



# St Francis Newsletter

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Our Value this Term is Friendship



A message from Mrs Dunlop

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher of St. Francis and St. Josephs. All the staff and children have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be part of your school community. I am spending at least two days every week at St. Francis where I am working alongside Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson, as Head of School leads and manages the school on a day-to day basis and is the first point of contact for all parents. I have the overall strategic responsibility for St. Francis' School where I will advise and support the Leadership Team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Johnson for her support and help in ensuring a smooth transition to the new leadership structure of St. Francis School.

I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standards of teaching and learning is evident in all areas. My priority at St. Francis School is to ensure that we continue to aim to be outstanding in all areas. Not only do I want to get to know the staff and children this term but also to build an excellent team to work alongside me. This is to ensure that we meet the needs of all our pupils to reach their full potential in their academic, creative, personal and spiritual development.

You may see me in the morning and afternoons in the school grounds with Mrs. Johnson, so please feel free to say hello and introduce yourself. I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Mrs Dunlop



**PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS** There are a small number of parents who have not yet booked appointments to meet with their Class teachers next week. This facility will be available online until 24 hours before the start of each day if you still want to make a booking. If you have any problems with this, please speak to Mrs Underwood.



From Monday 30th October we will be changing the start of the day routine for Key Stage 2 children. The school gates will be unlocked at 8:40 a.m. and as children arrive they should be brought straight into their classroom. Either the class teacher or

Teaching Assistant will be present to supervise and get the children started on an activity. The gates/classroom doors will stay open until 8:50 a.m. when the school day officially begins. After this time they will be closed and entry can be gained by buzzing the office from the main gate. This change means that children in Key Stage 2 will have the same morning routine as those in Key Stage 1 and that our teaching and learning time is maximised.

**Breakfast Club** The main gate will be open from 8 a.m. to 8.20 a.m. for children being dropped off at Breakfast Club - parents MUST bring their child/ren in to register with the staff in the hall and not just drop in the car park. If you are arriving after 8.20 a.m. please press the gate buzzer and the Breakfast staff will let you in but please note that breakfast food orders will not be taken after this time. All children attending Breakfast Club will be released straight into their classrooms at 8:40am.

There is no change to the end of the day routine. Gates will remain locked until 3:00 p.m. when parents for KS1 should collect their children in person from their classroom door. Key Stage 2 parents should congregate in the KS2 playground where their children will be able to find them. There will be an adult in attendance on both the school gates between 3:00pm and 3:15pm after which the gates will be locked. Any child not collected by this time will be sent to the main office. Please speak to your child at home about what they should do if they cannot find you in the playground and we will be communicating this to them at school as well. It is important that we build resilience in our children by allowing them to develop their independence in a safe environment.

Please leave the site with your children by 3:15 p.m. so that after school clubs can get underway in their designated areas. The main gate will open again at 4:15 p.m. for pick up from after school clubs. Please see the table below for collection points from different clubs. This should help to ease congestion around the main entrance at this time.

After School Clubs - Parent Collection Points (Red = If Raining)

Day/Place	Front Door	Field	Pavilion	Other
MONDAY	Judo	Football KS1 Door		Sewing - Class5
TUESDAY	Tae Kwondo	Multi-Sports	Netball Class 6	Art - Class6 Homework - Class3
WEDNESDAY	Cookery	Girls Football Class 6	Tennis Front Door	Homework - Class4
THURSDAY	Cookery Street Dance French Y3-6 (4.30p.m.)	Tag Rugby Class 4		Homework - Class5 French Y1-2 - KS1 Door (3.45 p.m.)
FRIDAY	Drama		Basketball Class 6	

If you need to access the school before this time, for a meeting, or if collecting from Get Active, please ring the buzzer for access. The office is manned until 4:30 p.m. Thereafter please call Get Active directly to let them know you have arrived to collect your child.

Also, please note that the school grounds are not to be used by children after school hours as only after school club providers are insured at this time. The fitness trail is out of bounds for all children even if supervised by a parent.

**NSPCC NET AWARE** Continuing on the important theme of safeguarding, there is a useful NSPCC resource that I hope you will find useful. <https://net-aware.org.uk/>. You can search for different apps and games, see how to use privacy settings and get further information on what they are and how they work.

**ASCOT RACECOURSE FIREWORK TICKETS** A reminder that you can purchase tickets for the Ascot Racecourse Fireworks online via the racecourse website. This event is being organised by Ascot Round Table, with all funds raised going to local charities. Please make sure you also select our school when booking your tickets and 15% of your purchase will be donated back to the school. A copy of the flyer is attached to this newsletter.



