



January 2023

# ST FRANCIS NEWS

January Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

This is just a short update for the start of term. We are excited to back for another term and have lots of exciting things planned. Please see the Class Dojo pages for the termly overviews of the learning that is happening in your child's class.

The clubs newsletter will also be coming out this week and please sign up for spaces quickly as they are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Kind regards, Mrs Brown

## POETRY RECITALS

Look out on Class Dojo to hear when your child's class will be reciting some poetry in the Friday celebration liturgies. As a school we are focussing on children's spoken language this term to help them to develop confidence and articulate themselves clearly. We have a new acronym, to support the children with this. SHAPE

- S- Speak in full sentences
- H- Hands away from mouth
- A- Articulate, don't mumble
- P-Project your voice
- E-Eyes contact

We are looking forward to sharing the poems with you.

## ECO SCHOOLS

The school is working towards the Green Flag Award. Our Eco Committee have chosen the themes of Transport and Waste to focus on and are busy creating an action plan.

Look out for more information on this soon!

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

We are taking part in Active Travel once again and children will be logging how they get to school each day. If you travel to school by car, your children can still earn badges by taking part in Park & Stride. Just park further away from school (at least 10 minutes walk) than usual and then stride to school! This could be part of a healthy new routine and reduce the number of vehicles parking near to the school gates.

## PE KIT

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school. We are seeing some children wearing branded items which are not school PE kit. We will be sending a letter home if children are not in the correct kit.

## FACEMASKS

A gentle reminder for parents and carers to wear facemasks at drop off and pick up. Thank you for your support with our efforts to reduce transmissions of the virus.

## POKEMON CARDS

Collectible cards are becoming popular once again and we ask that children only bring these on on a Friday for swaps at Friday breaktime. Thank you.

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## PARKING

Please park responsibly near to our school gates. We have seen many examples of dangerous parking and once again appeal to you to park with the safety of others in mind.



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## DATES FOR THE HALF TERM AHEAD

### January

Weds 19th- Heights and Weights Y6

Weds 19th-6pm- Parent Forum- Online Safety and Safeguarding  
in school

Friday 21st- Y6 (JO Class) Performance Poetry in Celebration  
Liturgy

Weds- 26th Swimming Gala- selected children

Friday 28th- St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day- Activities in School  
Y6(AS Class) Performance Poetry in Celebration Liturgy

### February

Friday 4th- LV Class Performance Poetry in Celebration Liturgy

Monday 7th- Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th- Internet Safety Day

Friday 11th- Wear Blue for Lourdes Day £1 donation

Monday 14th- Friday 18th Half Term Break

Monday 21st School reopens