



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day on Friday 15th November brings an end to our Anti-Bullying week. Odd Socks Day is a day when schools, workplaces, and individuals join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. We encourage you all to get involved and we look forward to seeing the whole school awash with odd socks.

Children in Need

Also, on Friday 15th November St Francis School will participate in Children in Need. This year, Children in Need are challenging us to make life lighter for children!

With your support Children in Need give children someone to turn to when they are carrying a load that's just too heavy to manage alone. These specialists help children to overcome the challenges they are facing and be the best they can be.

They particularly help children who are struggling with challenges caused by:

- Poverty and deprivation
- Mental health
- Family challenges (such as abuse)
- Social inequality

To help raise money Friday 15th is a non-uniform Day (Mufti Day) with a minimum donation of £1. Thank you for supporting this.

School Consultation Group

At St Francis Catholic Primary School, we recognise the importance of home, school and parish working in close collaboration to deliver the best outcomes for our children. Our school vision focuses us on being an aspirational school, where there is no ceiling on achievement. To strengthen the role of parents/carers in the school, we would like to set up a School Consultation Group (SCG). The SCG has a consultative and advisory role and the Headteacher and Local Governing Board welcome feedback from parents and pupils.

The School Consultation Group (SCG) provides a forum for the school to engage with parents and to offer them the opportunity to consult on school proposals to the Headteacher and





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Local Governing Board. The SCG is a more accessible way to involve more parents in decisions about the school. The SCG is not a forum where parents communicate complaints or discuss issues, which are linked to their child. We have an open-door policy and parents should contact the class teacher in the first instance if they have a concern – not a SCG member. A senior leader is the next step if parents feel the class teacher is unable to resolve the concern.

Membership

The group is open to all parents of children at St Francis Catholic Primary School and is chaired by the Headteacher. Ideally, each year group will have a parent representative on the SCG.

Meetings

The group will meet once per term. Parents will be given the opportunity to submit topics for discussion. The Headteacher will consider these topics before finalising the agenda. There will be topics that cannot be addressed at the PCG. Examples of these include:

- Individual child's education - concerns which are best addressed by the class teacher
- Issues relating to members of staff
- Individual concerns from a parent

The Role of the Group

- For the Local Governing Board and School Leadership Team to consult and discuss topics with parents.
- To provide a forum through which parents as a group can offer their advice to the School Leadership Team and Local Governing Board
- Reach out to parents and bring parents together

Date for first meeting will be Monday 16th December at 14:30 in the school hall. Followed by Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 09:00 and Friday 11th July 2025.

If you are interested in being part of our School Consultation Group, please let Mrs Ringshaw know by email (l.ringshaw@stfrancisprimary.org) or phone call by Monday 25th November.





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Laptops for Staff

We are very grateful to all our school community for your contribution through the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to enable us to purchase new laptops for the teachers. It will make a difference!

Class 4 Football

Class 4 have had a fantastic time last half term being taught football by Coach Aaron Decelis. We're so thankful...and the children are confident that their skills and technique have greatly improved.



Year 6 Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, we sent a squad to the Year 5 and Year 6 local schools swimming gala at St George's School. The team consisted of three Year 6 children (Annaelle, Isabella, and Oliver) and three Year 5 children (Emily, Reegan and Aurelie).

As a team, the students raced across all stroke disciplines in both individual and team races. Across the eleven races that took place, St Francis placed first in an amazing seven of them which was an extraordinary effort. The children's inspiring performances really showcased the





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impressive swimming ability that we are lucky to possess at our school, something that was commended by the staff from competing schools.

After the scores were totalled, St Francis achieved the highest score and were awarded the gold medal as winners of the gala. It was a stunning performance by the team who really were a credit to the school. More importantly, for the children at least, the biscuits handed out by St George's staff seemed to be a more fitting prize.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support the team and to St George's for being an excellent host.



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Ms Kent and Mr Whatley who both return to us from maternity/paternity leave. Thank you to Mrs Barry, Mrs Martinez and Mrs Matthew who kindly covered in their absence. Mrs Barry continues to work with Mrs Miccoli on our RE curriculum until Christmas.





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STEPS

The STEPS (Sorry, Thank You, Excuse me, Please and Smile) Award is given for wonderful manners shown around school to both staff, peers, and visitors. Please see below a picture of our children who received their awards recently.



Absences Add Up

We want all children to attend and enjoy school. 98% means outstanding attendance. Good attendance is 96%, which is the minimum we would expect. Missing two days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.





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Attendance	%
Reception Class	96.5
Class 1	95.6
Class 2	95.1
Class 3	96.2
Class 4	94.7
Class 5	96.2
Class 6	96.1
School Average	95.7

Attend today, achieve tomorrow. Be part of our 98 Club.
Join the 98 Club!

Reflection



Have a wonderful weekend
God Bless,
Mrs Miccoli & the St Francis Team

Attachments:

- Updated Term Dates
- Christmas Jumper Swap Event – Class 3 organising





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St Francis Catholic Primary School Autumn Term 2024	
November	
Monday 11 th	Anti-Bullying Week begins
Friday 15 th	Odd Socks Day
Friday 15 th	Children in Need - Mufti Day £1 min donation
Tuesday 19 th	New Reception 2025 Open Morning (9:30 to 11:00)
Wednesday 20 th	Road Safety Yr4 (09:30) & Yr3 (10:45)
December	
Sunday 1 st	Start of Advent
Friday 6 th	Whole School Mass -Class 5 Leading - TBC
Tuesday 10 th	New Reception 2025 Open Morning (09:30 to 11:00)
Wednesday 11 th	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 14:00
Thursday 12 th	EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity 18:00
Monday 16 th	School Consultation Group – 2:30pm Hall
Tuesday 17 th	Key Stage Two Carol Concert 18:00
Wednesday 18 th	Panto
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Lunch and Santa Visit
Friday 20 th	Last day of Term 13:30 finish
January 2025	
Monday 6 th	INSET
Tuesday 7 th	School Opens for all children 08:40

