



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.



FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS
A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Thank you to all those who joined us for coffee and cake this morning. This year promises to be an exciting one as the committee has really come together and there are wonderful parents/grandparents and carers who are planning fun events to raise money for the school. All are welcome to join the first committee meeting on Monday 22nd Sept at 7.30pm. A ParentMail with the joining details has already gone out. The first event will be the school disco. More info to follow!

Our Christian Values

In gospel assembly this week we read the parable of the good Samaritan and discussed what we can learn from this story. The children gave beautiful responses as to how we can live like Jesus by helping others and showing love and kindness to all. The children linked this to our learning on Catholic Social Teaching. We live through C-H-R-I-S-T.



Compassion – We love and care



Humility – We put others first



Responsibility – We do what is right



Inspiration – We love to learn and achieve



Solidarity – We stand together



Truth – We live by God's Word

The Hall Floor

As a pipe has burst underneath the hall, the floor has been damaged. We are hoping that the insurance company will proceed quickly so that the current floor can be replaced. Thank you to Mrs Morgan who has worked tirelessly to organise everything.



Apple picking

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the apples in the school orchard. Mrs Rankin and Mrs Pitcairn Hill then harvested a wheel barrowful! I am sure that a lot of baking has gone on this week.



Year 6

Next week, the Year 6 children are away all week at their residential in Osmington Bay, Dorset. Mrs Jones, Mr Johnson, Mrs Draddy and Mrs Pitcairn Hill are getting very excited. We hope that they all have a fantastic time and that the weather is dry.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27

Warmest wishes, Mrs Winton

Wednesday 8th October, Wednesday 12th November and Wednesday 3rd December

9.15am—10.15am

This is for children applying for a place in Reception Class next September 2026.

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

HARVEST COLLECTION

This year, ST PATRICK House is organising the 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.

Please hand in your donations to the class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



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 not to 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.



Easy Lunch Hot Lunches

Please remember that if your child has gone into Year 3 this September, which is KS2, they are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals unless you are in receipt of Free School Meals.

Parents will need to order and pay for meals directly from Easy Lunch or ensure children bring in a packed lunch.

Music lessons at St Francis

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. 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.

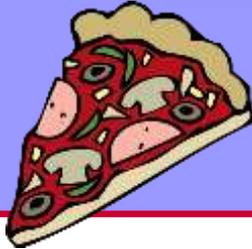
Love Music School – piano, keyboard, guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, ukelele, drums and singing. To apply please visit www.lovemusicschool.co.uk

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

Please, do not to hesitate to contact me via the school office, if you require additional information.

Mr Szymczyk .

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Congratulations to Seal Class for achieving 98% and Raccoon Class for achieving 100% attendance this week.

Perfect Punctuality Pizza slice awarded to: Seal, Penguin, Meerkat and Armadillo Classes.

Diary Dates

September

Fri 19th—Easy Lunch Food Tasting—after school

Mon 22—Year 6 Residential

Mon 22—Year 3 Egyptian Day



Koala: Evelyne Petrus
Wallaby: Sidney Wing
Penguin: Emmie Thorne-Campbell
Seal: Cathalyn Dinkle
Meerkat: Antonia Vartejanu
Zebra: Ariya De Jesus Lucas
Armadillo: Ansh Chaudhari
Raccoon: Edward Johnston
Leopard: Arman Kumar
Panda: Kaya Vincatassin
Toucan: Archie Wall
Alpaca: Lola-Belle Joyce



Koala: Philo Elson
Wallaby: Eliza Kowalska
Penguin: Kian Fernandes
Seal: Noor Abbasi
Meerkat: Nova-Maie Maloney
Zebra: Anmol Kumar
Armadillo : Michaela Mathew
Raccoon: Benjamin Pratt
Leopard: Irene Daidone
Panda: Manulya Manuel Peiris Waduge
Toucan: Stella Santos
Alpaca: Kayzia Fernandes

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