



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Dear Parents,

Red Nose Day

Thank you for getting involved with Red Nose Day 2019. The St Francis community raised a fantastic £601.10.

When you donate to Comic Relief you are supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. Their vision is to create a just world free from poverty and they are doing this by funding amazing organisations doing amazing things.

Lenten Enterprises

During this period our children take on challenges, organise fundraising events and use their talents to help fight poverty around the world. Our Lenten collections will support CAFOD. A brief outline of our fundraising activities are listed below.

Year 4 Friday 29 th March	All mothers and grandmothers are warmly invited for a continental breakfast at 9:15. Year 4 children will be hosting the event. Just a small gesture to thank mums for all they do and raise money for CAFOD.
Year 5 and Year 6 Friday 29 th March	At Lunchtime, Upper KS2 Children will host their Lenten stalls, with activities for the children to participate in and purchase.
Year 3	Year 3 are doing a spellathon to help raise money for CAFOD. Children will be asked to spell 50 words and parents will be asked to sponsor each correct spelling for between 5p and 10p per spelling. A sheet of 50 words will be issued next week for a test in the final week of term. Good luck!
Year 1 and Year 2 Thursday 4 th April.	Year 1 are decorating biscuits and Year 2 are making book marks and both Years will be selling their wares to parents on Thursday April 4 th at 3pm.
Reception Thursday 4 th April	Reception children will be tempting you with delicious pretzels, which will be offered to parents, for a donation to CAFOD, on Thursday 4 th April. They may even have plants for sale too.

Brooklands Trip

Year 1 children had an awe inspiring trip to Brooklands museum on Wednesday where they participated in two fun filled activities and had the opportunity of meeting an aviation hero - Hilda Hewlett! This was a wonderful, enriching experience for the children and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Pearce and her helpers for organising this learning experience for our Year 1 children.

Mill on the Brue

Our Year 5 children wish to share their experiences from their trip to Mill on the Brue and are inviting parents to their assembly on Monday 1st April at 9:05. Please do join us.

Twitter

We are now tweeting! Our Twitter account is @StFrancisAscot. Please follow us for pictures, videos and updates on our exciting learning journeys.

Car Parking

If you use the church car park to drop your children to school, please can you be considerate about your parking. We have had a number of reports recently of damage to cars from scratches by school bags, dents to doors and a more serious incident which caused up to £500 worth of repairs.

Church Community News

Father Kevin would be pleased to welcome you all to Mass at St Francis Church at any of the following times:

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5.30 p.m. - Sunday Morning Mass at 10 a.m. - Mass during the week Tues-Fri at 10 a.m. Reconciliation (Confession) takes place after the 10am Saturday Morning Mass.

SSE Roadworks – Local road closures!

Please see attached letter and Guideline Programme of Works, subject to change, which we received this morning. Please allow extra time for your journeys to/from school after the Easter holidays due to road closures and diversions in place.

Parent Teacher Meetings – 26th and 28th March 2019

Please make sure you have booked your appointment(s) via ParentMail PMX.

Absences Add Up

Missing two days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year. Research shows that there is a clear link between strong attendance, high achievement and a child's well-being.

All Term Time Absences must be requested **14 days prior** to absence using the correct Term Time Absence request form. A short appointment must then be made, via the school office, to see me. I have set aside Monday mornings 9:00-9:20 for this purpose.

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

Attendance Rankings

Attendance: Friday 15th March 2019 – Friday 22nd March 2019

Class	% Attendance
Reception Class	95.6
Class 1	96.9
Class 2	97.3
Class 3	96.6
Class 4	96.4
Class 5	96.0
Class 6	97.0

Well done to Class 2 who top the leader board this week with a magnificent 97.3%

Dates for your diary

March		
	26/03	Parent/Teacher Meetings 3:30 – 6:30
	26/03	Class 2 to 10am Mass
	28/03	Parent/Teacher Meetings 5:00 – 8:00pm
	28/03 – 29/03	IEP Pupil Review Meetings – by invitation
	29/03	Mother's Day Breakfast at 9:15 am
April	01/04	Mill on the Brue Assembly 9:05am – all parents invited
	02/04	Class 2 to St Paul's Cathedral
	04/04	Easter Reflection time 11:30am
	05/04 – 23/04	Easter Holidays
May	13/05 - 16/05	Year 6 SATS Week
	27/05 – 31/05	HALF TERM
June	07/06	Sports Day and FoSF BBQ
	10/06 – 13/06	Year 1/2 Phonics Screening Week
	14/06	School Class Photographs
	17/06	Sports Day Reserve
	18/06 - 22/06	Royal Ascot Week – Get Active finish at 4:15pm this week.
	26/06	Class R to Rushall Farm
	30/06 *Sunday	FoSF Summer Fair
July	12/07	Year 2 Play – School Hall
	16/07	Year 6 Play at St Mary's Rose Theatre
	18/07	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
	19/07	Year 6 Leavers Final Assembly Term ends 1.30 p.m.
	22/07 – 23/07	INSET DAYS

Reflection

God is our refuge
in times of trouble,
keeping our feet steady upon the road,
watching over us and keeping us from harm.

God is our fortress
in times of distress,
circling us in the safety of his arms,
granting peace when our lives are not at ease.

God is our Father
who knows us so well,
wanting only the best for his children,
willing always to forgive and forget.

Have a wonderful weekend with loved ones.

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