



## ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Welcome Back

We warmly welcome back all our families. How wonderful it was to see the children returning this week, with all our wonderful Reception children joining us on Thursday or Friday for their first morning at 'big school'.

We are excited to begin our new term and our new academic year. Teachers commented on the amazing start that the children made, working hard and being kind to each other. Our school value of friendship was evident in classrooms and on the playground.

We are also delighted to share with you the result of our Ofsted inspection that took place 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We must thank you for your kindnesses and support over those two days, as it was quite intense.

Our grade of outstanding is in all honesty due to the professional, dedicated staff that work here. It is indeed a team effort, governors, clerk to governors, senior leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and Admin staff have all played their role in St Francis School achieving this grade.

I am indeed privileged to work with this wonderful group of people.

Some key phrases from our report that we are especially proud of are:

*They (pupils) show kindness and consideration for one another.*

*If pupils need additional support to deal with any worries, the school makes sure that this is in place so that they can continue to learn.*

*Behaviour throughout the school is exemplary.*

*Culture of learning within the school.*



*Standards of achievement are very high for all pupils. This stems from the aspirational approach the school takes from the moment the children arrive in early years.*

*Parents are overwhelmingly positive about how the school engages with them.*

*Sense of community at the school is palpable. At the core of this are the pupils, whose interests are always at the forefront of leaders' thinking.*

I do hope that you enjoy reading all the report.

### **Uniform**

Thank you, parents, for your efforts in getting your children ready for September. If you have any queries, our uniform policy is on our school website. Summer uniform may be worn until the end of September. From **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, all children must wear our winter uniform, unless the weather is still unseasonably warm, in which case we will advise.

### **Communication with School**

School will communicate via Arbor mail and not through Class reps on class WhatsApp groups. There were several WhatsApp messages sent supposedly on behalf of school staff, that caused confusion and stress to some of our parents. To avoid this, we have decided to only communicate whole school/class issues via Arbor mail.

### **Whole School Mass**

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** we will hold our first whole school Mass at Church with Fr Phillip and the people of our parish. The Year 6 children will lead our Mass and you are all warmly invited to join us at 10am in Church.

### **After School Clubs**

Just a gentle reminder that our afterschool enrichment clubs start week beginning **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. Get Active wrap around care, before school and after school is available as normal.



## Reflection

God of love, we believe that you are the source of all wisdom, peace, and joy. At the beginning of this school year, we pray that our children will have open minds and open hearts.

May it be a year full of promise for each one of them and for all who will guide and teach them. May they continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love for You and one another.

Send down Your blessing on these school bags and all who carry them during this school year. When they feel anxious, may they be filled with Your peace, when they are uncertain, may Your Son show them the way, and when they feel tired, may Your Holy Spirit fill them with energy.

May their minds always be open to learning. May their friends always build them up and may they be a friend who supports and encourages.

May they always be aware of Your loving presence, and may they bring that loving presence to everyone they meet. We make these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mrs Miccoli & the St Francis Team

