



# Saint Francis Newsletter

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have enjoyed the EYFS and Y1/2 nativities. Thank you so much to all of the staff and a huge well done to all of the children for putting on such beautiful productions for us. We are looking forward to the carol services next week. I hope that the Christmas fair went well- I am sorry that I was unable to attend but I fell victim to the dreaded sick bug and felt it best to stay at home. I am feeling better now and look forward to the last week of term and all of the final festivities before we break up.

You will have seen from Mrs Helen Webb's letter that sadly, she is stepping down as Chair of Governors at St Francis. I would like to take this opportunity to express how truly grateful I am to Helen for the support, advice and encouragement that I have received from her in my first five years of Headship. She has been an exceptional Chair of Governors, providing the school leadership team with the perfect mix of challenge and guidance. Helen has worked tirelessly for the school community and her humility and dedication has been an inspiration to me and the Local Governing Body. Thank you Helen for this and all of your wisdom- Helen will be remaining of the Local Governing Body until the summer term and Dr Mary Barber will be taking over as Chair. Mary brings a wealth of experience and is going to be a real asset.

We are still looking for parent Governor nominations- please do consider supporting the school by being a Governor. You can find all of the information that you need on our school website- link below.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend ahead of the final week of term and enjoy the Christmas Fair tomorrow.

Mrs Brown

# Support our School by becoming a parent Governor

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors and I warmly invite you to consider standing for election. All the information was emailed last week but is also linked on our school website by following the link below. This is an excellent opportunity to make a difference for the children in our school.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body's work. Training is available for all governors and this Local Governing Body has an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend induction training.

## **Governors - St Francis Primary School, Melton Mowbray**

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 St Francis Primary School /



## Free School Meal Entitlement

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please follow the link below to find out. Each holiday break, all children entitled to free school meals receive vouchers which can be spent at a range of outlets. This Christmas the entitlement is £40 per child. These vouchers will be delivered to your email inbox so please check and let the school office know if you have not received them. It is really important to note that children in EYFS and KS1 are also entitled to claim for free school meals, even though all children already receive meals for free (confusing, I know). The funding entitles you to the additional vouchers and also adds more money into the school budget..

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

## Travelling Crib

This year- we are aiming to send home a simple crib of 3 peg people for children to create their own crib scene at home. Please encourage the children to set up their own crib scene and send in some pictures for us to see. The cribs will be for the children to keep and use throughout their time at St Francis. A short prayer to share is attached.





# Curriculum in Action



EYFS have been celebrating their writing successes this week- well done!

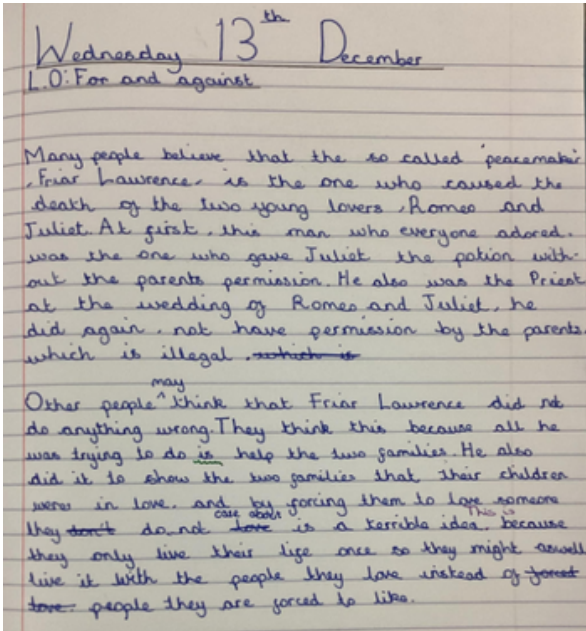
Year 1 and 2 have been making some stained glass windows in RE to show how Jesus' love shines down on us at Christmas time and always.



Year 1 and 2 have also been thinking up questions to ask Father Christmas when they write letters to him this week!



# Curriculum in Action



Year 5 and 6 have been tasked with choosing a character and writing 2 paragraphs on why they should, and should not, be blamed for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. They were encouraged to use formal language and adverbials. This work will be used to help them write their own balanced arguments to give to the Prince about which character should be blamed for their deaths.

# HOUSE POINTS



1941  
St Anthony



1735  
St Elizabeth



1972  
St Clare



1405  
St Francis

# NOTICES

## **PTA Christmas Raffle**

You can now buy some Christmas Raffle tickets through ParentPay. Please make sure you fill in the notes box with your name and contact mobile number. Children will then be given your physical tickets in an envelope to take home with them - watch out for them and good luck! There is over £600 in prizes to be won! Please see the list below.



## **School Ties For Sale**

We have a small stock of traditional ties for sale from the school office. They are £5.25 each.







# Winter WATER SAFETY

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THE ICE FORMED ON OPEN WATERS AND ADULTS FIND THEMSELVES AT RISK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM. OVER 50% OF ICE RELATED DROWNING INVOLVED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A DOG

## TOP TIPS



**Keep away from the edge of the water**



**Only walk in well lit areas**



**Keep dogs on their leads**



**Walk with an adult or group of friends**



**Never go on the ice under any circumstances**

## WHAT TO DO IN DANGER



**Shout help and call 999. Use your what3words location**



**Never go onto the ice to try and rescue a person or animal**



**Keep an eye on the person in danger**



**If possible lie flat to spread your weight**



**Wait for the emergency services**



# SCHOOL PHOTOS MAKE THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

You can still order school photos for pre Christmas delivery!

