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October Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We have had such a productive start to the new academic year and it has been wonderful to welcome and get to know so many new families and staff.

As we head towards half term, we have parents evenings taking place next week where teachers can update you on the progress that your child is making. Please do book onto these in person meetings. If you would like to book a meeting with me to discuss any issues or concerns, please message me on Class Dojo for an appointment.

October is a month where we feel the change of the season and as a Catholic community, this is month is dedicated to Mary. See the prayer corner below for a link to some lovely resources which you can use for prayer at home with your children.

This week we celebrate the feast of St Francis and I would like to wish our Convent Sisters as well as everyone in school a happy feast day. We hope to see you at Mass this Friday at 9am in the school hall.

God Bless
Mrs Brown





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Catholic Life

Today is the feast of St Francis and some of our Chaplains got involved in a trust video about our patron saint and St Clare, who followed in his footsteps.



Harvest Mass and Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Francis.

Mass will be celebrated in school this Friday at 10am. Please do send in any donations of dried food and essential household items. We will be collecting these for our own foodbank in school.

Chaplaincy Trip.

Our Chaplaincy team enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Rosmini Centre at Ratcliffe College earlier this week. The trip was a great success and the children are planning to lead prayer groups in school for all children at lunchtimes. This month they will focus on leading the rosary.

Parish Fundraiser

One of our parishioners is doing a sponsored sky dive to raise funds for a new parish hall. We will be selling tickets for £1 for a raffle to win a garden parachute. The Skydive is taking place on 14th November at 9am. The draw will take place shortly afterwards and we will announce the winner. Please send money in a marked envelope and good luck!



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Marvellous Melton

This week we welcomed 'Up and At Em History into school as part of a collaborative project with St Marys, Brownlow and Heritage England. The project is called 'Marvellous Melton' and complements the work we do in History. The children have been learning about things that happened in our local area and will be creating items for a display which will be in St Mary's Church over the half term break. Please do pop in and take a look during the break.

Ismail Dale @ismail_dale · 20m
This week is Marvellous Melton. Enjoyed @JedJaggard heritage trail. Lord Cardigan, the Charge of the Light Brigade, Anne of Cleaves, the Civil War are all part of Melton's story. Children at St Francis @stfrancis1957 had a great time and I learned lots!



Ismail Dale @ismail_dale · 16m
This week is Marvellous Melton. The children learnt all about the Civil War battles nearby. Rick bought the stories alive for the pupils at St Francis @stfrancis1957





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Attendance

We know that the last week has seen a sick bug affect many children and some staff. However, attendance for this academic year stands at 95.9% which is not far from our 97% target. Keep up the good work everyone. Regular school attendance has a tremendous impact on the amount of progress that your child will make whilst in school. The table below shows how much learning is lost when your child is absent from school.

Rating	Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Satisfactory	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
Cause for Concern	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Unsatisfactory	86%	163 days	27	135
Serious Cause for Concern	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
Critical	80%	152 days	38	190

Please support us and help your child to achieve great things by ensuring they attend school every day and are only absent if they are too poorly to attend



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Staffing News

We welcome new LSA Sarah Isaac and new HLTA Rose Dunn to our staff team. Mr Orzech has sadly relocated back to Poland and will not be returning to St Francis but we congratulate him and his family on the birth of their baby boy.



Secondary School Applications- Year 6 Parents

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that applications for secondary school places must be made by 31st October 2022. If you wish to apply for a place at De Lisle Catholic College, please ensure that you complete the Supplementary Information Form if you wish for your child to be considered under a faith criterion. You will also need to provide evidence of this as part of completion of this form. More information for applications to De Lisle College can be found on the school's website.



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Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on next week. This will be on during parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Please come along and support this; we receive rewards for every book purchased which we can spend on more high quality books for our library and accelerated reader books.

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

Mark Ten Mission have produced some wonderful resources for the month of October which includes a rosary challenge. Follow the link below for more information.



The Rosary Challenge

[The Mark 10 Mission.](#)





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Friday 7th October- Feast of St Francis Mass @9am School Hall
Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th October- Parent's Evenings
Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th October- Book Fair
Friday 14th October- Y2 to chapel for Mass @10am
Friday 14th October- Celebration Liturgy in Zoom 10.30am
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- Celebration Liturgy in Hall @ 10.30am

November

Tuesday 1st November- World Vegan Day- Vegan Menu
Tuesday 1st November- Mass for the Feast of All Saints- Y3/4 to lead
Monday 7th November- 3.30pm Parents Phonics Information Event
Friday 4th November- Y6 to chapel for Mass @10am
Friday 18th November- School Closed to pupils- Whole Staff INSET
Friday 25th November- Y5 to chapel for Mass @10am
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- Menphys Carol Concert pm
Friday 9th December- Y2 to chapel for Mass @10am
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