



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Newsletter—No. 6

Friday 13th October 2017



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.

Last week, children in Year 6 went on a school residential to 'Osmington Bay' in Weymouth for an exhilarating and exciting week of activities and entertainment. The children experienced Giant Swing, Raft-Building, The Zip-Wire, Climbing Wall and bravely walked the Sensory Trail! The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were great ambassadors for St. Francis of Assisi. May I thank Mrs Bujwid, Mrs Cockrill, Mrs Draddy, Mrs Tamborrini and Mr Digan for accompanying the children for the duration of the week.

Reading logs

Unfortunately, we have had to recall many of the children's Reading Journals. This is very disappointing; the books had not been bound well with pages already falling out and in some cases, pages not in the correct order. We apologise for the inconvenience and we will return them to the children as soon as repairs have been carried out by the supplier. In the meantime, please continue with regular reading at home.

Our best wishes!

Finally, I'm sure that you will join me in wishing Miss Hitchcock our very best wishes as she starts her maternity leave today! She left the school with an abundance of gifts wrapped in pink tissue paper and we look forward to meeting her new baby in the very near future!

Children are currently enjoying the KS1 disco. Sadly an old knee injury has prevented my participation...

Online Safety

I have come across a really good online safety magazine with lots of parenting tips for children using the internet.

This issue – YouTube. Please click on the link below:

<http://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/DITTO-Mar-2017.pdf>



Congratulations to Mary,
St Anthony, St Clare of Assisi,
St Maximilian Kolbe, St Pio
& St Paul Class for achieving 99%

School Photos

The closing date for photos is Tuesday 31st October.

Thank you to and Mr Szymczyk, Mr Lambert
all the parents who joined us for our Harvest Assembly and
to all the families who donated food items .



Note from Miss Chester—School Houses

Thank you to all the families who helped us to re-name our school houses. The results are in....

We had 76 entries.

The house captains and vice captains shortlisted 5.

There were 181 votes.

5th place with 22 votes: Winter, Autumn, Spring, Summer

4th place with 28 votes: Moon, Stars, Earth, Sun

3rd place with 43 votes: Water, Fire, Earth, Air

2nd place with 43 votes: Hawk, Kestrel, Eagle

WINNERS with 46 votes: Sapphire (blue), Ruby (red), Emerald (emerald), Topaz (yellow)

**Please note that your children will remain in the same colour house, they will now just have a new name.

This Sunday's Gospel will remind us that the Christian Life is an invitation to a wedding. As Christians we long to take our place at the wedding banquet of the Lamb of God in Heaven. Indeed the prophet Isaiah describes heaven as a banquet of rich food and fine wines! We notice from the Gospel that to enter we need to be wearing our wedding garment – this is the indelible mark made on our souls at baptism and symbolized by the white garment we were given and charged to bring unstained into the Kingdom of Heaven. If you haven't yet been baptised why not speak to me about our 'Journey in Faith' group. On the note of weddings, if you or a family member (living in Crawley) is thinking of getting married in 2018 at home or abroad they really need to make an appointment with one of the clergy team ASAP in order that their paperwork and preparation can be completed.

Contact the parish office for an appointment on crawley.parish@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com
or 01293 524 176 (opt 1)

Chartwells Hot Dinners

Please can I remind you that all paid meals must be ordered a full week in advance with Chartwells.

They will also require your child's correct year group and class.

It is difficult for school staff to check who is entitled to a hot dinner when the child is allocated to the wrong class.

Thank you for your support.

Absence

If your child is absent from school you must telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line before 9.00am.

This is part of safeguarding our children and very important that we can account for all of the children, whether, present or absent.

Governors School Fund

Please can we have any outstanding payments by the end of the term. The cost of the Governors Fund is £20 per family.

Diary Dates

October

Mon 16—Year 6 Retreat

Mon 16—TLC for St Clare of Assisi

Tues 17 - Class Assembly at 9.05am led by St Anthony—*Parents Welcome*

Thurs 19—TLC for St Pio

Fri 20—TLC for St John Paul

Mon 23—Half Term Week

Could I remind parents that for the safety and well being of some of our pupils with severe allergies, parents are asked to **ensure that snacks and packed lunches are free from food items that may contain nuts.** Thank you



St. Francis: Jessica Gates
St. Anthony: Leo Sevcovs
St. Bernadette: Liam Campbell
St. Clare of Assisi: Megan Ephraim
St. Therese of Lisieux: Tamsin Tullett
St. Vincent de Paul: Alyssa Wedd
St. John Paul: Alice Herbert
St Maximilian Kolbe: Alexia Mandarin
St. Pio: Dayna Hilton-Hogan
St. Philip Howard: Sophia Angelini
St. Peter: Celine Landicho
St .Paul: Elliott Rocha



St Francis: Hugo Jardim
St. Anthony: Jonita Aine
St. Bernadette: Melissa Cunha
St. Clare of Assisi: Kevin Halwalapri-yankarage
St. Therese of Lisieux: Ben Finch
St. Vincent de Paul: Alayna Dalrymple
St. John Paul: Jakob Fitzpatrick
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Matthew Schilthuis-Duggan
St. Pio: Kuba Zuraw
St. Philip Howard: Marija Orjola
St. Peter: Phoebe Oatham-Bullock
St. Paul: Alexa Richardson