



ST FRANCIS NEWS

Friday 2nd September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. We have seen the classes very settled and the children and staff are very happy to be back in school after a wonderfully sunny summer break.

We are looking forward to a productive term ahead.

God Bless
Mrs Brown



Catholic Life

This week we have been exploring the theme of creation with each class creating their own pledge to look after our planet and our school environment. We have also asked all of the children to send/bring in a picture of a place in nature that is special to them for a whole school display. Please send these in on Dojo or children can bring in printed photos.

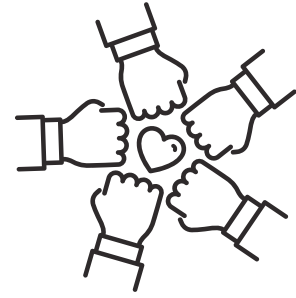


EYFS and their incredible recycling challenge!





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New staff

A special welcome to our new staff and EYFS pupils. It is wonderful to welcome new members into our school community. We are looking forward to seeing how you flourish in our St Francis family.

School SENCO



Mrs Kate Burgess is our new school SENCO. Mrs Burgess will be in school on a Wednesday. Mrs Freckingham will be assisting with some of the administrative duties and as many of you know she works very closely with our families and SEND pupils. If you have any queries, please feel free to direct them to Mrs Freckingham on days when Mrs Burgess is not in school. Mrs Freckingham has said that she will aim to answer within a couple of days. Any urgent queries can be directed to me or to your child's class teacher.

Behaviour and Safeguarding Policy

At the start of the academic year we update our safeguarding and behaviour policies. I will attach these when I share the newsletter. The behaviour policy is in draft and will be approved by governors at our first Local Governing Body meeting. If you have any comments or feedback to share after reading the draft policy, please share them with me directly via class dojo messages.



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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



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Coming up

Parent Forum- Thursday 8th September @5pm in school but also on zoom

Please come along to our first parent forum this academic year. Find out about how we teach Relationships and Sex Education and also ask any questions about school life. The link will be shared in Dojo ahead of the meeting. We ask that you do not share the link on social media to ensure attendees are from our school community only.

Individual and Sibling Group School Photos

Hardy's photography will be in school on Tuesday 13th September for individual and sibling group photos. They have kindly offered photos with siblings who are not yet at school from 8.30 in the morning. Please enter the school via the office if you would like your children to have a photo together.





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EYFS

Over the next few weeks the children in EYFS will be completing a short baseline activity with their class teacher.

Please follow the link below for information for parents about this vital assessment.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

Free School Meals

You can use the below link to check if your child is eligible to receive Free School Meals. It is important to check even if your child is in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 as we may be entitled to additional funding as a school.

Free School Meals (servelec-synergy.com)



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Prayer Corner

Here is a link to nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. The first prayer's theme is Sun.



First prayer: Sun

**"We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures,
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom you give us light."
(St Francis of Assisi)**

"I dream that this Amazon, so beautiful and diverse, a gift from God,
this earth which gives life, our life, our mother, is not transformed into a desert."
(Fr. Henri de Roziers, Pastoral Land Commission, Brazil)

Creator God,
We are nourished by your radiance.
Forgive us for the harm we cause your earth,
the heat and drought unleashed by climate change.

St Francis, you loved our sacred world,
you praised God ceaselessly
for his dazzling creation.
May we learn from your example.

St Francis, pray for us.



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Key Dates for this Half Term

Friday 2nd September- Celebration Liturgy in hall 10.30am
Thursday 8th September- 5pm Parent Forum in Zoom
Friday 9th September- Celebration Liturgy in Zoom 10.30am
Tuesday 13th September- Individual School Photos
Weds14th/Thurs 15th September- New Intake 23/24 Open Mornings
Friday 16th September- Celebration Liturgy in hall 10.30am
Saturday 17th September- Joules Seconds Event- Baptist Church
Friday 23rd September- Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 30th September- Celebration Liturgy in Hall 10.30am
Friday 7th October- Feast of St Francis Mass @9am School Hall
Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th October- Parent's Evenings
Friday 14th October- Celebration Liturgy in Zoom 10.30am
Monday 17th- Friday 21st October- Half Term
Thursday 27th October- Parent Forum in Zoom 5pm