Dear Parents,

**Happy New School Year!**

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| Welcome back- I am sure the summer holidays fly by faster each year! I hope you all had some relaxing time as a family, the children all looked raring to go this morning.  I hope all our last year’s Year 6 is settling into their new lives at high school – we love to hear about their successes.  Staffing   * We would like to welcome the following new members of our teaching staff, Miss Perry, in Reception, Mrs Eagleton in Nursery, Mrs Kernick part time in Year 2 and Mrs Fedzin in Year 4. * Miss Foulkes and Miss Robinson will be covering teacher’s PPA.   We are very pleased to have them and I am sure you will make them all very welcome.  .  As you read on, our more seasoned parents will probably think they have read some of this before– and for some of it you will be right! We need to ensure that everyone is familiar with everything though, so please have patience. |

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| **School Lunches**  Our meals all must meet the statutory nutritional standards and our kitchen staff, led by Tracey Sharp, take care of this. Lunches are provided on a menu system that gives the children daily choice and therefore cuts down on wastage. Menus are issued on a 3 week rolling program and are therefore currently set until Christmas. Menus are available to view in the Notice Board near the entrance gate, next to Mrs Whitfield’s office and on the school website. Key Stage One children are now all eligible for free school meals.  Cost per day:  £2:10 – Nursery  Free- for years Reception, one and two  Years 3,4,5,6 £2.40  Payment should be made in advance either via schoolmoney.co.uk as an online payment. If you do not have access to the internet the school office can take card payments. In exceptional circumstances cash can be taken which should be in a labelled envelope handed in by your child to the class teacher. Please help by paying on time! |

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| **Milk**  A nutritious carton of milk is available for all the children in Reception-Year 6. Milk is paid for via ‘Cool Milk’. Ordering is completed on line at www.coolmilk.com |

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| Congratulations to Mrs Ferguson who had a lovely baby boy on 12th August. He has been named William. We send our best wishes to Mr and Mrs Ferguson and baby William. |
| **Praise Assembly**  The first Praise Assembly will take place on **Friday 14th September at 9:10 am**, all parents and carers are welcome to attend. |

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| **Helping our Administration and day-to-day running:** [envelope2](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://www.clipartlord.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/envelope2.png&imgrefurl=http://www.clipartlord.com/category/office-clip-art/envelope-clip-art/&h=598&w=576&tbnid=jdmoOMvWYKSPkM:&zoom=1&q=envelope%20clipart&docid=yZ9WZd-lSWYIOM&hl=en&ei=-qIFVJKDN87oaMCNgPAP&tbm=isch&ved=0CC0QMygOMA4&iact=rc&uact=3&dur=321&page=1&start=0&ndsp=35)  General communications  Communications from us which require a response should be sent via your child’s class and brought in by your child. We don’t need you to personally deliver them or for you to use special stationary – old, reused envelopes are very welcome.  Educational Visits/Trips etc:  Please pay via schoolmoney.co.uk.  Visiting school for assemblies/school functions:  We love to see you and don’t want to keep you waiting outside – could you please help us by arriving no earlier than 5 minutes before the stated time.  Mornings:  Children (other than Nursery & Reception) should enter school on their own, carrying their own belongings. If you need to speak to a teacher briefly - staff are available near the fire exit doors. If a more lengthy or private conversation is needed – an appointment should be made via the main office or with your child’s class teacher.  Apologies if the above seem prescriptive but the volume of people at the school office is sometimes unmanageable and we do have good systems in place already. Following our systems allows us to be more efficient and means less mistakes are made. Thank you |

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| **Team Houses**  All the children in school are placed in designated ‘Houses’ – St George, St Andrew, St David or St Patrick. House points are received for various reasons. |

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| **Absence from school** [gg58037078](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://thumbs.gograph.com/gg58037078.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.gograph.com/stock-illustration/sick-child.html&h=170&w=150&tbnid=TD5nr9RXpvxYOM:&zoom=1&q=ill%20child%20clipart&docid=0Q2L-J3T-O0-yM&hl=en&ei=z6IFVMPuDs7maJGMgMgE&tbm=isch&ved=0CE0QMyghMCE&iact=rc&uact=3&dur=792&page=1&start=0&ndsp=46)  If your child is ill, can I ask that you phone school before 9am to let us know (an answer phone message can be left). If we receive no notification from you we will endeavour to contact you, initially via text message or phone. |

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| **Contact Details** [telephone_0515-0909-2116-0157_SMU](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://www.officeclipart.com/office_clipart_images/telephone_0515-0909-2116-0157_SMU.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.officeclipart.com/office_clipart_images/telephone_0515-0909-2116-0157.html&h=300&w=300&tbnid=4Yv_2etPEKDkvM:&zoom=1&q=telephone%20clipart&docid=F2XgUFIdfIvYoM&hl=en&ei=HaMFVIjsMsix0AWptIDoDg&tbm=isch&ved=0CEgQMyggMCA&iact=rc&uact=3&dur=362&page=1&start=0&ndsp=41)  Can you please ensure that we have your most up-to-date phone numbers and contacts we require two contact numbers for each pupil. We often have children unwell and can’t contact parents. |

