



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,

What a busy week! The week kicked off with Eco-council delivering a fantastic assembly on recycling, reducing and re-using waste. Shout out to Mrs Pitcairn-Hill for working with the children on such an important project.

Reception classes made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (which were delicious) and then we began our Lenten observances with Mass on Ash Wednesday.

It was a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Peter, thank you to all who came for communion and ashes.



Lent Appeal

Mrs Jones and Toucan Class launched our school Lent Appeal in support of CAFOD. We are joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world. To raise money, we're inviting you to join us in walking 200km this Lent. You can choose to do this at home as a family or join your child's class in adding to their total steps. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with communities all over the world for an end to extreme poverty and global injustice. We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission. Sponsorship forms have been sent home via ParentMail. Mrs Jones also launched the "Lent Loyalty Cards" which get stamped when you take part in other activities such as prayer and the Rosary.

Finally, what a World Book Day! Thanks to Mrs Turney for organising such a fun-packed day. Massive thanks to you as parents and carers for supporting the children with their costumes, the children looked amazing! There are photos that have been uploaded to Facebook in a World Book Day 2025 album. Please also see overleaf for some pictures from the day.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend full of books and love.

The Wicked Witch of the West (and Glinda the Good witch).

Mrs Winton



"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

WORLD BOOK DAY







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The



Challenge

£1155.62

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support.

Well done to Bumblebee Class who raised the most money £160.57!

MUSIC 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. 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.

If you are interested, please contact our visiting teachers directly:

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

Miss Zoe Lui - piano, drums, percussion. To apply, please contact Zoe via email: drumhk2020@gmail.com

Love Music School – piano, keyboard, guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, ukelele, drums and singing. To apply please visit www.lovemusicschool.co.uk

West Sussex Music – piano, keyboard, violin, woodwind and brass instruments. To apply please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk



Easy Lunch Hot Dinners Dietary Requirements

If your child has a food allergy and has a hot lunch they will require a 'Special Meal' for dietary purposes. You will need to fill out a Special Dietary request form.

Please contact Emma on 01403 741177
or email
emma@theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk

Lent Loyalty Card



This Lent, we will be running a loyalty challenge. We are setting you various tasks throughout Lent, linked to our prayer life and Catholic Social Teaching.

For every challenge you complete or lunchtime prayer session you attend, you will receive a stamp on your loyalty card.

When you have completed all 10 you can cash it in for a prize.

You will also get a stamp for taking part in our Lenten appeal – The Big Lent Walk.



Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 17th March at 9.00am to

take class photographs.

All children should come to school in their school uniform.

There will be no PE that day.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

As we have several pupils in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy, please could I

take this opportunity to remind everyone that our school is a NUT FREE School. Those pupils, if they encounter a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences.

Please can I ask parents and carers to not send food into school that contain nuts.

This includes: All nuts, spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts such as peanut butter, Nutella, sesame seed rolls, cereal and chocolate bars, cakes and biscuits.





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Thank you to Tilgate Bakery and Ritz Party Shop for their kind donations towards our Mother's Day gifts and celebrations.



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Wallaby & Seal Class for achieving 100% and Toucan Class for achieving 99% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Bumblebee, Armadillo & Raccoon Classes.

Diary Dates

March

Mon 10—Tickets for Years 3 & 4 Easter Production go on sale via ParentPay priced £2

Mon 10— Tickets for Mother's Day event go on sale via ParentPay

Tues 11—Zebra class assembly at 9.05am— parents/carers/grandparents welcome

Wed 12—Times tables information meeting for Year 3 & 4 parents at 2.45pm in the large hall

Thurs 13—Reception Trip to Wakehurst

Mon 17—Class Photos

17-21—Book Fair in school

Tues 18—Parents Consultation Evening 3.50-6.30pm

Thurs 20—Parents Consultation Evening 3.50 –6.30pm



Ladybird: Chloe Hunter
Bumblebee: Maya Iwanski
Koala: Cian Hutchinson
Wallaby: Dilan Sriskandarasa
Penguin: Prescianna Aglae
Seal: Jarren Besa-Bicol
Meerkat: Henry Hull
Zebra: Ojasthry Wasanthakumar
Armadillo: Natalia Napoli
Raccoon: Nadia Skudra
Leopard: Archie Wall
Panda: Harvey Bailey
Toucan: Sienna Parry
Alpaca: Amina Haxho



Ladybird: Jerish Arul Johnson Raj
Bumblebee: Adonis Dower
Koala: April Casimir
Wallaby: Alexander Hatcher
Penguin: Lorenzo Pereira
Seal: Jakub Sykora
Meerkat: Danae Olulari
Zebra: Sebastiao Coetzer Ascenso
Armadillo: Chevy Fernandes
Raccoon: James De Jesus
Leopard: Isabel Bestin
Panda: Serena Joy
Toucan: Naomi Christmas
Alpaca: Maria Jaskiewicz

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