



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Newsletter—No.2

Friday 13th September 2024



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,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. Our new reception children have come in everyday, and today was their first full day - well done children (and staff!).

## Attendance updates from the government (DfE Communication)

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home if we need to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

## Walk like an Egyptian!

Yesterday, Year 3 were delighted to welcome an amazing Ancient Egyptian explorer.

They spent the morning learning about ancient Egyptian food, clothing and life. The children dressed up in traditional ancient Egyptian clothing and we had a battle for the next pharaoh. Using special tools, they even mummified a pharaoh and learnt to build a pyramid! The Year 3 children sat beautifully and were so excited to share their knowledge on ancient Egypt. We will be using this fantastic knowledge in our history lessons over the Autumn term.



## Harvest Time

Mrs Rankin and Mrs Pitcairn Hill were delighted to see so many families come and pick fruit from the orchard this week. Thank you for your kind donations and I hope you enjoy crumbles, pies and other yummy fruit dishes.



As we are well and truly into autumn, please remember that children need coats/waterproofs when in school. If wellies are worn to school, please bring school shoes to change into.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton



## HARVEST DONATIONS

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October*

This year, we are asking for harvest donations that will be given to our local charity Crawley Open House. Crawley Open House provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination or other forms of social exclusion. In line with the rising household costs, Crawley Open House have seen demand for their help increase rapidly this year and they are fully aware that this need will only increase as we come into the Autumn. Their support is available to anyone in need.

Collections will take place from Monday 16th September to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please hand in your donations to the class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



## OPEN MORNING

Tuesday October 1st, Wednesday 6th November and Tuesday 26th  
November at 9.30am

This is for children applying for a place in Reception Class next September 2025  
Please call the school office to make an appointment.

### School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on  
Wednesday 18th September at 9.00am to take  
individual pupil photographs.  
All children should come to school in their  
school uniform.



### Lost Property

There is an ever increasing mountain  
of lost property gathering in the school.

To help us return lost items more  
quickly, please ensure all clothing is  
clearly labelled with your child's name.

This will make it easier to identify and  
return to their rightful owner.

Thank you.

### Music lessons at St Francis

This morning, visiting music teachers joined us for our whole school assembly. They talked to the children about musical instruments and made a wonderful presentation of their talents. It was a great musical celebration and hopefully inspired our pupils to take up learning to play a musical instrument.

The beginning of the school year is a great time to take up instrumental or singing lessons. Here, at St Francis, we have a fantastic team of teachers offering lessons to pupils from Year 2 onwards at the school. There are a variety of instruments to learn how to play: piano, keyboard, guitar (classical, acoustic, electric or bass), drums, violin, woodwind and brass instruments, and also how to set and use your singing voice correctly. Our peripatetic teachers are qualified and experienced professional musicians whose primary aim is to create lessons that are child-centered and engaging to inspire students to learn and get involved in music.

These are our providers of music lessons at St Francis:

**Mr Alex Hedley** – guitar and ukulele. To apply please contact Mr Hedley directly on 07876065727.

**Love Music School** – piano, keyboard, guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, ukelele, drums and singing. To apply please visit [www.lovemusicschool.co.uk](http://www.lovemusicschool.co.uk)

**West Sussex Music** – piano, keyboard, violin, woodwind and brass instruments. To apply please visit [www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk)

**Miss Zoe Lui** - piano. To apply, please contact Zoe via email: [drumhk2020@gmail.com](mailto:drumhk2020@gmail.com)





## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Seal Class for achieving 97% and Zebra & Toucan Class for achieving 99% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Wallaby, Zebra, Armadillo, Raccoon, Panda, Leopard and Alpaca Classes.

## Diary Dates

**Weds 18**—School Photographer—individual photos

**Thurs 19**—Year 6 Junior Citizen

**Fri 20** Easy Lunch food tasting  
3.00-3.30pm

**Mon 23**-Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay

**Thursday 26**—Year 5 Greek Day



**Koala:** Krisha Pardava  
**Wallaby:** Alexander Hatcher  
**Penguin:** Filip Galazka  
**Seal:** Hope Jacques  
**Meerkat:** Sanath Nadakuditi  
**Zebra:** Isla Jolley  
**Armadillo:** Chevy Fernandes  
**Raccoon:** Ashton Baptiste  
**Leopard:** Ella Vessio  
**Panda:** Kayzia Fernandes  
**Toucan:** Amelie Hazell  
**Alpaca:** Marco Guehi



**Koala:** Isabella Bray  
**Wallaby:** Cadan Maskell  
**Penguin:** Max Hasinski  
**Seal:** Leondre Chery Furtado  
**Meerkat:** Oscar Perol  
**Zebra:** Raphael Roberto  
**Armadillo:** Elizabeth Marrs  
**Raccoon:** Anica Pereira  
**Leopard:** Connor Marrs  
**Panda:** Harvey Bailey  
**Toucan:** Theodoor Nasser  
**Alpaca:** Amina Haxho

## 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