🎅 **Printed Packs** - Order by 18th December

🎅 **Mugs** - Order by 15th December

🎅 **Digital Downloads** - They're instant, so these can be ordered anytime!



## Did you miss out on your photos this year?

Maybe your child was not in school or maybe you'd like a sibling photo?

We will be back with our 'mop up photo' day in Hathern, Leicestershire on Sunday 28th January! Everyone is welcome, so pass it on! Email [nicola@hardysphoto.co.uk](mailto:nicola@hardysphoto.co.uk) to book your slot.

**HARDY'S**  
School Photography

# CAKE DONATIONS

We need cake donations for the Christmas Fair!



Please bring to school on Thursday 14 December

STORE BOUGHT OR BAKED ARE FINE!



## Christmas Fair Cake Donations

The PTA are asking for donations of home baked or shop brought cakes for the Christmas Fair.

Please bring any donated cakes into school on Thursday 14th December.

Thank you!

PTA Team



# *Christmas Present Wrapping Competition!!!*

*Dear All Girls & Boys,*

*I have created a Christmas present decoration competition for you all to be involved in.*

*I would like you to design and decorate an empty Christmas present ideally no bigger than 40cm x 40cm.*

*The winner will be then receive your decorated present back full of prizes!*

*Entries cost £1 via parent pay*

*Deadline for entries: Wed 13th Dec*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Santa Claus, Mrs Claus  
and all my very helpful busy elves*

*St Francis Catholic Primary School PTA*





# tinyltalk

Baby Signing  
Toddler Talking

## Christmas Winter Wonderland parties!

w/c 11th December

Tues - Keyworth

Weds - Cropwell Butler

Thurs/Fri - Melton Mowbray

Class available for newborn - 5 years old



Mince pies  
Hot chocolate  
Photo booth  
Secret santa  
All included for  
only £7.50!

Scan the QR code  
to book!

Or message Jess  
on 07552721991



Singing & BSL signs



Social time



Sensory play



Toys

St Francis Catholic  
Primary School's

# Christmas Raffle!

**Over £600 !!!**  
WORTH OF PRIZES

**Top Prize:**

**Family Ticket to Belvoir Castle**

**2nd Prize:**

**4 Ball Golf at Melton Golf Club**

**Other prizes:**

**Gift Vouchers, Floral Bouquets, Hampers, Wine,  
Cinema Tickets and many more prizes!!**

**£1 per raffle ticket, purchased  
via ParentPay until 12th Dec**

**DRAW BEING MADE ON**

**15TH DECEMBER AT**

**THE CHRISTMAS FAIR**





# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZE LIST

Family Pass @ Belvoir Castle

Melton Golf Club @ 4 Ball Game of Golf

£36 workshop gift voucher @ Kathryn Saunby Art Studio

£30 Gift Voucher @ By Lindsey

£30 Gift Voucher @ Paws & Paths

£20 Gift Voucher @ Gents Grooming

£10 Gift Voucher @ Melton Sports

£15 Gift Voucher @ More Coffee Co

Gift Voucher @ Jungle Bugs

£10 Gift Voucher @ Megan Joanne Beauty

Gift Voucher For 6 Cupcakes @ Sugar Shamrocks

Gift Voucher @ Costa Coffee

Gift Voucher For Free Cut And Blowdry @ London NULUS

Gift Voucher @ Black Dragon Games

Gift Voucher For Two Meal Deals @ The Glass Pantry

Gift Voucher For Free Cut And Blowdry @ Hair Amore

Gift Voucher For A Free Groom With A Doggy Mischief Facial

& A 10in1 Coat Treatment @ Shampooches

Gift Vouchers For Kids' Boxing Sessions x 2 prizes @ TheBoxingUnit

Gift Voucher For Free Wash And Blow-Dry @ Glam Hair

Gift Voucher For Free Dog Grooming @ Doggy & Gabbona

FM Beauty Hamper @ ScentSational by "Vikki"

£5 Voucher & Mini Hair Products @ Electric Hair

Hamper @ Richard Barns

Bath Bomb Hamper @ Scented Sensations

Two Free Bottles Of Wine @ The Half Moon Pub

A Free Bottle Of Wine @ Amore Restaurant

Free Cinema Tickets @ Regal Cinema

Takeaway For Two @ Jasmin House

Floral Bouquet @ The Flower Basin

Swim Bag Water Bottle And Towel Gift Set @ Waterfield Leisure Centre

Floral Bouquet @ Jennifer Mousley Independent Funeral Director

**Being drawn on the 15th Dec  
at the Christmas Fair**

*Over £600  
Combined In  
Prizes!*

*Cut off date for  
ParentPay is  
12th Dec*

*£1.00 Per  
Ticket!*





# *St Francis Christmas Fair*

*Carols by the Children on Arrival*

*MEET SANTA - CAKES - GAMES - RAFFLE  
FACE PAINTING - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - STALLS  
FESTIVE MUSIC - & LOTS LOTS MORE*

*Friday 15th Dec 2.45pm Onwards*

*-Bring the Whole Family-*





# CALENDAR

## December

Tues 19th	Year 3/4 Carol Concert - 2pm
Weds 20th	Christmas Dinner Day- Children can wear Christmas Jumpers with their uniform.
Thurs 21st	Year 5/6 Carols by Candlelight- 4pm at The Baptist Church
Fri 22nd	Last Day of Term- Christmas Jumper Day/Non uniform day

## January

Monday 8th	School Opens- Start of Lent Term
Friday 12th	Mass in school @9.15am- no celebration liturgy
Sunday 14th	Mass for First Holy Communion children in parish

