



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Newsletter—No.5

Thursday 10th 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,

Thank you for your kind generosity. Ian from Crawley Open House came in to deliver an assembly about Harvest and how our donations will benefit many local people in need. We linked this to our Catholic Social Teaching Principles of helping the poor and solidarity.



October is Black History Month and is recognised across the UK to learn, challenge and honour the past.

Thank you to Katerpillar Creatives for amazing immersive drama workshops.

Today is World Mental Health Day and the whole school enjoyed a fantastic assembly led by Mr Ferrito and the Wellbeing Ambassadors. We have all come to school wearing things that make us feel happy in honour of the event. It was wonderful to see children in pyjamas, superhero costumes and their favourite clothes. Everyone looked very happy. Mrs Doyle made a wonderful Wonder Woman!



Finally, this week Meerkat Class led a wonderful assembly about kindness as we have been taking part in the NSPCC Kindness Challenge. This was linked to the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The children shared lots of examples as to how self care can keep our own "teapots" topped up so that we can pour out more love and kindness towards others.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and find ways to top up your teapots.

Kind regards,

Mrs Winton



Rosary

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



Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021? If so they are eligible to start school in September 2025.

You can now apply online by visiting
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
For further information
Tel: 03330 142 903

Deadline: Monday 15 January 2025

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 by
Thursday 17th October**



SCOOTERS AND BIKES
Please can we remind you that children are not permitted to ride scooters or bikes on the school site at the beginning and end of the school day.

In order to keep our pedestrians and smaller siblings safe, could we ensure scooters and bikes are only used when they have left the school grounds.

Thank you.

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.

Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

Available in
Levels 1, 2 & 3

CACHE Certificate in
Understanding
Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in
Understanding Challenging
Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN

Six Week Course
Mon - Fri

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am

2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm

3rd session 4 - 4:30pm

(optional session for
reflection and support if needed)

Available in the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

www.studysmartuk.online

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

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

Diary Dates

October

Fri 11—INSET DAY—School Closed

Mon 14—Year 6 Bikeability

Wed 16—Flu Vaccinations

Thurs 17—Pre-loved Uniform Sale

3.15pm

Friday 18—Pre-loved uniform sale

9.00am

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 SESA-ME. We have children with severe allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.



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