



ST FRANCIS NEWS

Half Term Update Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a few further updates, including some exciting updates from PTA so I have put together a very short newsletter before the half term break.

Enjoy the time off and we look forward to seeing you after the break.

Mrs Brown

PTA Events

Stay and Play- Change of Timing

To encourage more families to stay and play with their toddlers on a Friday, we are moving the time of this session to straight after drop off. Come along and join parents for a tea/coffee and play session with your pre-school child.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Carving- 50p to join in with the Pumpkin Carving Competition- entries to school on Friday 28th October. Please bring to school in the morning.

Christmas Jumper Amnesty

Please do send any Christmas jumpers no longer required into school. The PTA will be arranging a sale of preloved jumpers ahead of Christmas jumper day which will be in the final week of term.

Friday Celebration Liturgy

Our Friday celebration liturgy will now take place at 2.45pm on a Friday so that more parents can join before pick-up. Please enter via the school office.



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Parish Christmas Wreath Festival

Get creative and make your own festive wreath using any materials, to be displayed in St John's Church, Thorpe End, for the Wreath Festival on 3rd and 4th December. Entries are £1 each. Please bring your wreath into school with your entry money and we will ensure that it gets to St John's.

Staff Inset Day Reminder

Friday 18th November- School Closed to pupils- Whole Staff INSET

Foodbank

We have a full foodbank at present and if there are any families who wish to benefit from this, please contact the school office so that you can arrange a time for collection. Many thanks to parishioners and parents/carers for donations to the foodbank. It is making a real difference to many of our families and I know that it is appreciated.



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October

Monday 17th- Friday 21st October- Half Term
Monday 24th October- Flu Vaccinations EYFS-Y6
Thursday 27th October- Parent Forum in Zoom 5pm
Friday 28th October- Y1 to chapel for Mass @10am
Friday 28th October- Pumpkin Carving Competition- bring in to school
Friday 28th October- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 2.45pm

November

Tuesday 1st November- World Vegan Day- Vegan Menu
Tuesday 1st November- Mass for the Feast of All Saints- Y3/4 to lead
Friday 4th November- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 2.45pm
Friday 4th November- Y6 to chapel for Mass @10am
Monday 7th November- 3.30pm Parents Phonics Information Event
Friday 11th November- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 2.45pm
Friday 18th November- School Closed to pupils- Whole Staff INSET
Friday 25th November- Y5 to chapel for Mass @10am
Friday 25th November- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 2.45pm
Friday 25th November- Non-uniform day- £1 donation- National Youth Funday/Children in Need
Wednesday 30th November- Y6 Warning Zone Trip

December

Thursday 8th December- Non-uniform Day for Lourdes £1 donation
Friday 2nd December- Y3/4 to chapel for Mass @10am
Friday 2nd December- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 2.45pm
Friday 2nd December- Menphys Carol Concert pm
Friday 9th December- Y2 to chapel for Mass @10am
Friday 9th December- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 2.45pm
Tuesday 13th December- Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14th December- KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 15th December- KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 16th December- Y1 to chapel for Mass @10am
Friday 16th December- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 2.45pm