



ST FRANCIS NEWS

17th September

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

Dear parents,

We have had a busy term in school already and we have lots of events planned for the term. I will send out a revised calendar shortly as dates are being added in for all sorts of activities, including our Harvest Mass and Scholastic Book Fair.

Today the children had their first House Family meetings and new House Reps were nominated by the children. The children came up with some excellent ideas for the school and I look forward to working with the House Representatives to improve aspects of school life with their involvement.

We are all excited to host our Macmillan Coffee Morning next week and warmly invite you to attend. We invite you to the school hall straight after school drop off next Friday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Brown- Head Teacher



On Friday 24th September 2021 Year 6 will be holding our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. We would be really grateful for donations of cakes for the coffee morning and are asking for individual muffins/cupcakes/cookies to keep as COVID safe as possible. Cakes do not need to be homemade but cannot contain any nuts.

Please can all cake donations come into school on Thursday 23rd September to aid us setting up in the hall.

We will also be running a raffle stall -come along and try your luck. If you would like to donate a whole cake for a raffle prize then that would be fantastic as it will help us to raise even more money for such a great cause! This event is open to everyone so please bring friends and family to support this important cause.

Over the course of the morning we will also have some live performances on the stage from different classes in the school.



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 - 96.9%
School Target- 97%

EYFS- 92.9%
Y1/2 (RC)- 97%
Y1/2 (EH)- 97.8%
Y3/4 (RL)- 94.6%
Y5- 98.3%
Y6 (JO)- 95.7%
Y6 (AS)- 95.2%



Phonics Parent Session

Thank you to the parents who attended our KS1 phonics information session. Thank you also for the positive feedback following the session; we are pleased that this will make a difference for you when supporting your child to read at home.

All of the information from the meeting, including the meeting slides are on the school website:

Phonics - St Francis Primary School, Melton Mowbray (st-francis.leics.sch.uk)



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)

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.

Black Shorts/Skort (no cycling shorts)

Plain Black Jogging Bottoms (no logos and no leggings)

Plain White T- shirt or **School Logo House Coloured T-Shirt**

Plain Black Hoodie or **School Logo House Coloured or Black School Hoodie** (for use during winter outdoor P.E. lessons)

Indoor P.E. – plimsols and/or clean trainers.

Outdoor P.E. – trainers

White ankle socks (preferably separate from those worn with school uniform) Please note: Girls will not be allowed to wear tights underneath their PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms.

Please ensure that all individual items of P.E. Kit and P.E. bags are clearly labelled with pupil's names.





Think U Know is a website with a wealth of resources around online safety. We will be using some of these resources in school but there is an excellent parents page.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=66,67,68,69,70,72&ref=4765#mMain>

There are some animated videos aimed at all age groups which are a great way to start conversations about online safety with our children. I know that this is a source of anxiety for us as parents and I have found these resources provide excellent advice and signposting to other resources.

Link of the month:

[Home \(askaboutgames.com\)](https://www.askaboutgames.com)

Worried about your children playing video games on their own, then why not join them? AskAboutGames.com is a fantastic resource for advice on gaming as a family.



PTA

If you would like to join our fantastic PTA or just contribute on an adhoc basis to events, please email stfrancisschoolpta@outlook.com or send a message to the PTA Facebook Page - Saint Francis Catholic Primary School PTA.

Our PTA are looking for volunteers so do get in touch if you have some spare time that you are willing to give to the school.

Thank you.



Our Curriculum in Action



Children in Y1/2 looked at different materials and discovered which materials would be best to use to make our own umbrella.



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Our EYFS children made the most of the hot weather last week by making their own beach.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Pages for more updates of what children are doing in school!



Safeguarding

Our new Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is now on our school website. Please see this at:

STA-Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection-Policy-September-2021-2022.doc-V2.pdf (st-francis.leics.sch.uk)

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