



# ST FRANCIS NEWS

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear parents,

We hope that you enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and managed to take advantage of some of the sunny weather last week. Welcome back to our final half term.

We know that many of you are keen to know about the class structure for the new academic year and whilst we will share this in the final week of term, I can inform you that there will be mixed classes in Y3/4 and Y5/6. As such, we will be sharing a separate guide to mixed-age classes, with some answers to the frequently asked questions. Please reassure your child that they will have at least one friend from their list in their new class. It will be an opportunity for them to make new friendships and all of the children have playtime and lunchtime together.

Have a lovely weekend, it looks like it is going to be nice weather.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Brown

## **School Day- Times Change**

From next academic year, to ensure that we are providing the required 32.5 hours which is expected by September 2023, we plan to extend our school day by 5 minutes. This means that the school day will be from 8.45 until 3.15pm.

## **Final Day of Term**

Just a reminder that the final day of term is Thursday 7th July.



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## Sports' Day

We will be holding our annual Sports' Day on Tuesday 21st June from 1pm on the school field. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us. The children will be doing a round robin of activities on the previous day so they will need their PE kit in from the Monday of that week.

## Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that I share that Mrs Eaves will be leaving us from her role as PE lead and Sports' coach. I want to thank Mrs Eaves for all of her incredible work with sport at St Francis- she will be greatly missed.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to Miss Lucas who is moving to another school in our Trust who are gaining an excellent teacher! I am sure that Miss Lucas will enjoy a very successful teaching career.

We are delighted to be welcoming several new members of staff to our team. Mr Hayles will join us from another school in our trust to teach in EYFS. We will also welcome Mr Uttley, a former pupil, to teach in KS2 and Mr Holland who is a qualified Early Years teacher. As mentioned, we will share the new staffing structure when the children learn about their new class in the final week of term.



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## The St Francis Way

One of our curriculum drivers is Knowledge and Enquiry-

Inspired by St Thomas Aquinas, we offer a high quality, inspiring and relevant curriculum to motivate pupils to become lifelong learners. Here are some of the wonderful learning experiences we have seen in the last couple of weeks.



D & T- Y1/2

Exploring the difference between fruits and vegetables. They sorted them into groups - fruits have seeds and vegetables don't - and then got to taste fruits like avocado, mango, strawberry and cucumber.



EYFS

Making crowns as part of the learning about the Platinum Jubilee!



Y3/4

Aspirations Day- dressing as a future job role.  
Incredible ideas for the future!



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Y3/4

Getting ready for sports' day.  
Some great practising of key skills learnt over the year.



Y5

Aspirations Day- learning from members of our parish community about their careers. Some really inspirational visitors including a nurse and retired GP.

Please do see our posts on Dojo to see what learning has been taking place. We ask our teachers to post some information about the learning weekly and at least every two weeks- sometimes things can get busy in school!



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## Reminders

### Attendance- Term Time Holidays

I wanted to remind parents and carers of our policy on term time holidays. We cannot authorise any term time holidays.

### Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was 94.8% This is a good effort. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97%.

Please ensure that children come to school on time every day and attend regularly so that they don't miss out on valuable learning and also time with their friends.

### Attendance by class:

EYFS: 98.1%

Miss Curley: 94.8%

Miss Hall: 94.6%

Miss Lucas: 94.2%

Miss Stapleford: 96.3%

Miss Vissani: 94.3%

Mr Sim: 95.5%

Mrs Orridge: 90%

Well done to Mrs Griffiths' class on achieving 98% attendance this week!



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Catholic Life

## Helping Hands at St Francis

The children came up with some ideas for how we can help our school and wider environment in a recent house family meeting. We have since launched, 'Helping Hands at St Francis', an initiative to make our school an incredible place to work and learn and importantly, a place which considers its wider impact on the world. The children in KS1 can all get involved in composting after fruit break and can also help with the other jobs. Our older children will be asking them to help with their jobs of litter picking and being hall monitors. Please also remember that the children have until the end of this term to complete their virtues passports!





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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>May</b>	
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>June</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Support Group- 1.30-3pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am Celebration Liturgy 10am- Y6 to attend Convent Mass PTA 'Frozen Friday' selling ice pops
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	New Starter Meeting @5.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Movie Night- clubs to be rearranged
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am Celebration Liturgy PTA- Father's Day Pop up Shop 10am- Y5 to attend Convent Mass KS1 Movie Night
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports' Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y3/4- Three Trees Performance for Parents
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y3/4 Trip to Country Park
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9am Celebration Liturgy 10am Y3/4 to attend Convent Mass Y5 Trip to <del>Beaumanor</del> Hall 8.30 leave/5pm return.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Briars Residential
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Disco EYFS-Y5
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SEND support group 1.30-3pm
<b>July</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am Celebration Liturgy – KS1 Summer liturgy- parents welcome. 10am Y1/2 to attend Mass at Convent Chapel
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Fair 10-3pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Mass- 2pm @Chapel
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term PTA Doughnut Day