



ST FRANCIS NEWS

NOVEMBER

Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to start my newsletter with a huge thank you for such tremendous support of our Mass for the Feast of All Saints earlier this week. It was wonderful to have so many parents and visitors to the school.

The run up to Christmas is always incredibly busy and we are already 2 weeks into the half term so it feels as though we will soon be in the festive period. We have quite a few events on this term so please take a read through the newsletter so that you can join in with school activities.

One event which is not to be missed is the Menphys Catholic Schools Carol Concert. For years, I have seen this a wonderful start to the Christmas season. This year, our choir, led by Mrs Byrne, will be joining Bishop Ellis and English Martyrs for a joint piece. This is a wonderful collaboration for our children- we are very much looking forward to it. Please do come and support this event if you can, more details below.

I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks for all of your donations for the rotary boxes and also to the foodbank. We now have a huge collection of items in our foodbank, and I know that this is providing vital support for our families. Please do contact the school office in confidence if you require our support.

God Bless
Mrs Brown





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St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust consultation on Proposal for reduce PAN for St Francis Catholic Primary School – Melton Mowbray

Consultation now live, running from Tuesday 25th October 2022 to 22 November 2022.

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is proposing to reduce the PAN to 30 for St Francis Catholic Primary School and is required to consult on this before taking a decision.

This is to inform you that the above consultation is now live and can be accessed on the Trust's website via this link: Admissions - St Thomas Aquinas – Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (aquinas-cmat.org)

If you have any comments on the proposed change, please forward these electronically to Antoinette Bouwens (abouwens@aquinas-cmat.org) or by mail to St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, Unit 5, Charnwood Edge Business Park, Cossington, LE7 4UZ.



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Phonics Information Session

We would like to welcome parents of EYFS and Year 1 to a Phonics Parent Meeting on Monday 7th November 2022 @ 3.20pm.

We will be discussing the Phonics scheme that is used in school and how best to support your child with their Phonics and Reading at home.

SEND Review Day- Wednesday 9th November

On Wednesday 9th November, our SENCO, Mrs Burgess will be holding short meetings with parents of SEND children to discuss children's current targets. Your child's class teacher will also be in attendance. The meeting will run over past targets and progress and then inform you of your child's new targets. It is a quick meeting so if there are specific issues that you wish to discuss then please contact Mrs Burgess who will gladly arrange an appointment with you.

Pokemon Cards

I have had some concerns raised about Pokemon cards which are allowed into school for swaps on a Friday. We kindly ask that cards are not swapped in the morning before school and that recommend that children only bring in the cards they are willing to swap to avoid disappointment. We are only allowing the children to swap cards at breaktime in school. This is a good opportunity for children to interact and it would be a shame to curtail this as the children do enjoy this activity.



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Attendance

In school we have relaunched the attendance cup which is awarded each week to the class with the best attendance. This has had some great impact already with school attendance standing at an impressive 97.78% for the past week! Thank you to you all for your support with this.

Attendance letters will be coming out over the next week to inform you if your child's attendance is lower than the expectations. Our target for attendance is at least 96% for all children.

Attendance Award



EYFS- 97.55%

Y1- 98.97%

Y2- 98%

JU- 95.81%

SO- 97.58%

AS- 99.26%

JO- 97.5%

Whole School:97.78%!




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Y6 Warning Zone Trip- Update.

The Y6 Warning Zone trip has now been postponed until March next year.

Menphys Carol Service

Please see the details of the Menphys Carol Service below.




*Catholic Schools
Carol Concert*

A FESTIVE CONCERT IN AID OF
Menphys

Friday, 2nd December 2022 at 7:15pm
De Montfort Hall, Leicester

All tickets for the concert will be sold by the De Montfort Hall
Box Office from Monday October 10th 2022
0116 233 311 or www.DemontFortHall.Co.Uk

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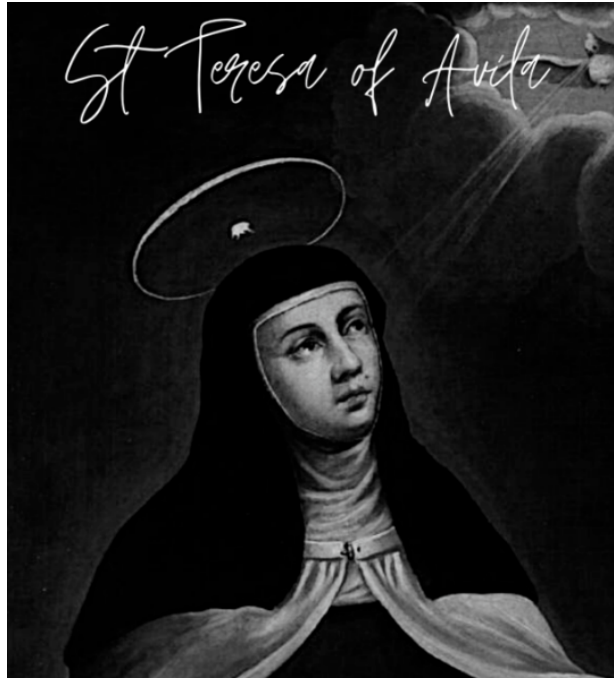




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Prayer Corner



St. Teresa of Avila

St. Teresa of Avila felt Jesus calling her to seek a simple way of living, one without the many distractions that came with her current life. Along with 13 others, Teresa formed the house of St. Joseph at Avila. Teresa made sure that life at the new house was simple. they wore brown outfits, ate simple food and spent much of their time alone either praying or working.

Teresa took her turn at all of the household tasks, sweeping, cleaning and spinning cloth. She was happy though. At last she had lots of time to be alone and pray. She could spend hours talking to Jesus in her quiet room. She loved a life of quiet so that she could be close to Jesus.

Find a quiet place on your own, turn off any electronics or other distractions and close your eyes. Spend some time talking to Jesus about your day and tell him about anything or anyone in your heart. At first you might find this a little strange, but soon, like St. Teresa of Avila, you too will find that it is much easier to feel close to Jesus when all other distractions are taken away.

St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us.



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November

Monday 7th November- 3.30pm Parents Phonics Information Event

Friday 4th November- Y6 to chapel for Mass @10am

Friday 4th November- Chaplaincy Team Remembrance Liturgy 2.45pm Hall

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

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

Tuesday 6th December- EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 7th December- LKS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 14th December- KS1 Nativity 2pm

Thursday 15th December- Y5/6 Carol Concert

Friday 16th December- Y1 to chapel for Mass @10am