



# St Francis Newsletter

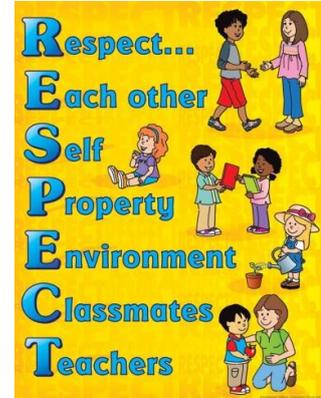
'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Our value this term is



Half term is approaching fast and with it the knowledge that we are almost half way through the Academic year. Walking through the school there is a definite sense that our children are settled and thriving in a calm and determined environment. I am always struck by how positive the relationships are between adults and children and this has been especially pleasing to see this half term when our value has been Respect.

Although this is our shortest term, as always it is jam-packed and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to participate in the activities on offer. I would like to highlight in particular the Parent Information Evening this coming week on Internet Safety. The risks to our children from online 'life' are ever-changing and it is important that we as adults keep up with the dangers it can pose. Please respond to the office if you wish to attend.

Mrs Johnson



Thank you for your donations to our small change collection at the Christingle service at the end of last term. We were pleased to pass on £125 to the Children's Society and very much appreciate your additional generosity at this time of year.



**SPECIAL MENTIONS** Well done to the following children for special acknowledgements this month. These are read out in Collective Worship and you are welcome to read details in the Special Mention Book. Please ask at the school office.

Reception – Hamilton, Lucia, Matthew, Mozes, Mya, Raphie, Taday (x2) and all the class for representing St Francis so well on their first Forest Day at St Mary's.

Year 1 – Charlie, Holly, Isabelle TG, JamesC

Year 2 – AmberW, Benjamin, Callum, Emelie, Lucas, Oscar, Thomas, Zophia

Year 3 – Carla, Connor, Florence, Gerardo, Hana, Sienna, Sophia, Xavier

Year 4 - Angelo, Anna Nicole (x2), Connie, David (x2), Esme, Georgia, Giuseppe, Isaac, Izzy, James, John, Joshua, Leo (x2), Lucas (x2), LucieW, LucyM, Max, Miguel, Olivia, Orla, Loughlan, Sam (x2) Skyla, Sophie, Tyler

Year 5 - Aaron, HenryB, Max

Year 6 - Doody, Isabella, Lily, OliverC, YasmineA



**BUDGENS BREAD WEEK** Our Year 5 class enjoyed learning all about bread last week. They worked in teams to create their own recipes, before shopping at Budgens for ingredients and making their own bread rolls. Their results were judged and the winning team then had the opportunity to make and sell their bread in Budgens last Friday morning. They sold all their produce and have decided to donate their takings to Thames Hospice.

Well done to Dominic, Dylan, Freda, Max and Sorcha. Thank you also to Miss Mitchell, Mrs Geoghegan Smith and Mrs Bradley for helping the children and to Budgens for supporting this interesting initiative.

Year 3 are looking forward to a similar project with 'Pasta Week' next month!

**YEAR 3 BRASS PERFORMANCE** Well done to all of Year 3 for an entertaining and enthusiastic performance in Collective Worship last Friday. Mr Lowe from Maestros said teaching Year 3 has been a fantastic success this term. It was great to be able to show how much progress they made learning trombone together. This is part of the Berkshire Maestros In2Music programme, providing musical education in schools. The class lessons have now finished but a letter from Mr Lowe will be sent to Year 3 parents to advise how pupils can continue to play if they wish to.



**EXCITING NEWS - GIOVANNA'S COOKERY CLUB GOES ONLINE!** We are delighted to share with you that Giovanna Thomas, our Office Administrator, has published some of the recipes used in her very popular Cookery Club. They are available either as an eBook or paperback version from Amazon. [https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=giovanna+thomas+cookery+club](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=giovanna+thomas+cookery+club)

There are 24 wholesome dishes, such as Mediterranean filo parcels, home-made pizza, broccoli patties, Italian meatballs, blueberry flapjacks and mini home-made scones to name just a few favourites. They are all quick and easy to prepare and are ideal for children or students to make, but also great for families to cook together as the recipe portions can easily be doubled or trebled to feed the whole family. There is always a waiting list to join Giovanna's weekly clubs, so now many more families can try out her recipes at home!

**INTERNET SAFETY** As mentioned above, we are holding a Parent Information meeting on Tuesday evening this week, at 7.30 p.m., with Paul Hay, a leading IT Consultant, who is visiting the school during the day to talk to pupils about safe use of the internet. We would encourage you to come along if you are able to – please let the school office know if you can attend, either by email to returning the reply slip sent home last week.

