



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Friday 16th 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



On Monday, our school was recorded using 3D technology to create an interactive 3D virtual tour! This has been enhanced to include video clips of children, providing information about our school for prospective parents. This has been cleverly embedded within the tour. Please see below the link:

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=7hqKdV5Xy9N>

You may find navigating a bit tricky at first, and may find yourself walking through a few windows, but it does get easier! Whilst on tour, navigate facing forwards, and click the circles on the floor.

You will also come across red circles pinned to the floor during the tour. When you click on these, some media footage appears with the children talking about our school. These can be located in the front reception area, the (new) library, chapel, school hall, reception classroom, playground, computing room and in the after-school club.

I know the children will really enjoy navigating around their school and so I have set a voluntary challenge to complete at home. Please can the children see if they can find the following:

- The St. Francis of Assisi school banner
- A digital clock with the time 11.27
- Which classroom I am in (Mr Hallett)
- A classroom where Mr Szymczyk can be seen in two different positions
- A plate of conkers

Your son/daughter should bring their answers to school on Monday!

I hope you enjoy this virtual tour. It obviously cannot replace a personal encounter, but in light of the current challenges we face in schools, I feel it presents a very positive impression of school life. May I thank you, once again, for ensuring the children looked their best!

### Coronavirus health and safety measures reminder

Please can I 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.

### Note from the PFA –Family Quiz

The PFA will be hosting their first ever Virtual Family Quiz Night **this Saturday 17th October** from 5pm to 6.30pm.

The quiz is free to join!

Just log on to Zoom (join from 4.45pm)

Meeting ID:99896676224

Password: Not Required



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 Maximilian Kolbe for achieving 100%

### Half Term

Please can we remind you that we break up for half term on Friday 23rd October at the normal time.

Pupils will return to school on Monday 2nd November.

### Diary Dates

#### October

**Mon 19**—Black History Week

**Tues 20**—St John Paul class assembly shared video

**26—30** Half Term



St. Mary: Emilia Kowalska  
St. Joseph: Ezekiel Pinto Rakibe  
St. Francis: Elliot Shortall-Emery  
St. Anthony: Keldon Wong Sing Ting  
St. Bernadette: Maddison Orton  
St. Clare of Assisi: Julianne Simon  
St. Therese of Lisieux: Kristian Zrastak  
St Vincent de Paul: Adrian Biju  
St. John Paul: Tiago Silva  
St Maximilian Kolbe: Henry Bromham  
St. Newman: Julia Gobinathan  
St Philip Howard: Reuben Grant  
St. Peter: Abishan Elil Amalan  
St. Paul: Finn McShane



St. Mary: Adam Jaskiewicz  
St. Joseph: Nadia Skudra  
St. Francis: Hanna Szynalik  
St. Anthony: Jakub Matlak  
St. Bernadette: Holly Chambers  
St. Clare of Assisi: Niamh McShane  
St. Therese of Lisieux: Bobbie Brooker  
St Vincent de Paul: Akshara Umasuthan  
St. John Paul: Macaragh McGovern  
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Hugo Jardim  
St. Newman: Jack Morgan  
St Philip Howard: Rosalia O'Reilly  
St. Peter: Tamsin Tullett  
St. Paul: Alayna Dalrymple