



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.

On Monday, the NSPCC visited our school and delivered their *Speak out. Stay Safe* Assembly to share information with the children about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.



I am delighted to confirm that the EWG (Executive Working Group) have now completed the transitional phase back to a Full Governing Body. Next Monday, the Full Governing Body meet to review and maintain the strategic direction of the school. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all our community, and also the Local Authority and Diocese, our enormous thanks to Dr Piggott, Mrs Faulkner and Mr Vose - the EWG - for their contribution and support over the past year. Details of our reformed Governing Body will be published on the school website in due course.

Our attendance stands at 97% which is just above the national average. Please can I ask for your continued support to ensure children are in school on time and avoid taking children out of school during term time

A reminder, school is closed tomorrow for INSET training.

Thank you to St Philip Howard, Mrs Flack and all the parents who joined us for their class assembly



Note from Fr Simon

This Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This Sunday brings our Church's year to a close. This feast reminds us that our ultimate destiny is to be brought home into the Kingdom of Heaven, and that we will be forever restless in this life until we reach our perfection, a share in the very life of God.

This Sunday is also National Youth Sunday, and so if you have any older children years 10, 11 and 12, at Secondary School, you might like to remind them to sign up for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It may be first that they need a little prompting and reminding of the 1st precept of the Church to hear Mass each Sunday.

Note from Mr Szymczyk - Clubs

KS2 Choir Club will finish on Wednesday 28 November.

Singing Club will finish on Friday 1st December.



Note from Mrs Campanaro—NSPCC

Many thanks to the NSPCC for their visit to our school on Monday. The theme of Speak Out. Stay Safe. was very engaging and appropriate in order to keep all of our children safe.

The NSPCC also has a Share Aware booklet for parents which can be seen on our website.

Diary Dates

November

Fri 24—Inset Day –School closed

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

December

Fri 1 - PFA Christmas Fayre

Mon 4— Advent Service at 9.05am led by St Francis—Parents Welcome

Mon 4— Reconciliation at 1.30pm

Mon 4—Nativity Programmes on sale from 3.00pm

Tues 5—Reconciliation at 1.30pm

Tues 5—Nativity Programmes on sale from 3.00pm

Fri 8—Immaculate Conception Mass at 9.05am—Parents Welcome



Congratulations to St John Paul, St Maximilian & St Pio for achieving 99%

Coats

Please can you ensure your child has a coat with them each day.

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.

Christmas Fayre 1st December 4:30pm-7pm

1 week to go until the Christmas Fayre, we hope you are all as excited as us.

We would like to thank everyone for the contributions to the secrets room and the tombolas today. Don't worry if you have not brought in your donations yet, you can bring donations in next week. Now we are on the final stretch we have one final request "Cakes". If you are able to donate for our cake stall we would really appreciate it. Shop bought items can be brought in next week and given to the class teacher. For those of you who are keen bakers we ask that home made cakes are brought in on the day of the fayre to keep them nice and fresh.



We have fun **New** activities; Create Sand Art Christmas decoration, Face Art with the talented Nikki Murphy, Reindeer Food and Santa's keys, and some games such as pin the nose on Rudolf, Toss the rings over Santa and Hook Candy Canes. We are also bringing back some firm favourites, Bottle and Chocolate Tombolas, Decorate a Plate/Mug, Glow Stall, Lucky Dip, Sweets, Refreshments & Cakes and Secrets Room. You can also purchase hot food from the Pizza & Pasta van.

Thank you to all of the Santa's helpers who came in today to collect donations. Our next workshop is on Monday 27th November and Friday 1st December after morning drop off. We really could not pull off this massive event without you.

We are still in urgent need of more volunteers to help on various stalls. If you can spare half an hour please contact the PFA via Facebook "Crawley - Parents & Friends of St Francis" or via email pfa@stfrancisassisi.org.uk. It would be so sad to have to close some stalls early due to lack of helpers.

See you at the fayre!!!