In addition a separate email has been sent to KS2 parents about a recent safeguarding concern raised about the use of SNAPCHAT which the borough have asked to be shared across all local schools.



**YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP** We are excited to confirm that Year 5's residential trip this year has now been confirmed and they will be visiting a new location for St Francis, Mill-on-the-Brue in Somerset, next term in April. A separate letter has been sent home about the trip - Year 5 parents, please check your Parentmail account for details. Mrs Johnson and Miss Mitchell are visiting Mill on the Brue this week to discuss activities and a parent information meeting will be arranged shortly.

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL** It is important that we know where each child is when the morning registers are taken. If your child is unwell or absent for any reason, please phone or email the school office as early as possible, but before 9.30 a.m. and please do this **EACH DAY** your child is away, to keep us informed of any absence from school.

We must follow strict Government regulations regarding a pupil's absence from school. For any reason other than illness or medical appointments, an absence request form should be completed and handed to the office. Authorised absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances so please speak to Mrs Johnson if you feel you have such a situation. <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>



**SAFE DRIVING AND PARKING** It is disappointing that some unpleasant and unnecessary incidents in the car park and surrounding roads have been reported this month during drop of and pick up from school. We are fortunate to have the shared facility of the Church car park, but with up to 160 families arriving and leaving school within a half hour period each morning and afternoon, it is of course quite a congested area. Please leave enough time to make your journey safely and give due care, consideration and respect to all our visitors and their vehicles. By opening school ten minutes earlier, there is now a longer drop off period in the morning and with classrooms open from 8.40 a.m. many KS2 parents do not now need to come into school for very long. Please do your bit to help:

- ✓ Follow the one way route around the car park, in a clockwise direction.
- ✓ Don't park in the disabled bays unless you have a genuine need to.
- ✓ Use the pathway to avoid your children walking around parked and moving cars.
- ✓ Don't stop in the cross-hatch area. Please take the time to park and walk your child safely through the school gate. If you really don't have time to stop, please don't use the car park - drop your child at the KS2 playground gate in Friary Road. This is much safer and the staff member on the gate will see your child safely into school, so you can do this without parking if you wish.
- ✓ When using Friary Road, please only enter from Coronation Road and continue along to the exit onto Brockenhurst Road, rather than turning around, as this causes more congestion and danger turning back into Coronation Road when it is so busy.
- ✓ Please be patient waiting to pass parked cars along Coronation Road. Unbelievably a parent was witnessed last week double passing other cars waiting, having to then mount the opposite pavement to avoid a car coming the other way. Please use caution and common sense!



## DIARY DATES

Activities taking place next week 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February, along with key dates after half term. Please note that Charters have cancelled the Year 3/4 Ascot Primary Cluster Sportshall Athletics Festival planned for Tuesday as they have been unable to staff this sufficiently due to other activities.

**MONDAY-FRIDAY** Year 6 SATS Booster sessions continue each morning.

### TUESDAY INTERNET SAFETY DAY

08:20-08:50 Year 6 Reading Club with Mrs Johnson

12:45-13:15 Cheerleading Club

PM Rock&Pop Guitar/Drums Lessons with Travis DuPlooy

**19:30 Parent Information Meeting – Internet Safety**

**Please return the reply slip or send an email the office to confirm your attendance**

### WEDNESDAY

AM Maestros Piano Lessons with Philip Dimitrovski

### THURSDAY

AM Maestros Violin Lessons with Jan Jackman

09:00 Collective Worship – Hymns

School Council Meeting

LUNCHTIME School Choir KS1/KS2

16:00-20:00 Governor Meetings – Standards / Resources

**19:30 FoSF Meeting at the Swinley Pub, South Ascot.**

**All welcome.**

### FRIDAY

09:00 Collective Worship – Class 2. All welcome.

PM Inter House Gymnastics Competition KS2

**School finishes at 3 p.m. All clubs and Get Active running as normal.**

*Looking forward into February – key dates*

12/02 – 16/02	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 19/02	Year 2 Tag Rugby Festival @ Papplewick 13:00-15:30
Fri 23/02	Collective Worship - Violin Recital Governor Meeting – Pay&Performance
w/c 26/02	Year 3 Budgens Pasta Week
Weds 28/02	Cross Country Event @ Lily Hill Park Bracknell



**MAGPIES** are running multi-sport activities all week during the February half term 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February, at Holy Trinity School Sunningdale. In addition there are two specific 'Girls Only' days on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February to help improve football skills. Please go to their website to book.

<http://www.magpiesinthecommunity.org/>

Dates for the remainder of the school year are posted on the website. Term dates, including INSET days have now been set for 2018-19. These are also listed on the school website. Please note they do not entirely follow the general RBWM published dates.

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