



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Recognising Christ in Everyone'

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year

Welcome to 2019. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the extended break. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for the cards, presents and festive wishes that the staff received. It was very kind of you. We look forward to what 2019 has in store for us.

Spring Term Mass

Year 6 did a wonderful job of leading our Start of Term Mass in Church. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us in celebration.

Coffee Morning

Please come and join me on Tuesday 22nd January at 8:50 am till 9:30 in our school hall. It is just an opportunity to put a 'face to a name'.

Year 6 SATS Booster Sessions

From next Monday 21st January, Mr Maxfield will be running booster SATS sessions for Year 6 pupils each morning. Sessions will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. each morning. Please ensure your child is here by 8:25 a.m. at the latest, to be ready to start on time.

Reception – Forest Day

As many of you know the children in Class R participate in an outdoor Forest Day once a week. For such an experience to continue being successful, adult support is vital. Last year we had regular volunteer help from Mrs. Benton, who I hear is settling in back home in Melbourne! So we are looking for a new forest day volunteer please. To allow such young children to become increasingly independent in such outdoor work and confident to take risks in their learning, a parent from another class would be ideal.

If you enjoy being outdoors and would be able to offer regular support to our wonderful project alongside the youngest children in the school then please do consider being part of the Class R 'Forest Team'. If you have any questions or think you might be able to help then contact Miss Swan or the school office.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue

A short meeting will be held for Year 5 parents and carers on Monday 28th January, 7 p.m. in the school hall to give you details of their forthcoming residential trip, including a kit list. It should not last more than 45 minutes. Please can we remind you to check you are up to date with the payment schedule for this on Parentmail.

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Music Lessons

Private music lessons with our peripatetic teachers from Berkshire Maestros and Rock & Pop Foundation have now been timetabled and if your child has a lesson, you should have received notification directly. Please note for piano lessons taking place on a Wednesday after school (between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.) please come to the main reception and the piano teacher will come to collect your child when she is ready. You are welcome to wait in the reception area during the lesson.

Uniform Consultation

Thank you to those of you who have sent in comments. Your feedback is appreciated and all emails have been forwarded to the Governing body for their review.

Absences Add Up

Missing two days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year. Ofsted evaluates attendance above 97% as being in the top 20% of all schools nationally. This would help to support an 'Outstanding' judgement for 'personal development, behaviour and welfare' for schools. Research shows that there is a clear link between strong attendance, high achievement and a child's well-being.

Attendance below 96% is evaluated as being in the lowest 20% of all schools nationally. This would place a school as causing concern by Ofsted.

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

Attendance Rankings

Attendance: Friday 11th January 2019 – Thursday 17th January 2019

Class	% Attendance
Reception Class	96.1
Class 1	97.3
Class 2	100
Class 3	97.3
Class 4	97.1
Class 5	93.3
Class 6	98.7

Well done to Class 2 who top the leader board this week with a magnificent 100%.

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.

Dates for your diary

January	22/01	Yr 6 Maths Challenge – Eagle House School	
	28/01	Year 5 Parent Meeting - Mill on the Brue 7 p.m.	
	29/01	Rescheduled Year 5/6 Charters Football Tournament	
February	01/02	Fiona Barker - Author Visit for Yr 1/2 and Yr 3/4	
	04/02	Yr 6 Maths Challenge – St John Beaumont School	
	05/02	Internet Safety Day Yr 6 Geography Quiz – Lambrook School	
	18/02 – 22/02	HALF TERM	
	27/02 – 01/03	Yr 5 Residential to Mill on the Brue	
March	01/03	FoSF Bags to School Collection	
	07/03	World Book Day	
	09/03 *Saturday	FoSF Murder Mystery Evening	
	26/03 and 28/03	Parent/Teacher Meetings	
	28/03 – 29/03	IEP Pupil Review Meetings – by invitation	
April	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 Year 6 Bikeability	
	14/06	School Class Photographs	
	17/06	Sports Day Reserve	
	18/06 - 22/06	Royal Ascot Week	
	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

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need,

So that You are honoured and glorified.

Amen

By Annie Barnsdale

Thank you for being such a great blessing to me, as I settle into a new and exciting journey here at St Francis.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless you and keep you safe,

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