**FoSF PUMPKIN PARTY - TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 5-6.30 p.m.** Thank you to Class 3 parents for organising this event which is open to all St Francis pupils. Paperless tickets will go on sale on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. You can purchase tickets in the following ways:

- From one of our parent sellers during next week at drop off and pick up, in the pavilion.
- Returning your booking form and cash/cheque payment in an envelope (cheques payable to Friends of St Francis), to the FoSF black postbox, just outside the main entrance to the school
- On the night (cash only)

Tickets are priced as follows:

- Earlybird tickets, bought anytime up to 30 October cost £4 each for child 1 & 2, and £2 for any subsequent children
- Tickets bought on 31 October (in advance or on the night) are £5 per child

Please complete a booking form for each child, however you decide to purchase your tickets. A letter with booking form is attached with this newsletter.



**SCHOOL UNIFORM** Please can all children return to school after the October half term in full Winter Uniform and have a warm, waterproof coat in school. The children will go outside every day at break and lunchtime in all reasonable weather conditions and so need to have adequate clothing to keep them warm and dry. Please contact KidsBiz [www.kidsbiz.co.uk](http://www.kidsbiz.co.uk) if you need any new uniform items, or Mrs Abell who manages the second hand uniform sales.

Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times, with suitable trainers, A warm, waterproof top and joggers or tracksuit trousers, in black, would also be sensible to keep in their kit so that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL** It is essential we know where each child is when the morning registers are taken. If your child is unwell, please phone or email the school office before 9.30 a.m. to give reasons and do this EACH DAY 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, an absence request form should be fully completed and handed to the school office. Authorised absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances so please speak to Mrs Johnson if you feel you have such a situation. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>



**DIARY DATES** Please see below key activities next week and a list of dates for the coming half term. Changes/additions will be sent out through ParentMail, generally on a weekly basis unless more urgent, so please do look out for these notices.

**MONDAY 16/10**

09:00 Collective Worship – Mrs Johnson  
 15:30 Yr 5/6 Football League Match HOME vs St Peters

**TUESDAY 17/10**

PM Rock&Pop Guitar/Drums – with Travis DuPlooy  
 13:15-14:00 Yr 3 Music - Maestros Brass with Mark Lowe  bring in instruments!  
 15:30-18:30 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

*Please note, After School Clubs will still be running if the weather is ok. Netball, Multi-Sports and TaeKwondo will be outside– please collect children from the Pavilion.  
 Homework Club will be in the Y2 POD – please collect from KS1 door*

**WEDNESDAY 18/10**

No Piano Lessons today – this week's lessons were held last Friday instead

**THURSDAY 19/10**

09:00 School Council  
 AM Maestros Violin Lessons - with Jan Jackman  
 12:15-13:15 School Choir KS1/KS2  
 15:30-16:30 Yr5/6 Ascot Cluster Netball Match @ the Marist – Team advised by Parentmail  
 17:00-20:00 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

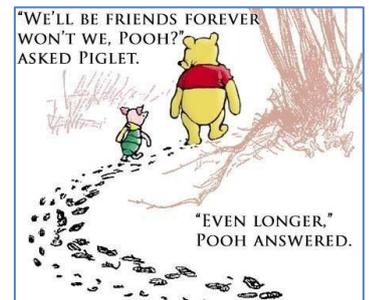
**FRIDAY 20/10 MUFTI DAY – PYJAMAS! for £1 donation**

In aid of the PE Equipment Fund Pot – Smoothies/Healthy snacks on sale too, so please bring some extra small change for this too. Children should wear sensible pyjamas/sleepwear - nothing please with inappropriate slogans or too revealing and no slippers! Miss Swan also requests that Reception class do not wear onesies/all in one sleepwear with zips. Please could all KS1 and KS2 children also remember to bring in PE kits for the Inter House Football competition.

09:00 Collective Worship – with Mrs Duerden  
 AM KS1 Inter House Football  
 PM KS2 Inter House Football

**23/10-27/10 Half Term**

Magpies - Multi-Activity Days at Holy Trinity Sunningdale  
<http://www.magpiesinthecommunity.org/>



**AUTUMN TERM (2) 2017 – ‘HONESTY’**

	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER
31/10	Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament Charters 3.30 p.m. Yr 5/6 Football AWAY Match – SAVS 3.30 p.m. FoSF Pumpkin Party 5-6.30 p.m.	4	Collective Worship - Advent
1	2018/19 Primary School Admissions Applications Open	6	Inter House Rugby KS2 Whole School Panto Trip to South Hill Park
6	New Parents Tea & Coffee Meeting 09:00-10:00 with Mrs Fraser in the LRC	8	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal -Preschool children/siblings invited to watch
10	Collective Worship – Remembrance	11	KS1 Nativity Performance
13-17	Anti-Bullying Week	12	Christmas Lunch
15	Governor Mtg – FGB	13	KS1 Nativity Performance
17	Collective Worship - Head Boy/Girl	14	Christingle 14:00
23	FoSF School Disco	15	SCHOOL TERM ENDS 13:30
24	Author Visit – Rec/KS1/Y6		Christmas Holiday 18 Dec – 2 Jan
27-29	Assessment Week		