



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Newsletter—No.8

Friday 8th November 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,

This week in Gospel assembly, the children learned about the two greatest commandments (Mark 12: 29-31) *to love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself*. The children shared wonderful ideas as to how we can embody these commandments. These were linked to our Catholic Social Teaching values. I was so impressed with the suggestions made by the children and the links they made with other aspects of kindness.

On the theme of kindness, next week is Anti-Bullying Week and on Tuesday we will be wearing odd socks to remember the importance of embracing our uniqueness and as a reminder that we do not tolerate bullying of any kind. There is no donation needed, and the children will be taking part in anti-bullying activities during the day.

Christmas is well underway! Plans have been made and dates have been set for a number of events and occasions. **Please see the attached dates** plus the updates made to the website calendar. Christmas productions in school, carol service at the Friary and Christmas lunch to name but a few!



 **FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS**
A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

On Monday 18th November, raffle tickets will be coming home with the children. The prizes are AMAZING and include £100 cash, Afternoon Tea for 2, tickets for family days out, luxury Christmas hampers and so much more! Tickets are in books of 5 which are £5 or an individual ticket is £1. More info will follow soon!



Mrs Jones is organising a very special trio of free family events. 'Presence not presents' will take place in the last 3 weeks of the term. There will be three activities: Christmas crafts (5.12.24 @ 3.30pm), cookie decorating (12.12.24 @ 8.00am) and a family quiz (19.12.24 @ 3.30pm). Each of these events are free and are for parents/grandparents to do something festive with their children in school.

Finally, thank you to those who bought poppies and other items for remembrance. On Monday we will hold our silence at 11am during assembly.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Winton

Ever-living God,

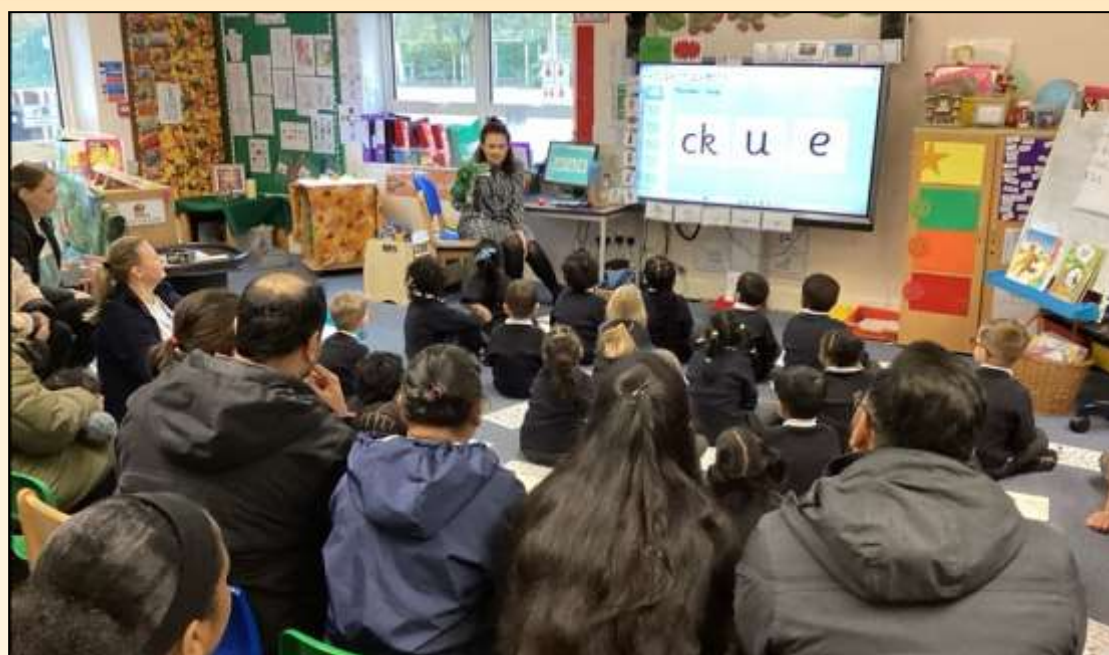
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



EYFS Stay and Phonics

There was a fantastic turnout for the 'Stay and... Phonics' session in Bumblebees and Ladybirds yesterday. The parents watched Mrs Ternouth and Mrs Doyle teach a phonics lesson. The children enjoyed showing their parents all of the wonderful phonics skills they have learnt .



