



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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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,

Catholic Social Teaching

In Gospel Assembly this week, the children learned about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture and formed by Church leaders. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. The principles include dignity, solidarity, the common good, looking after the poor, peace, caring for creation and the environment and the dignity of work and community. Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our world, the justice, love and peace of God. As a Catholic School we are called by the Bishop to support those near and far. In September, we will update you further on our CST mission and how we fundraise for charity.

Father's Day Event

Thank you to the lovely helpers who ran the Father's Day sale this week. There were lots of happy children with their bags of goodies and I am sure there will also be happy people on Sunday receiving their gifts. Special thanks to Laura and Sian who went above and beyond.

Mexican Lunch

Yesterday, Easy Lunch provided a special themed lunch. The hall was decorated, Mexican music played and yummy Mexican food was eaten. Mrs Morgan and I really enjoyed sitting with the children to enjoy the festivities - deliciosa! One child even said to me, "I wish I could eat this every day!"



Espero que tengáis un buen fin de semana,

Senora Winton





Please remember Natalia Amariei and Olivia Gulak who made their first Holy Communion in May and the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. Mollie Mae Brooker, Lola Brooker, Bobbie Brooker, Irene Daidone, James Drain, Adam Jaskiewicz, Chevy Fernandes, Isla Isidore Wenner, Maria Kearney Portilla, Alexander Luncanu, Alice Lane, Manulya Manuel Peiris Waduge, Sebastian Mrowiec, Lexie Maybank, Kenzie Mutagaya, Tiana Narsimoutou, Bianca Olejnik, Ezer Olszowy-Sipos, Anica Pereira, Tristan Popiel, Matilda Richards, Kimberley Rodrigues, Emily Smykowski, Jaden Songor & Laura Vieira.

Sports News!

Last Friday, the girls football team took part in the annual tournament at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. They played some amazing football, scored some outrageous goals and represented our school impeccably! They won their group and went on to the semi final and then the final. Leading in the final with only a couple of minutes to go, Gatwick equalised and it went to penalties - which unfortunately we lost.

Their performance was outstanding all of the way through only conceding the 1 goal in the final, scoring 13 goals and awarded with the player of the tournament award. They played as a team and supported each other with a positive and playful attitude.

Mr Ferrito said 'I have been a football coach for almost 10 years, both boys and girls teams but I have never seen a team bond the way the girls had, they were unstoppable! They enjoyed every moment (except the penalties) and gave me, personally, the best experience as a coach ever!'

Lyla scored 8 goals in the tournament as well as getting the Player of the Tournament award. Well done team!! Go St Francis!



On Thursday, four Year 6 children participated in the annual Worth School Maths Challenge, involving 10 local schools. Despite the competitive nature of the day, Eleanor, Jayden, Nila and Sebastian showed amazing skills, effort and team spirit and were a credit to St Francis school.

We are so proud of them!





Attendance award

Zebra class are the first class to win the class attendance award.

Each week classes with attendance of 97% or more receive a body part of Mr Potato Head.

Zebra class completed their Mr Potato Head this week and were awarded a special treat in school where they had a games session on the field.

Well done Zebra class!



Please could you ensure that any sponsor forms from the Sports for Schools athlete visit are returned to the school office by no later than Monday 17th June.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place on Thursday 20th June.

KS1 (Years R, 1 & 2) 9.15am

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 1.30pm

Christ's Hospital Open Morning Invitation for Year 5 Pupils and Parents Saturday 7 September



As you are aware, we have a NO nut policy in school. Please can I ask parents to ensure that snacks and packed lunches are free from food items that may contain nuts. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella/Peanut Butter.

We have now updated this to include SESAME. We have children with severe allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Seal Class for achieving 100% attendance and Toucan Class for achieving 98% this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Ladybird, Bumblebee, Wallaby, Seal, Penguin, Meerkat, Armadillo, Panda & Toucan Classes.

Diary Dates

June

Tues 18—Year 4 Wintershall Trip

Tues 18—Ladybird Class Assembly at 9.05am - Parents /Carers/

Grandparents welcome

Thurs 20—Sports Day (KS1 9.15am and KS2 1.30pm)



Ladybird: Ayesha Quadros
Bumblebee: Lucas Silva
Koala: Edward Lane
Wallaby: Jake Knight
Penguin: Aparajith Sudharsan Hemambujavalli
Seal: Emanuel Benchea
Meerkat: Chevy Fernandes
Zebra: Bianca Olejnik
Armadillo: Kristina Valkova
Raccoon: Emma Idzik
Leopard: Maddison Orton
Panda: Jethro Pratt
Toucan: Dray Latouche
Alpaca: Elizabeth Bray



Ladybird: Maham Khan
Bumblebee: Kian Fernandes
Koala: Dominykas Maikstenas
Wallaby: Shaun Edwin
Penguin: Emilio Perol
Seal: Ankan Saha
Meerkat: Mihir Parekh
Zebra: Vinayak Pillai
Armadillo : Adelina Jayasundera
Raccoon: Jakub Matlak
Leopard: Freddie Oram
Panda: Eden Jacques
Toucan: Nikola Kowalczyk
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 and Mrs Jones