



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Newsletter—No.4

Friday 4th October 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,



Happy Feast of St Francis Day!

Thank you to those who were able to join us for Mass this afternoon.

The Friary has been in contact to say that applications are now open for First Holy Communion 2025. A Parent Mail has been sent out this week with the application form attached. If your child is in Year 3 or above, please complete the form if you wish for your child to receive this blessed sacrament.



A heartfelt thanks from me for your kind feedback following the outbreak of Norovirus last week. I am happy to report that everyone is on the mend and the school has returned to full operation again



October is Black History month and this year's theme is Reclaiming Narratives. *'Marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture. By emphasising Reclaiming Narratives, we shine a brighter light on our stories, allegories and history.'* - Cherron Inko-Tariah MBE. In school we will be having several workshops from Katerpillar Creatives to educate the children on this significant theme.



Lovely to see lots of new faces at the first Friends meeting. Plans are underway for the disco on 23rd October. Can we please have some more helpers for the KS2 disco at 3.15pm. This term we have shared our plans which include a Christmas raffle (prizes are already coming in including Wakehurst Place Annual Pass, Family Nymans Pass, Fishers Farm Family ticket and Tulley's Afternoon Tea), own clothes day and some fun, free family Christmas activities. More info to follow - exciting times ahead!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton



Rosary

Each Tuesday in October, KS2 children are invited to pray the Rosary. If your child would like to join us, please bring a rosary to school. We have spares if they don't have one.



Please come to school wearing clothes/items that make you happy.

Last week, in Gospel Assembly, we announced the new Year 5 and Year 6 Liturgy Leaders. These children will be working with Miss Batchelor to roll out our new child-led liturgies. They were presented with their badges and a Bible each in assembly.



Recently, boys in Year 5 and 6 competed in the District Football Cup at Broadfield 3G. It was the first tournament of the season and I was so proud of how they worked as a team, tried their very best and grew in confidence after each match. We won two matches, scoring some cracking goals, drew one, unluckily hitting the crossbar, and lost two. The boys were so enthusiastic and represented the school brilliantly.

Well done everyone!
Mr Stone.



School Disco

Wednesday 23rd October

KS1 – 2pm-3pm

KS2 – 3:30pm – 4:45pm

£3 (includes drink, donut and children can wear own clothes to school)

Please pay via ParentPay.



Parking and Children's Safety

Please can we remind all our parents about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off the children, both at the start and end of the day. This includes not parking in the school car park or in front of the barrier.

Please be mindful of not using the pavements to park and the entrance to turn and drop off children. It is important that we park safely in ways that do not restrict clear views of safe places to cross the road.

OPEN MORNING

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.

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2024

SEPTEMBER

Tues 10	Year 6 Meeting – Mike Ferry (transition to secondary) and Osmington meeting after. Starts at 2pm
Wed 18	School photographer in for individual photos
Fri 20	Easy Lunch food tasting from 3pm
Thurs 19	Year 6 Junior Citizen
Mon 23	Year 6 residential

OCTOBER

Tues 1	Open Morning at 9.30am for 2024/25 intake (please call to make an appointment)
Thurs 3	EYFS Curriculum Meeting for parents 2.30pm
Fri 4	St Francis Feast Day Mass 1.45pm – PARENTS WELCOME
Mon 7	Black History Workshops Years 2, 4, 6
Tues 8	Meerkat Class Assembly 9:05am
Thurs 10	World Mental Health Day – wear what makes you happy
Fri 11	INSET DAY (school closed)
Mon 14	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 16	Flu Vaccinations
Tues 22	Armadillo Class Assembly 9:05am
Wed 23	School Disco: KS1 2-3pm KS2 3.30 –4.45pm £3(includes drink, donut and children can wear own clothes to school)
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NOVEMBER

Wed 6	<u>Open Morning at 9.30am for 2024/25 intake (please call to make an appointment)</u>
Mon 11	Anti-bullying Week
Tues 12	Raccoon Class Assembly 9:05am
Tues 12	Parent Consultation Evening 3.45-6.30 pm
Thurs 14	Parent Consultation Evening 3.45-6.30 pm
Tues 19	Alpaca class assembly 9:05am
Tues 26	Open Morning at 9.30am for 2024/25 intake (please call to make an appointment)

DECEMBER

Tues 10	KS1 (Year 1 &2) Nativity Performance at 9.15 am
Wed 11	KS1 (Year 1&2) Nativity Performance at 2.00 pm
Wed 18	EYFS Christmas Assembly at 9.15am
Fri 20	Last day of term: 1pm finish

PARENTS/CARERS/GRANDPARENTS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THEIR CHILD'S CLASS ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SMALL HALL

School vacancy from January 2025

Office Administrator - Mondays and Tuesdays

Please speak with Mrs Morgan for further details or email:

office@stfrancisassisi.org.uk to find out more.

To apply for free school meals, please use the link below:

Online form can be found here:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

School Photos

The closing date for returning school photos is

Tuesday 15th October 2024

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Wallaby Class for achieving 98% and Toucan Class for achieving 99% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Bumblebee, Penguin, Zebra and Leopard Classes.

Diary Dates October

Mon 7—Black History Workshops
Years 2,4,6

Thurs 10—World Mental Health Day— wear what makes you happy

Fri 10—INSET DAY—School Closed



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