Christmas 2024 School Fundraising Project

The online shop for ordering Christmas cards, mugs, gift labels and fridge magnets will close on **Monday 11th November 2024**. Please ensure any orders have been placed by then.

Orders will then be dispatched free of charge to school towards the end of November and your child will be handed the items ordered to bring home .

OPEN MORNING

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.

Punctuality

We would like to remind you about the importance of your children.

arriving promptly at school.

Your child should be in class

for 8.55am as we begin

promptly at 9.00am.

Please note the gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am.

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.



Reminder -

Asda Schools Cash Pot

We have a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for our school through the ASDA rewards app.

By shopping with Asda and using the Asda app a portion of this can go towards supporting our school.

We currently have £281.20 in the cash pot and there 26 days remaining!

Thank you.

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- 2 Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app
- 3 Shop, scan and we donate

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Christmas Diary Dates

November

Monday 18th – Raffle tickets to go home this week

Friday 22nd – Own clothes day – bring in a raffle item for the Christmas hampers

December

Monday 2nd – Nativity Tickets to go on sale via ParentPay (£2 each & children will get keepsake programme)

Thursday 5th December – Christmas Crafts with Mrs Jones (free) 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday 10th – KS1 (year 1&2) Nativity 9:15am (refreshments available & raffle tickets being sold)

Wednesday 11th – KS1 (year 1&2) Nativity 2pm (refreshments available & raffle tickets being sold)

Wednesday 11th – Raffle Tickets to be returned to school office

Thursday 12th – Cookie Decorating with Mrs Jones (free) 8:00am

Thursday 12th – Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation via ParentPay

Friday 13th – KS2 Choir singing at County Mall - 12pm

Friday 13th – Raffle to be drawn at 2pm

Saturday 14th – KS2 Choir Christmas Charity Concert (St Mary's, Southgate) - 3:30pm

Saturday 14th – KS2 Choir - 'Nine Lessons & Carols' concert at The Friary Church – 6:30pm

Wednesday 18th – EYFS Nativity 9:15am (refreshments available) £2 plus keepsake programme

Wednesday 18th – Easy lunch Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th – KS2 Carol Service at The Friary Church - 5pm

Thursday 19th – Family Christmas Quiz with Mrs Jones (free) 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Friday 20th – Last Day of Term – 1pm finish



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Armadillo for achieving 100% and Bumblebee and Seal Class for achieving 99% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Bumblebee, Koala, Wallaby, Seal, Penguin, Zebra, Armadillo, Raccoon, Leopard & Alpaca Classes.

Diary Dates

November

Mon 11– Anti-bullying Week

Tues 12—Odd Socks Day

Tues 12—Raccoon Class Assembly at 9.05am—parents/carers, grandparents welcome

Tues 12—Parent Consultation evening 3.45-6.30pm

Thurs 14—Parent Consultation evening 3.45-6.30pm



Ladybird: Jerish Arul Johnson Raj
Bumblebee: Leo Farrell
Koala: Ayah Majid
Wallaby: Jenson Pocock
Penguin: Denis Valkov
Seal: William Doidge
Meerkat: Leo Alex
Zebra: Praise Benjamin
Armadillo: James Drain
Raccoon: Arman Kumar
Leopard: Annie-Rose Harrison
Panda: Stephanie Ijeh
Toucan: Kenza Husbands
Alpaca: Franciella Pinto Rakibe



Ladybird: Shruti Raval
Bumblebee: Joziah Bankole
Koala: Vinny Chase
Wallaby: Noor Abbasi
Penguin: Nova-Maie Maloney
Seal: Ryan George
Meerkat: Tiwa Asanbe
Zebra: Eva-Rose Vessio
Armadillo: Neriah Ephraim
Raccoon: Irene Daidone
Leopard: Lola Brooker
Panda: Jakub Matlak
Toucan: Sienna Parry
Alpaca: Luka Wozniak

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