



# ST FRANCIS NEWS

*13th October 2021*

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

Dear parents,

Thank you for the incredible attendance at our Harvest/Feast of St Francis Mass last week. Well done to Mrs Orridge's class for leading the Mass. All donations will go into our foodbank and my sincere thanks to the Foodbank Team, Ms Tookey, Mrs Marraffino and Mrs Farmer for their time in sorting and delivering the supplies to families. It was great to have a 'full house' and please do leave us some feedback by following the link below.

Feast of Saint Francis Mass – Truespirit ([aquinas-cmat.org](http://aquinas-cmat.org))

There are lots of events coming up organised by school and the PTA. More information will be sent out on Class Dojo so please look out for the updates.

Wishing you all a restful half term break and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Brown- Head Teacher



**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**



Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success, raising an incredible £610 for Macmillan. The donations of cake were overwhelming and coupled with the hard work of the Year 6 children and staff, ensured we could make a wonderful contribution to a worthy cause. Thank you.

Just One Tree Day- Friday 15th October



To take part in Just One Tree Day, the children are invited to wear 'Earth' colours this Friday (green, blue and brown) and bring in a donation of £1. For every £1 raised, a tree will be planted in the school's name.



## Attendance

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.

Overall Attendance - 96%  
School Target- 97%

**Well done to Miss Stapleford's Class for the highest attendance with 98.3%**



## Reading

Reading is such an important life skill and each class has a reading challenge to help encourage your child to read every day! Don't forget that our reading and homework club is on daily and there is no need to book. Please arrive promptly at 8.15 at the side door to the hall, by the kitchen.

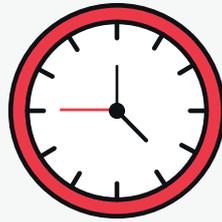


## Uniforms

After half term we will be enforcing the Uniform Policies which have been available since June. Please could I ask that all uniform, particularly PE kits, are in line with the policy. After half term, we will be asking all children to bring in PE kits for the week and children will be changing in school. Please ensure that all uniform and kit is clearly marked.

We have noticed that some children are not wearing correct PE kit. Please can you ensure that your child has a black tracksuit bottoms/ shorts and either a white t-shirt or a house colour t-shirt with logo. If wearing a tracksuit top in house colours, it must have a school logo.

The Uniform and PE policies are available to view on the school website. School Policies - St Francis Primary School, Melton Mowbray ([st-francis.leics.sch.uk](http://st-francis.leics.sch.uk))



## Punctuality.

The school day begins at 8.45 for all children and children should be on the playground, ready to line up for 8.45am. Children marked as late will be recorded as late in the official registers which can result in further action in line with our attendance policy. Please could you ensure that your child is in school on time, each day.



## Parking

Please can I ask that parking at the rear of the school is always respectful to local residents. I have received a couple of complaints about the parking before and after school as well as expressions of concern for the safety of our pupils. Thank you for your consideration as we work together to keep our children and community safe.



## Parental Communication

Communication between home and school is important and we aim to communicate regularly with you so that we can achieve the very best for your child.

- You can call or email the school during school hours if you would like to speak to a member of staff. A call back can be arranged with your child's class teacher or with Mrs Brown and the Senior Leadership Team
- Our Monthly Newsletter shares key information and key dates but Class Dojo is used to update you in between these newsletters.
- Direct messages can be sent to Mrs Brown or to class teachers through Class Dojo and we will respond within 48 hours. (It is usually much quicker!) Urgent messages should be passed to the school office directly
- You can speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day but please ensure that the class teacher has dismissed all of the children first
- Our school website is regularly updated with information
- You can follow our school on Twitter and Facebook where we will share general news and celebrate good news with our community



## Chaplaincy Team

Welcome to our new Chaplaincy Team.  
Our new team will be working with Miss Vissani and  
Mrs Cathcart to lead prayer and support the Catholic  
Life of our school.



Tues/Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Eve (face to face) Mrs Brown is available in her office if you would like to drop-in to discuss anything.
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Last day of half term- Just One Tree Day- Non-uniform- wear Earth colours for £1 donation.
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Half Term Break
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Opens Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bring in carved pumpkins
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parish Stay and Play- School Hall 2pm- pick up
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	All Saints' Day Liturgy
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Jumper Amnesty- School Hall
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Joules Sale from <a href="#">3.30pm@Baptist Church</a>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need- Non-uniform day £1
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
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



**Global neighbours: A prayer for children | CAFOD**

Use this prayer for children for our global neighbours around the world.

Dear God,

Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family.

Old or young, short or tall, wherever we live, you made us all.

Help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair,

And live out our dreams.

Amen.