tuesday 15th** - Yr1 St Francis 2:30pm, Yr3 St Therese of Lisieux 3:00pm

**Wednesday 16th** - Yr1 St Anthony 2:30pm, Yr3 St Vincent de Paul 3:00pm

**Friday 18th** - Yr4 St John Paul 2:50pm

**Mon 21st** - Yr5 St Philip Howard 2:50pm

**Tues 22nd** - Yr5 St Newman 2:50pm

**Wed 23rd** - Yr2 St Clare of Assisi 2:40pm

**Thurs 24th** - Yr4 St Maximilian Kolbe 2:50pm

**Fri 2nd October (please note change of date)** - Both Y6 classes at 2:30pm for curriculum meeting and presentation from Mike Ferry (Headteacher at St Wilfrid's Catholic School), alternating in small and large hall.

## Are you Eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused significant disruption to peoples working careers and if you have been affected by job-loss, the Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called '**Pupil Premium**'. For every child registered, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School gets £1,320.

With this money, your child will receive free school meals, and have access to a range of support which may include discounted extra-curricular activities, support with school uniform, music lessons, school trips, special intervention support, laptops etc. If you think you are eligible please contact the school office for an application form or Mr Hallett for a discreet and confidential discussion.

Please see attached to this newsletter a document which summarises the criteria for eligibility.

## School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 17th September at 9.00am to take individual pupil photographs.

Unfortunately, sibling photographs will not be available. This is to avoid the risk of contamination of 'bubble'



## Bikeability Year Six

Year Six children have been given the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability Training Course week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Closer to the time, more information will be sent out. To take part in a Bikeability Course, cyclists must have the following:



- A roadworthy bicycle that is in good working order and of the correct size.
- Both front and rear brakes must be in full working order, the tyres must be in good condition and pumped up, the handlebars securely attached and fitted with bar end plugs.
- An approved correctly fitting cycle helmet.

For further information, see the link below:

[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11975/cycle\\_right.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11975/cycle_right.pdf)

## Note from Mr Szymczyk

### Harvest

This year, we are asking for harvest donations that will be given to Crawley Open House. Collections will take place by the entrance gates on the mornings of Mondays and Thursdays only, throughout the month of September starting next week 14th September. Please can you ensure donations are placed in a plastic bag. The trolley with the donations will then be emptied after 48 hours of collection in order to be Covid safe. Thank you in advance for your support for this Charity, particularly during these challenging times.



### Choirs



It is our intention to reintroduce singing at St Francis of Assisi School from the comfort of your own home using Zoom technology!

Mr Szymczyk will trial this methodology by having a trial session with the Year 6 choir next week. Children in Year 6 have been sent an invitation to this choir session that will take place on Wednesday 16th September at 4pm. Once we have ironed out any technical difficulties, we will then extend this to the whole of the school.

### Note from Mr Croghan—Class Assemblies

In our efforts to keep our school environment as safe as possible, the format of class assemblies is changing. For the time being, classes will no longer be putting on a performance to parents and other pupils. Instead they will be creating a shared video to showcase what they have been learning.

Links to these videos will be sent out to parents/carers by Parentmail on the day.



Congratulations to St John Paul for achieving 99%

### Diary Dates

#### September

**Tues 15**—St Newman Class assembly shared video

**Tues 15**—Full Governors Meeting

**Thurs 17**—Individual School Photos at 9.00am



St. Francis: Milosz Suchenia  
St. Anthony: Olivia Gulak  
St. Bernadette: Freddie Oram  
St. Clare of Assisi: Maria Jaskiewicz  
St. Therese of Lisieux: Eli Waring  
St Vincent de Paul: Alyssa Villaverde  
St. John Paul: Liam Tyler  
St Maximilian Kolbe: Naisha Alahari  
St. Newman: Marlana Palmyre  
St Philip Howard: Orla Doyle  
St. Peter: Mateusz Fortes  
St. Paul: Kieron Charman



St. Francis: Oliver Niblock  
St. Anthony: Alice Sousa  
St. Bernadette: Sienna Parry  
St. Clare of Assisi: Ajay Sithole  
St. Therese of Lisieux: Dylan Amurun  
St Vincent de Paul: Sebastian Kaput  
St. John Paul: Jonita Aine  
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Makathi Jaishankar  
St. Newman: Ethan Upton  
St Philip Howard: Justin Luk Chin Leuk  
St. Peter: William Wibrew  
St. Paul: Beau Battenberg