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| **The Wednesday Word** [bible%2Bstories](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-i4pMMe8JB7A/T4hHGwTcxnI/AAAAAAAABOU/d01E8rwatG8/s1600/bible+stories.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.raisinggodlychildren.org/2012/05/advice-on-reading-bible-stories-to.html&h=226&w=223&tbnid=EVIMD7MdJTqKeM:&zoom=1&q=bible%20clipart&docid=205FStxT-Pi7rM&hl=en&ei=UKMFVLGFJpCXavOsgaAL&tbm=isch&ved=0CEEQMygZMBk&iact=rc&uact=3&dur=1111&page=1&start=0&ndsp=36)  Each Wednesday, your child will bring home a colourful and informative publication called the Wednesday Word. We have subscribed to this on your behalf so that you have the opportunity each week to share the following Sunday’s readings with your children. The purpose is to share the words of the gospels as a family, sharing family time and helping the children understand the meaning of the gospels. Please support your child by giving just a few minutes each week in reading the pamphlet together and following some of the suggested activities. Thank you. |

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| Macmillan Coffee Morning 28th September  After Praise Assembly on Friday 28th September we will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning. We ask parents to contribute buns and cakes for the event on Friday 28TH September. All parents and carers are welcome to tea and coffee in the DT room after assembly. We ask for a donation for this important charity. Buns will be sold to the children for 30p at first break. |

**Future Newsletters**

You can access all Newsletters on our website [www.stfrancismorley.org.uk](http://www.stfrancismorley.org.uk)

There is an option on the website to have a Newsletter e-mailed to you if you prefer to receive it by this method.

You will need to log in to the website and, at the bottom of the homepage, in Newsletter Subscription, put your details. Once the Newsletter has been uploaded, a copy will be emailed to you.

**The crossing patrol lady will be on duty every morning, she will not be available this week at home time to cross you and your children across the road. Thank you.**

I have included our Autumn term dates. More information and detail regarding the events will be forwarded to you all as the term moves on.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs R. Harrison

Headteacher

Autumn term dates 2018

The dates below are subject to alteration if necessary, but any changes will be notified to you.

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Monday 3rd September | Training day |
| Tuesday 4th September | School opens to children |
| Monday 10th – Tuesday 11th September | Year 6 residential to Nell Bank |
| Friday 14th September | First Praise Assembly of the year |
| Tuesday 18th September | Year 2 trip to Armley Mills |
| Tuesday 18th September | 6.15pm – PTA meeting |
| Wednesday 19th September | Welcome assembly for Reception led by Year 6 |
| Thursday 20th September | PM – Stone Age workshop for Year 6 |
| w/b Monday 24th September | 3.30 – 4pm – Gallery of Art Week work |
| Wednesday 26th September | Tag rugby coaching for 10 Year 4 children |
| Wednesday 26th September | 4.30 – 5.30pm – EYFS, KS1 Phonics, KS2 Spelling & Vocabulary and Assessment workshops for parents |
| Thursday 27th September | Year 6 visit to Mount St Mary’s High school |
| Friday 28th September | 9.10am – Start of year Mass (No Praise Assembly today) |
| Friday 28th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning (After Mass) |
| Wednesday 3rd October | 4.30 – 5.30pm – ‘Come to school’ English lessons for parents (EYFS Phonics, KS1 Writing and KS2 Reading) |
| Thursday 4th October | St Francis Assembly led by Year 3 |
| Thursday 4th October | PM – ‘Princess and the Pea’ performance in school |
| Friday 5th October | 3.30pm – Art Gallery |
| Wednesday 10th October | PM – Year 5 Theatre in Education workshop |
| Wednesday 10th October | 4.30 – 5.30pm – ‘Come to school’ Maths lessons for parents |
| Thursday 11th October | Harvest Assembly led by Year 2 |
| Thursday 11th October | 3.45pm – Under 11 boys football tournament |
| Wednesday 17th October | 8pm – PTA meeting |
| Thursday 18th & Friday 19th October | Pedestrian training for the whole school |
| Wednesday 24th October | 3.00 – 7.30pm – Parents evening |
| Friday 26th October | School closes for half term holiday |
| Monday 5th November | Training day |
| Tuesday 6th November | School opens to children |
| Tuesday 6th November | 4pm – Under 11 girls football tournament |
| Friday 9th November | Remembrance Day assembly led by Year 5 (No Praise Assembly today) |
| w/b Monday 12th November | Anti-bullying week |
| Tuesday 13th November | Individual photographs |
| Tuesday 13th November | 6.15pm – PTA meeting |
| Friday 23rd November | Takeover day for Year 6 |
| w/b Monday 26th November | RE week |
| Friday 30th November | St Andrew’s House celebration |
| Tuesday 4th December | 6.15pm – PTA meeting |
| Thursday 6th December | 9.10am – Christingle in church led by Year 6 |
| Tuesday 11th December | 1.30pm – Nursery and Reception Nativity |
| Wednesday 12th December | 9.30am – Nursery and Reception Nativity |
| Wednesday 12th December | 2.00pm – Year 1 and 2 Nativity |
| Wednesday 12th December | 6.00pm – Year 1 and 2 Nativity |
| Friday 14th December | 9.10am – Final Praise Assembly of the term |
| Thursday 20th December | Class Christmas parties |
| Friday 21st December | 9.10am – Advent Mass in school |
| Friday 21st December | 2.30pm – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert |
| Friday 21st December | School closes for Christmas holiday |
| Monday 7th January | School opens to children |