

# St Francis News

Newsletter 7

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019



Dear parents,

I wish to thank you all for your support this term as I have settled in as Head Teacher. I also wish to express my gratitude to all of our wonderful, hardworking staff and children. So much has been achieved this term and there has been a lovely community spirit at all of the nativities and plays which have served to remind us all of the most important reason for celebrating this season of Advent, the coming of Christ into our world. I hope to see many of you at the Christmas services in the parish, especially at the family service at 6pm on Christmas eve at the Convent Chapel, where children are invited to dress up in nativity/Christmas costumes.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Posey and Mrs Checketts who have served the school as lunchtime supervisors. They have both been valuable members of the lunchtime team and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all of their hard work over the years. We will welcome Mrs Roberts and Mrs Brumpton to the lunchtime team in January.

Wishing you all a happy and restful Christmas break and we will welcome the children back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please note that all key dates are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Mrs Gosia Brown



## Heritage Play

There are still some tickets left for the 4.30pm showing of the Heritage Play today. Please feel free to turn up and pay on the door- tickets cost just £2 per adult and £1 per child. The play is a beautiful and professionally directed piece about the history of our school, right from the time when our Franciscan Sisters lived in London before their call to the Diocese of Nottingham. We would love for as many people as possible to come along and support our Year 6 children. It is just 40 minutes long but we know that you will be glad you came along. Some people have booked again after seeing the show once as they were so impressed with the standard of the performance!

## Travelling Cribs

Thank you all for sharing your pictures of the travelling cribs. There have been some wonderful family reflections and we hope that you have enjoyed praying with the cribs as a family. We also hope that your children were able to talk to you about Lectio Divina which is a wonderful way to experience the Word of God in a contemporary way.



## Early School Opening- Reading Club

To support with the transition to an earlier opening in the Lent Term, we are putting on a morning Reading Club in the hall. The kitchen have kindly agreed to serve toast for 25p a slice and a member of staff will supervise the children from 8.35 until 8.45 when it is time to go to class. This will operate daily from Monday to Thursday. Entry to the Reading Club will be via the red side doors near to the kitchen.

## PTA

There is a new PTA email address which is [stfrancisschoolpta@outlook.com](mailto:stfrancisschoolpta@outlook.com) Please contact the team if you have any queries or if you would like to volunteer for any events. The next PTA meeting will be on the 13th January at 5.30pm in the school library. Following on from this meeting, the PTA will be meeting on the second Monday of each month at 5.30pm. We warmly welcome all parents to attend so that you can become involved in fundraising for the school and hopefully meet new people in our community. The new PTA team have raised substantial funds for the school already and coupled with the efforts from the disco group, we are ready to start thinking of a large project for the Spring Term.

## 200 Club

The 200 club have purchased a set of 18 i-pads for the school which will hugely enhance our ICT provision and learning for the children. Thank you to everyone who supports the 200 club and to Mrs Freckingham for the time she puts into running the club for us. Congratulations to the winner of the Christmas draw of £1000, Irene Smith.

## First Holy Communion- Year 3

The First Holy Communion enrolment Mass will be at 10.30am on Sunday 26th January at St Francis (Convent Chapel). Please come for 10am as there will be a short meeting beforehand. After the enrolment Mass, the children's sessions will be every Wednesday after school from 3.15-4pm.

### Upcoming key dates

Tuesday 7th January	School Begins
Friday 10th January	Y2 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Monday 13th January	PTA meeting @5.30pm in library
Thursday 16th January	Y1 Key Stage Liturgy @9am
Friday 17th January	Y3 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Thursday 23rd January	Y6 Key Stage Liturgy @9am
Friday 24th January	Y4 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass. 10am meet at Convent Chapel.
Friday 31st January	Y5/6 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Thursday 6th February	Y2 Key Stage Liturgy @9am
Friday 7th February	Y6 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Monday 10th February	PTA meeting in library @5.30pm
Thursday 13th February	Y5/6 KS Liturgy
Friday 14th February	Y2 attend Mass at Convent Chapel, 9.30am
Tuesday/Wednesday, 11th and 12th February	Parent's Evenings- Internet Safety/RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) presentations in library for parents.
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	Half Term Break