



St Francis Newsletter

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Dear Parents and carers,

We were delighted to celebrate First Holy Communion Mass with our Year 3 children just before half term and see all the candidates in their beautiful and smart outfits.

INSET 4th JUNE A reminder that we have an INSET (Staff training day) on Monday 4th June so we will be welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 5th June. School starts at 08:50 as normal and Breakfast Club opens at 08:00.

GDPR We would really like to be able to keep in touch with you! If you have not already done so, please respond to the Parent Mail request to confirm your consent to use your email, phone and contact details for us to continue to communicate with you.

We use these details to send parent letters, newsletters and notices, to book parent meetings and school trips, to register for after school clubs and to make payments. **If we do not receive your consent to continue to use this information, we will have to remove your contact details.**

On this form, you can also confirm how we can use your child/ren's names and photographs in school material. Your response to this is very much appreciated.



Well done to Class 5 for the best attendance over the last term and the following children who still have 100% attendance year to date. Keep it going for the final term!

Year 1: Amelie, HarryA, Seth, Year 2: Amber, Fiachra, Oliver, Oscar, Thomas

Year 4: Orla, Skyla, Year 5: Edith, HenryB, Joshua, Letty, Poppy, Sorcha, Year 6: Caitlin

As we go into our final term of the year please ensure your child/ren are in school whenever possible. Our overall attendance year to date has dropped down to 96%, quite a decrease from our usual percentage. Other than illness, if you have an exceptional need to take your child/ren out of school, please ask for an appointment with Mrs Johnson to discuss this. Please also organise medical and dental appointments out of school hours, or the beginning or end of the day so that your child can still attend for the majority of the school day.



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.

A special mention to all the children who attended the Quad Kids Tournament at Charters. They show great determination and skill – especially the Year 3/4 team who came third.

Reception – The whole class for their behaviour at Windsor Forest. They were exploring, discovering and being very brave taking risks. Well done Rangers!

Year 1 – Charlie, JamesF, Molly

Year 2 – AmberVB, Benjamin, Eden, Fiachra, Jamie, Samuel

Year 3 – Connor, Esme, Florence, Gerardo, Jack, Luca, OliverP

Year 4 – Georgia, James, Leo, LucyMcC, LucieW, Max, Miguel, Orla

Year 5 – Daniel, Ellie, Finlay, HenryB

Year 6 – Elizabeth, Lily, OliverF, Sam, Samara, YasmineS



SPORTS DAY A reminder that our sports day is planned for Friday 15th June, assuming suitable weather! This year we have planned the day slightly differently to allow all the children to take part together. In morning all classes will take part in a carousel of different sporting activities, Reception and KS1 first, followed by KS2. We will then have an all school picnic on the field at midday and races for all classes will follow afterwards. You are very welcome to join us at any part of the day, but particularly for the picnic lunch and afternoon races. You may then take your children home with you as soon as the races are finished, which could be any time from 2.30 p.m. Basketball Club and Get Active will still be running after school as normal if you are unable to attend and need to collect your child later.



A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE We are looking forward to our celebration of culture day on Monday 18th June in the afternoon. Our school is blessed with a huge variety of cultural influences from every corner of the globe and we hope to celebrate this through a series of workshops and interactive displays. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to help out with this – we have a good representation of our community, but would ideally like one or two more on board, particularly from Italy, Australia and perhaps South America, to give all the children the chance to experience a good range of cultures. Each session will last around 30/45 minutes and might involve making a craft, tasting food, learning some music, poetry or dance, exploring landmarks, famous people etc. Any other ideas are very welcome! Please speak to Mrs Johnson if you can help out.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP 2018 A letter will be coming home to Year 5 parents this week to confirm arrangements for the Year 6 residential trip in the Autumn term. We are pleased to let you know that we plan to go to PGL Osmington Bay again. This is a spectacular site on the south coast near Weymouth and will give the children some additional opportunities for water-based and coastal activities to build on team skills developed on their recent Year 5 trip to Mill on the Brue.



DIARY DATES An updated list of diary dates will be sent out this week - please check this and replace with any previous version you have at home, as there are some changes to previous dates listed as well as some additions made. Our value for the coming term is Hope.

A most important date in our diary is the Summer Fair on Sunday 1st July. Please see how you can help below and in the attached documents.



FOSF SUMMER FAIR – SUNDAY 1ST JULY Please find attached details about the Summer Fair. Please note that parishioners and school families attending Mass will be able to attend from 11.30 and the Fair will be open to the general public from midday. Please help to make this a successful day and

raise funds for the new school library. You can help in lots of ways:

- ✓ Sell raffle tickets to friends, neighbours and colleagues – the main prize is an Apple iPad (kindly donated by Breckenridge Lettings).
- ✓ Bring a bottle of wine or something fizzy to school on Friday June 29th, 2018 in exchange for mufti-day.
- ✓ Display a board at your property advertising the Summer Fair sponsored by Breckenridge Lettings - please contact Ruth Wilkinson ruthw8@googlemail.com or reply to the SF Chatter post on Facebook.
- ✓ Donate a £ or two to a collective hamper /voucher to be offered as a raffle prize - speak to your class reps
- ✓ Get your company to 'fund-match' any fundraising activity you participate in. (Match Funding Guide attached or email fosfchair@hotmail.com with any questions)
- ✓ Get baking - Bake-Off Style - for the refreshment stand (sweet & savoury)!
- ✓ Volunteer for your class stall - Usually 30 minute slots so still plenty of time to spend with the family!
- ✓ Are you or your company able to donate a raffle or silent auction prize (valued goods or services) that could be donated for a good cause? It's a great way to advertise a local business so please let us know before June 19th, and see attached for a letter to sponsors.
- ✓ Be on the look-out in school bags for the Raffle tickets and Sweet Tombola collection bags.