



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

In Jesus we will do our best as we love, pray, learn and play because this is the St Francis way

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I have a few notices this week of upcoming events and a short pulse survey for you to complete regarding how we communicate with you. We are happy to provide a weekly newsletter but some parents have voiced that they don't always have time to access something weekly. Please fill out our short pulse survey to help us to keep communication as effective as possible.

School to Home Communication

1. My child's class

EYFS

Y1/2 SO

Y1/2 BB

Y3/4 EH

Next week we have our open day for prospective parents and children on Tuesday from 9.30am. Please do share this with friends and family members who are considering a primary school place for their child. We look forward to welcoming them.

We also have our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday in the school hall from 9am. The Y6 children will be hosting this event and children from across the school will sing some songs during the event. Come and join us. We will allow access from the side of the building and through the office from 9am. Due to safeguarding, all visitors will need to leave via the front

entrance so that we can ensure the security of the site once the event is underway. Please contact the school office if you have any accessibility requirements.

This year we will be celebrating Just One Tree Day on Friday 13th October. This is the last day of the first half term. We invite children to wear their own clothes and a green item and suggest a £1 donation.

We are pleased to announce our big family breakfast is back and will be held on Tuesday 31st October- please see the poster for this event below. More information about ordering your breakfast option will be posted nearer to the time!

As is usual for this time of year, children may come down with mild illnesses and some parents have queried when to send their child to school. The below guidance is excellent and makes it really clear when children can attend.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please note that the date for the bookfair has changed and this is noted below in the calendar.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Brown

Brightening up our playground

Frankie, our rock snake, is starting to take shape. Please do join in with this whole school activity and bring in a painted rock to brighten up our playground. Please feel free to get as many members of your family involved in this activity as you can.

Big Family Breakfast



**St Francis
Fair Trade
Big Family Breakfast**



& Open Morning

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Following the success of last year's Big Family Breakfast and Open Morning, we are delighted to be hosting another one this year.

Join us for a Big Family Breakfast in the school hall from 8.30-9.30am



Afterwards, spend some time in your child's classroom sharing some learning time with them from 9.30-10.30am



Universal Free School Meals

All children who attend St Francis can receive a free school meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This is different from your child being registered for free school meals as a result of any benefits received.

If parents of children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, please also put in an application as although your child is already eligible for a free school meal due to their age, the school will also receive additional funding called pupil premium.

Please see the link to this handy leaflet which describes the link between free school meals and pupil premium, including how the school, and you, can benefit.

[The Pupil Premium - Information for parents \(leicestershire.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/pupil-premium-information-for-parents)

If your child isn't registered for Free School Meals and you receive any of the following benefits, your child may be able to get free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Applications can be made directly through the parent portal.

[Synergy - Enquiry \(servelec-synergy.com\)](https://www.servelec-synergy.com/enquiry)

Catholic Life

RSHE

Last week I sent out a consultation in response to our RSHE curriculum and there is a link to the survey here for you to complete. We have had a few responses but would love for as many parents as possible to get involved. Double tap on the link below to complete the survey and also see the description box for access to the resources. The consultation results could directly impact what we teach in school so your views are very important.

RSE Parent Consultation 2023

To take part in the consultation, please do the following:

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here:
www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:
Username: st-francis-le13
Password: caring-for-animals
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following questionnaire:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6X6A372YaE24KJDknNKQ_a7_DHi6MzhEgtomW3cjK9IUNFVINUhVTEMxOVVPOE9HUE8wNzNIR0VHRi4u
- Send us your feedback by Friday 29th September

Children's Liturgy in the Parish

Children's liturgy will start again at St Francis Convent 10.30 Mass each Sunday from 1st October. This is a great way for children to engage with the liturgy and have the opportunity to talk about it to each other; so please do bring your children along and encourage them to attend.

Parents and Grandparents who would like to help in preparing and delivery of Children's Liturgy are very welcome to join us to see what it is like and join the rota of volunteers. So if this is something you are interested in please just come along and let us know.

Harvest Mass- Donations

Please begin to send in donations for the Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal. Here is a list of the items which we are looking for:

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, play-doh / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Local Events and Activities



Melstrum

Melton's Award-Winning Ukelele Orchestra



St John's Church, Thorpe End LE13 1RB

Friday, 29 September, 7:30 pm

An evening of Music, Song and Variety.

Tap your feet and Sing Along!

Tickets £10 adults, £4 Children

Details: 07790 631635



All proceeds to help build our church hall

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Melton Library

23rd October 2023 – 13th November

6.30pm – 8.30pm

£30.80 (concession fee £9.24)

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HINCKLEY @ HINCKLEY PARKS PRIMARY SCHOOL:
16TH & 17TH OCTOBER

DAVENTRY @ PARKER ACADEMY:
26TH & 27TH OCTOBER

KETTERING @ BUCCLEUCH ACADEMY:
23RD & 24TH OCTOBER

LEICESTER @ JUDGEMEADOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
19TH & 20TH OCTOBER

MELTON @ MELTON SPORTS VILLAGE:
20TH OCTOBER

LOUGHBOROUGH @ RAWLINS COLLEGE:
18TH OCTOBER

COALVILLE @ THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL:
19TH OCTOBER

ONLY £12 PER DAY

AVFC COACHES IN ATTENDANCE

CAZOO

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AGES: 5-13 YEARS
TIME: 9AM TIL 3PM

HOW TO BOOK:
EMAIL: SOCCERCAMPS@DEVELOPMENTSCHOOLS.CO.UK
24HR TEXT SERVICE: 07817307074 WITH CHILD'S NAME & DATES
CALL: 01858461166

Calendar



September	
Thursday 28th September	Phonics Meeting in Hall 3.15pm- All welcome- aimed at EYFS and KS1
Friday 29th September	Y6 Macmillan Coffee Morning EH class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
October	
Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd/4th	Parents' Evenings

Friday 6th October	Feast of St Francis and Harvest Mass at 9.30am followed by tea/coffee for parents/parishioners
Tuesday 10th October	SEND review meetings in school
Friday 13th October	NC class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Half Term Break	Monday 16th to Friday 20th October
Monday 23rd October	School opens to all pupils
Tuesday 24th- Thursday 26th October	Book Fair- Note new date
Friday 27th October	Y1/2 BB class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Tuesday 31st October	Family Breakfast- more details to follow
November	
Friday 3rd November	Mass in school at 9.30am
Friday 10th November	SO class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Friday 17th November	School Closed to Pupils- INSET DAY
Friday 24th November	EYFS class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
December	

Friday 1st December	Mass in School at 9.15am Menphys' Carol Service
Saturday and Sunday 2nd/3rd December	Parish Wreath Festival and other parish events- look out for more information.
Tuesday 5th Decemeber	School Disco straight after school
Friday 8th December	Y5/6 AS class to mass in chapel- 10am 2.40pm Celebration Liturgy
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS Nativity 2pm
Thursday 14th December	Year ½ Nativity- 2pm
Friday 15th December	Christmas Fair 3.15pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year ¾ Carol Concert
Thursday 21st December	Y5/6 Carols by Candlelight- TBC
Friday 22nd December	Last Day of Term- Christmas Jumper Day