



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Newsletter—No. 10

Friday 17th November 2023



At St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, God is at the heart of our school. We try, everyday, to follow Jesus' commandment 'Love one another as I have loved you'. We do this through love for our families, our friends, and our school. We respect our environment and recognise our responsibility for it. We encourage in each other a love of learning. We rejoice in each others' uniqueness. We place prayer and worship at the centre of everything we do. We are a community of love dedicated to God. Our school is somewhere we can grow together.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is Anti-Bullying week. It was lovely to see the children wearing odd socks on Monday. The classes had virtual assemblies and learned about how we are all unique and special. The Wellbeing Ambassadors also supported this important week with activities in school and a superb assembly led by Miss Coaker.



Tuesday saw Armadillo Class deliver a super assembly on this issue. Thank you to Mrs Turney and Mrs Alfieri for working with the children on this. It was a very important message; kind words go a long way and unkind words can stay with you forever. We have also been speaking to the children about being kind online and how social media can be a platform for bullying. A reminder that WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16. This is because there are risks including unwanted contacts, pressure to respond to people, location sharing, inappropriate content, cyberbullying and oversharing. For more information on this, the NSPCC have a wealth of information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

## [Is WhatsApp safe for my child?](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/)

Explore our WhatsApp guide to ensure privacy settings are being used.

[www.nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)



We all had a fantastic treat on Monday - a panto! Our wonderful PFA funded a production of *Cinderella* that the whole school enjoyed. Thank you so much for all the fund-raising that you do for the children of St Francis School. Please keep the PFA Christmas Events Calendar handy for all the important dates this term.



I donned my wellies this week to join in with a Forest School session with Zebra Class. The children were teaching me about the fire circle and how to stay safe when the fire is going. The children learnt how to make a fantastic fire with Mrs Rankin and Mrs Pitcairn-Hill, gathering different types of wood to build a fire so they could use it to roast marshmallows. It was so much fun!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton

## OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
10.00AM

This is for children applying for a  
place in  
Reception Class next September  
2024.

Please call the office to make an  
appointment.



After the Christmas holidays,  
KS2 will be finishing school at 3.20pm.  
Years R, 1 and 2 will still finish at 3.15pm.

This week, Armadillo class delivered a fantastic assembly to kick off Anti-Bullying week. It is held all around the country to help raise awareness of different types of bullying, how to support those children who are being bullied as well as preventing bullying from happening. We learnt how important it is to 'Make a noise' about bullying!



### ELFRIDGES SHOP

Please can we remind you that Elfridges tickets must be purchased by  
**Friday 24th November.**

**Tickets can be purchased online at:**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/pfa-stfrancis](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/pfa-stfrancis)

Please note they are not available on ParentPay

There will be no cash sales and purchases

CANNOT be accepted after the closing date.

Thank you.

The PFA

## SCOOTER

We have a pink and black scooter left in our Reception Unit.  
If this belong to you please come to the school office and let us know.  
Thank you.



## Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December  
Online orders must be placed by  
Saturday 2nd December.

You can order online at:

[www.theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk](http://www.theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk)

Please note if your child is entitled to universal free school meals (this includes Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or Free School Meals, a Christmas lunch will be provided for them.

You do not have to place an online order.



## Free School Meals Applications

Parents can now make their Free School Meals applications online. This speeds up the process for West Sussex and parents.

Link to this can be found here:

[https://  
www.westsussex.gov.uk/  
education-children-and-  
families/schools-and-  
colleges/free-school-  
meals/](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/)

## NATIVIY PRODUCTIONS

### Early Years (Reception Year)

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am.

### KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Tuesday 5th December at 9.15am

Wednesday 6th December at 2.00pm

Programmes will be on sale on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November priced at £2.00.



## Early Help Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our coffee afternoon on the 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm. Tea and biscuits will also be provided.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet with Razia from Early Help so that you can discuss any concerns you may have. She will be able to advise you about extra services that may be available to support you further. She is a regular visitor to the school and very knowledgeable in this area.

Miss Strudwick



## Diary Dates

### November

**Tues 21**—Zebra class assembly at 9.05am –parents/carers/grandparents welcome

**Fri 24th**—Deadline for Elfridges payments

**Tues 28**—Seal class assembly at 9.05am– parents/carers/grandparents welcome

**Thurs 30**– St Andrews Day– children in St Andrews House only to wear blue, their house colour



Congratulations to Toucan Class for achieving 99% attendance this week.



Ladybird: Mya Rasaratnam  
Bumblebee: Sky Cheong Took  
Koala: Antonia Vartejanu  
Wallaby: Jordan Botlar  
Penguin: Helena Zagaja  
Seal: Lorenzo Fenu  
Zebra: Maria Kearney Portilla  
Armadillo: Alicja Michalska  
Raccoon: Lola-Belle Joyce  
Leopard: Holly Chambers  
Panda: Eva Mihajlisin  
Toucan: Adrian Biju  
Alpaca: Rhys Furtado



Ladybird: Francis Kirwan  
Bumblebee: Joshua Fevrier  
Koala: Pearl Legras  
Wallaby: Eliza Bromham  
Penguin: Jude Mulligan  
Seal: Kady Hutchby  
Zebra: Joseph Walsh  
Armadillo: Tristan Popiel  
Raccoon: Mollie-Mae Brooker  
Leopard: Micah Simon  
Panda: Dhyan Patel  
Toucan: Olivia Gilera  
Alpaca: Abi Amenyogbe

## Child Protection and Safeguarding

At St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, we are committed to promoting the welfare of all our pupils, ensuring they feel safe and can place their trust and confidence in any adult that is working in, volunteering for or visiting the school.

The designated Safeguarding Leaders at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School are Mrs Winton, Miss Strudwick, Miss Date