



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



**Newsletter—No. 4**

**Friday 25th 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.



Since the start of term, teachers at St. Francis have been familiarising themselves with Google Classroom, and have been training to use it as a platform to set work and interact with children. Google Classroom is a free and easy online tool that supports children's learning remotely (at home). It has many powerful features including sharing and setting homework and the ability to host virtual classes, similar to 'Zoom'. Should the government announce a future lockdown, this technology would help to support effective teaching and learning, remotely (at home).

We intend to introduce Google Classroom as soon as possible and yesterday evening a small group of children from each class were selected to participate in a trial. This has helped us identify strengths, but also pitfalls, errors, misconceptions, etc. Next week, children in Years' 5 and 6 will use it to complete their homework. We then intend to use Google Classroom to set homework across the school, in all year groups, from the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> October.

I understand there may be glitches, and it will take a short time to get used to. May I thank you, in advance, for your patience! However, if you are having difficulties, please email [mwakeham@stfrancisassisi.org.uk](mailto:mwakeham@stfrancisassisi.org.uk) summarising the issues you are having. We will collate this information, and if necessary organise a time in school to meet with you to answer queries. This might take the form of a short meeting (socially-distanced meeting, face-masks, etc.) in the school hall.

## **Coronavirus Update**

As I am sure you have been hearing on the national news, the cases of Coronavirus are rapidly increasing and may I therefore take this opportunity to gently remind you of health and safety measures whilst on the school grounds:

- **No more than 1 parent should be on the school premises at any time.**
- **Please leave the school premises immediately in the morning and in the afternoon. We feel terribly rude asking you to leave so please understand.**
- **Children should not be playing on scooters or any of the school's play apparatus before or after school whilst on the school premises.**
- **Please ensure messages are communicated via the school office, not via the teacher, unless an appointment has been made.**
- **We would prefer you to wear face coverings on the school premises and please avoid congregating for conversation.**

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. Attendance at school this week is 99% which is fantastic!

### Feast day of our Patron St. Francis of Assisi

The Feast day of our school Patron St. Francis of Assisi is 4<sup>th</sup> October. This year, the day falls on a Sunday. However, as a school community, I have arranged for Mass to be celebrated next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.15am and this will be live-streamed from St. Wilfrid's in Burgess Hill. All parents/carers/grandparents are welcome to join the school (and the Parish of St. Wilfrid's) remotely. The link to St. Wilfrid's church is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDuHvrGUvkDG2Q16Blfw-voTHvGI-qfZt>

As you are aware, we have a NO nut policy in school. Please can I ask parents to ensure that snacks and packed lunches are free from food items that may contain nuts. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella/Peanut Butter. We have now updated this to include SESAME. We have children with severe allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.



Congratulations to St Mary & St Therese of Lisieux for achieving 100%

### Flu Vaccination Forms

Please can you return your flu vaccination consent form to your child's class teacher by Friday 9th October.

### Diary Dates

#### September

Tues 29 – St Anthony class assembly shared video –follow link on day

#### October

Fri 2– Year 6 curriculum meeting for parents at 2.30pm—Mr Ferry from St Wilfrid's School also attending

### Note from the PFA—Save the Date

Saturday 17th October at 5pm. The PFA will be hosting their first ever Virtual Family Quiz Night. Free for all the family to join in. More details will follow shortly.

Join the PFA Facebook page to keep up to date - Crawley - Parents & Friends of St Francis



St. Mary: Tiana Narsimoutou  
St. Joseph: Neriah Ephraim  
St. Francis: Asher Baptiste  
St. Anthony: Lola-Belle Joyce  
St. Bernadette: Viaan Kundoor  
St. Clare of Assisi: Jake Jonathan  
St. Therese of Lisieux: Julia Zmuda  
St Vincent de Paul: Lyla-May Stimpson  
St. John Paul: Suveethan Sureshku-mar  
St Maximilian Kolbe: Jakub Skulski  
St. Newman: Liam Campbell  
St Philip Howard: Annabelle Cast  
St. Peter: Mei-Li Chan Chi An  
St. Paul: Leah Chacko



St. Mary: Nano Manneh  
St. Joseph: Matilda Richards  
St. Francis: Stella Santos  
St. Anthony: Emma Idzik  
St. Bernadette: Kajan Dзамalis  
St. Clare of Assisi: Mickey Santhosh Kumar  
St. Therese of Lisieux: Sam Morgan  
St Vincent de Paul: Mateusz Matlak  
St. John Paul: Tristan Wright  
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Arthur Balestrini  
St. Newman: Rhys Murphy  
St Philip Howard: Ollie Oram  
St. Peter: Samuel Hamid  
St. Paul: Gregers Young