



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



**Newsletter—No. 6**

**Friday 9th October 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.

## Mayor Visit to St. Francis

This morning we were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Crawley to St. Francis of Assisi. As an ex-pupil of St. Francis of Assisi, our school holds a special place in his heart. The children were delighted to meet the Mayor and greet him 'Good Morning, Mr Mayor'.

The Mayor visited the school to receive our Harvest offerings, on behalf of Open House Crawley . May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your very kind donations that will help support families in need throughout Crawley. Pictured below is Ian Wilkins, a representative from Open House Crawley. Open House Crawley is a charity providing support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination or other forms of social exclusion. Their support is available to anyone in need.

I should also like to thank Sienna Parry and Laurence McGee for greeting the mayor and sharing with him their new learning journey in English about a meerkat named Sunny who has travelled all the way from the Kalahari Desert to our school. (The book 'Meerkat Mail', written by Emily Gravett, has been used as a stimulus for writing their own letters back to Sunny's family in Africa to share similarities and differences between the two continents that Sunny has experienced).



## Open Days

As we are unable to organise Open Mornings this term in the usual manner, I have arranged for the school to be recorded using 3D technology next Monday (during the day). We will have our building/classrooms/playing area/hall, etc. scanned to create an interactive photo-quality 3D virtual tour that we can embed in our website for prospective (and current) parents. I would be grateful if you could have the children looking their best on Monday and look forward to sharing with you the finished result! Thank you once again for your cooperation.

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, it is now time to think about making an application for a Reception place next September 2021. You must apply online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) (deadline is Friday 15th January 2021). You will also need to complete our Supplementary Information Form before that date.



Congratulations and well done to Mary Morgan, our School Business Manager, who took part in the virtual version of the London Marathon on Sunday 4th October. Mary ran the marathon distance (26.2 miles) in 5 ½ hours! Please see link below if you wish to make a small donation. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mary-morgan1412>

### School Photos

The closing date for returning or ordering school photos is Tuesday 13th October.



Congratulations to St Clare of Assisi, St Vincent de Paul, St Therese of Lisieux & St Peter for achieving 100%

### Note from Mr Moss -After School Club

Please can remind parents of children in the After School Club to wait outside the building after signing them out, rather than walking in amongst the other children. We will make sure the children come to you. This procedure is in place to ensure risk of infection is kept as low as possible. Thank you.

### Entrance Gates—School Pick up

The school entrance gates will now open at 3.05pm at pick up time at the end of the school day.

### Diary Dates October

- Tues 13**—St Peter class assembly shared video—follow link on day
- Sat 17**—PFA Virtual Quiz at 5pm – more details to follow
- Mon 19**—Black History Week
- Tues 20**—St John Paul class assembly shared video
- 26—30** Half Term



- St. Mary: Noah Walsh
- St. Joseph: Sebastian Mrowiec
- St. Francis: Kieran Pocock
- St. Anthony: Stephanie Ijeh
- St. Bernadette: Tessa Alappatt
- St. Clare of Assisi: Luka Wozniak
- St. Therese of Lisieux: Naomi Grant
- St Vincent de Paul: Emily Vincurova
- St. John Paul: Maja Skulska
- St Maximilian Kolbe: Noah O'Regan
- St. Newman: Lexie-Grace Stimpson
- St Philip Howard: Michal Mrowiec
- St. Peter: O'Neill Casimir
- St. Paul: Liam Jolley



- St. Mary: David Ijeh
- St. Joseph: Chevy Fernandes
- St. Francis: Sophia Crook
- St. Anthony: Mithuran Jaishankar
- St. Bernadette: William Power
- St. Clare of Assisi: Mia Bicknell
- St. Therese of Lisieux: Eleanor Fernandes
- St Vincent de Paul: Jaxon Burns
- St. John Paul: Justin Veerabadren
- St. Maximilian Kolbe: Freya Sleight
- St. Newman: Luca Bicknell
- St Philip Howard: Rose Herbert
- St. Peter: Maddie Jeans
- St. Paul: Zuzanna Pieniadz