



St Francis

Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 2- 2020-21

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear parents,

We have had a very busy but rewarding half term in school. I am pleased that our attendance has been consistently over 95% this half term and when children have had to self-isolate, they have engaged in their home learning. I hope that you all enjoy a rest next week and return refreshed for another half term.

Catholic Life

It has been wonderful to welcome parents to our celebration liturgies on Fridays. Please continue to attend these if you can. It's a great way to connect as a community. We would love any feedback that you have to help us to make our liturgies and Catholic life even better, especially at this time of COVID regulations. Please follow this link for the survey. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8pbaggn-ARl0zEsNPbakYKuiMXuHoeLSzZSICELLjutSbKg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Our foodbank is going well. Please contact the school office if you would like to access the foodbank and we can support you to do this in a discreet way.

St Francis children serving others- I have been amazed with how the children have started their service records this term with some children demonstrating excellent leadership skills! We have beautiful new plants greeting us at reception, planted by a Year 2 pupil. Some children have even lobbied national companies, asking for resources to support our foodbank. We received a huge delivery of biscuits from McVities for our foodbank all down to a letter written by a pupil in Year 6. This is incredible and shows how our children are developing skills which will help them to serve society in their future lives.

Parish Links

It is such a difficult time at the moment with not being able to fully participate in the life of the parish. It has been lovely to see a few of you at Mass, albeit in a socially distanced way! If you would like to attend mass in the parish then you will need to register online via the mass booking system <https://massbooking.uk> The times are Saturday at 6pm and Sunday morning at 9am at St John's.

Some parishioners have been so very generous with donations to our foodbank, taking the time to think about what items would be suitable for young families. I am very grateful for this as I know that the receiving families are too.

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Confirmation 2021- Candidates must be at least 11 years old, practising Catholics and registered in the parish. Please contact Father Tom if you would like to join the programme for 2021 and from whom the application form can be obtained.

Shoebox Appeal

St Francis is supporting the Rotary Club's Gift Box Appeal again this year. Each class has 6 boxes to fill with items for a particular age group/gender. Please see the leaflet from Rotary which details the kind of items we can accept for each box. They cannot contain any food items or anything related to conflict. The children's and baby boxes must not contain sharp objects. Toys and clothing need to be in a good, clean condition and need not necessarily be new. (Nothing too large please, as we are filling a shoebox size container). Thank you so much for your support in providing a gift for people who may never have received one before. The boxes have been set up as follows:-

EYFS & Miss Curley - Baby
Miss Wolfe - Young girl
Miss Vissani - Young boy
Mr Sim & Mrs Cathcart - Household
Miss Stapleford - Teenage boy
Mrs Orridge - Teenage girl

Leicestershire Libraries

Leicestershire libraries have some fun events on over half term. Follow the link for more information.

<https://s6.newzapp.co.uk/t/gtp/OSwxNDUzMjk4OTAwLDM=/>



Borrow a Reading Frenzy Grab Bag



Horrible Science Drawing Workshop

Parent Governors

I am delighted to welcome two new parent governors, Paul Martorano and Nicola Bailey to the Local Governing Body. I look forward to working with them both over the coming year and thank them in advance for their contribution to the school community.

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Photographic Competition

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

NO ENTRY FEE

YOUR PICTURE COULD BE INCLUDED IN OUR 2021 CALENDAR

SUBJECT

"FAMILY LIFE (WITH OR WITHOUT PETS)"

AGE CATEGORIES

YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 15 and 15 and OVER

TO BE JUDGED BY 3 INDEPENDENT JUDGES

CLOSING DATE: 31st OCTOBER 2020

BEST OVERALL WILL RECEIVE £75 PRIZE

BEST IN EACH AGE CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE £25 EACH

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE CALENDAR WILL GO TO THOSE IN NEED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

SCAN FOR ENTRY SUBMISSION FORM

SCAN FOR TERMS & CONDITIONS

IF UNABLE TO SCAN PLEASE CONTACT vicepresident@melton-lions.org.uk OR SEND EMAIL CONTAINING FULL CONTACT DETAILS AND AGE ALONG WITH SPEG ENTRY



Join in with this photographic competition for a chance to win a £25 prize. Melton Mowbray Lions have always been very supportive of our school community so please support them by joining in with the competition if you can!

Recipe Book

As a way of jointly celebrating harvest and the many cultures our school brings together, we would like to compile a recipe book of our favourite traditional recipes. We would like each family to share a recipe which could be added to the cookbook. We can then publish this online and use it in our cooking lessons. Ideally, the recipe will be something that the children will be able to cook in a cooking lesson so, while we are hoping for ambitious and exciting recipes, they can't take hours to cook or be overly complicated. It can be sweet or savoury and we would love to hear the background to the recipe if there is one e.g. why it is special, what country it comes from, why you like it etc. Please use the attached sheet for your recipe. It can be hand written or typed. Please send these in by the end of October. We look forward to seeing (and tasting) your fantastic recipes!

A final thought

Thank you once again for your continued support this half term. Please join in with all of our whole school activities as a way of connecting our community together in these difficult times.

Dear God,

Thank you for all of the new opportunities we are given in our lives. Please help us to never be afraid of trying something new, even at this difficult time. Help us to move through our journey in life with joy and excitement, caring for other people on the way. Amen.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Brown

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A recipe for

By

Ingredients

Method

Picture

Story behind this recipe

Where is this recipe from? Why did you choose it?