



# ST FRANCIS NEWS

*5th November 2021*

**In Jesus we will do our best as we love, pray, learn  
and play because this is the St Francis Way**

Dear parents,

It does not seem long ago that I sent the last newsletter but I felt an update would be useful as we head into a busy term that culminates in the celebration of Christmas.

The PTA are holding many events over the next few weeks and we appreciate all of your support so that as well as raising funds for the school, we can enjoy some great community events. I am particularly looking forward to the Joules Sale and the Toy Sale!

Please do read the newsletter carefully so that you are aware of all key events. Term Dates for 2022-23 are now published on the school website. I have also highlighted some of the school/parish links, in particular the Synod which you can read more about below.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Brown- Head Teacher



Pope Francis launched a Synod of the whole Church, last month, in which he asks that everyone in the Church listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, dreaming and thinking of the type of Church we wish to be a part of. Along with all the bishops in the world, Bishop Patrick has asked schools to be involved.

We will be sending home the Synod prayer cards next week and the Bishop has asked us to pray this prayer each day. I will also send home the pastoral letter from the Bishop to our children.

As a school we have asked to consider the following questions:

- What is my dream for the Church and my school? How can we make this happen?
- Who are the people who feel left out and excluded in the Church? How can we reach out, listen to, and love them? Think of two ideas, one for now and one for the future, to help include them.
- What does the Holy Spirit inspire us to do in our Church and school? What do you think the Holy Spirit is calling us to do next?

If you would like to share your thoughts on these questions then please feel free to email [gbrown@st-francis.leics.sch.uk](mailto:gbrown@st-francis.leics.sch.uk)



# STAY AND PLAY

## ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL, DALBY ROAD



**\*\* STARTS 29TH OCTOBER 2021 \*\***

**EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
2PM - SCHOOL PICK-UP**

**WE ASK FOR A £1.50 CONTRIBUTION  
PER FAMILY**

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY. COME AND MEET OTHER PARISHIONERS AND PARENTS. WHETHER YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH OR SCHOOL, OR JUST WANT TO SOCIALISE. LET YOUR CHILD MEET AND FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH SIMILAR AGED CHILDREN, WHO ARE LIKELY TO START ST. FRANCIS AT THE SAME TIME.



**CRAFT  
STORY TIME  
TEA AND COFFEE  
SENSORY FUN**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE PTA:  
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## **Book Fair- Design a Book Cover Competition**

The Book Fair is coming to school on Tuesday 16th November and children are invited to design a front cover for a book with the chance to win a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. There are 5 vouchers up for grabs. Please send entries into school by Tuesday 16th November for a chance to win a voucher.



### **Bag 2 School**

From Monday there will be an additional clothing bin for recycling which is supporting our PTA. This will be located by the bicycle shed.  
All funding received will go directly into school funds.



## Tree of Remembrance

Our Chaplaincy Team have decorated the Remembrance Tree and children are being given the opportunity to add the names of anyone they would like remembering during the month of November. We are also teaching all of the children the Eternal Rest Prayer.

Year 6 children are also selling poppies and other items for the Royal British Legion. Thank you for your support of this charity.



## **Attendance**

**Overall Attendance 96.1%**

**Target 97%**

**EYFS- 87.5%**

**Y1 (RC) 96.2%**

**Y1 (EH) 97.5%**

**Y3/4 (CS) 98.3%**

**Y3/4 (RL) 95.9%**

**Y5 95.6%**

**Y6(AS) 94.1%**

**Y6 (JO) 94.1%**

Excellent attendance and punctuality are very important to ensure that children achieve their very best.

We expect children to attend school regularly and to be on time. Holidays in term time will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.



We are a part of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi Academy Trust and recently Mr Stevenson attended the trust for some Fire Marshall Training, even appearing in the Trust Bulletin to schools! We access lots of training through the Trust and also through the Leicestershire and Rutland Teaching School Hub which is based at one of our trust schools, Christ the King. This is supporting us to constantly improve our work in school so that we can provide the very best for all of our children and families.

**A reminder that as we will be attending a trust training day on Friday 19th November, the school will be closed to all pupils.**



**Wednesday 10th November from 3.30pm**  
**Melton Mowbray Baptist Church**  
**Leicester Road**  
**LE13 0FA**

**Tickets available from:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joules-seconds-sale-tickets-183464556427>

**JOULES SECONDS**

IMPERFECT CATALOGUE RETURNS  
AND SAMPLES

**1hr shopping slots with only 45 tickets per slot so book early to avoid disappointment!**

**\* £5 + booking fee per person**

**\* Free onsite parking**

**\* Refreshments for sale**





Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Joules Sale from <a href="#">3.30pm@Baptist Church</a>
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dodgeball Tournament- Selected Pupils with Mrs Eaves
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need- Non-uniform day £1 House Family Meeting- No celebration Liturgy
Week Beg 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti- Bullying Week- Theme- 'One Kind Word'
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Fair in School (am/pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	World Youth Fun Day PTA Toy Sale
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET DAY- School Closed to Pupils
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wreath and Wine Night
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Advent Mass @9.15am Hall Christmas Post Box run by Y6 for Christmas Cards
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	House Family Meeting- No Celebration Liturgy PTA Wreath and Wine Night 7pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Polish Club- St Nicholas' Day –more details to follow
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Nativity Christmas Disco
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1/2 Nativity
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3/4 Carols (2pm) Y5/6 Carols (6pm)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair including Raffle
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day



**ETERNAL REST GRANT  
UNTO THEM, O LORD,  
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON THEM.**

**MAY THE SOULS OF THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED,  
THROUGH THE MERCY  
OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.**

**AMEN.**

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