



Friday 17th November
2023

Autumn Term 2, week 2
Virtue: Hope

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the wonderful learning taking place this week, especially of Anti-bullying in PSHE lessons. Bullying can often be a term that with children we can be quick to associate to fallings out due to the personal, emotional and naturally defensive circle we have around our children. Yet as adults when we have disagreements we do not jump to calling this bullying. This week and the subsequent weeks where we reinforce messages of kindness and friendship and the zero tolerance to bullying, it is a fantastic opportunity for us to teach to our children the clear definition of bullying, how to distinguish between a friendship breakdown vs bullying and most importantly how to deal with and move forward following disagreements or unkind behaviours. The children have all worked hard to produce a whole school booklet for anti-bullying, which we will hopefully be able to share with you very soon.

We welcomed our School Governors into school for the day, where Governors conducted lessons visits, had a look through the learning in books, spoke with pupils about their learning and enjoyed their lunch with the children. It was a busy day but an extremely positive one, where they offered strategic challenge to the learning taking place across school. One common theme that emerged across the day was the witness of the high expectations the staff have of the children but also the sheer volume of hard work that the staff across school do for our children. We really do have an outstanding team of staff who go above and beyond.

It was also Miss Haley's last day today (she is hoping to return during Summer term) as she has now commenced her maternity leave, although I'm sure she will be in very soon as baby is due in just two weeks time. Sending all our love and prayers for the safe arrival of Miss Haley's baby girl. We look forward to updating you all when baby arrives.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons

PTA updates

Tickets are now on sale (available through parents pay) for the PTA fundraising events of the adult wreath making, children's bauble workshop and the Christmas raffle ticket booklets have also come home. If you would like any further information, please contact your class rep who would be more than happy to provide you with the finer details.



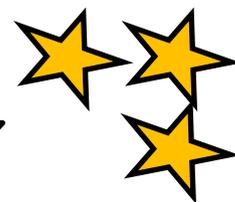
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Dates for your diary:

Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	17th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	24th Nov
Last Gardening club session until Spring term	28th November
Deadline for Parish Christmas fayre items	29th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	1st Dec
Church Christmas Fayre	2ns Dec
Advent 1 praise, led by Y3 - 9:10am Parents welcome	4th Dec
PTA event - Adult Wreath making	4th Dec
No Celebration assembly	8th Dec
PTA event - Bauble decorating	8th Dec

Celebration certificates

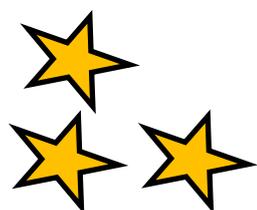


Celebration certificates	
Reception	Jace
Year 1	Ronan
Year 2	Amen
Year 3	Luca
Year 4	Pedro
Year 5	Nick
Year 6	Neorah

School attendance this week:
97%

Classes with the best attendance this week is:
Year 5 - 100%! Well done Year 5

Virtue certificate	
Reception	Dawid
Year 1	James P
Year 2	Henry
Year 3	Joseph Fo
Year 4	Niamh W
Year 5	Marin
Year 6	Ollie



St Francis Priorities: Our new School rules and behaviour ladders

Another section of our school priorities for this year surrounds the behaviour and attitudes where we are working to ensure consistently high expectations for ALL learners' behaviour and conduct throughout the school, resulting in positive attitudes to learning.

What can I do at home?

Discuss their behaviour and celebrate achieving the school rules.

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL RULES

Strive To be

F FRIENDLY

R RESPECTFUL

A AMBITIOUS

N NURTURING

C CREATIVE

I INSPIRING

S SELFLESS



As previously mentioned, when priorities are set they are not a reflection of a particular weakness, it is merely a focus in school to continue to drive the school in its journey to continued excellence.

On Friday we introduced our School rules, rewards and sanctions ladders.

St Francis Catholic Primary School
Rewards Ladder

Level 5	Certificate of excellence for children who have shown outstanding behaviour throughout the half term. Parents informed, letter from the Governing Body given out in Celebration Assembly. • Outstanding behaviour for the half term
Level 4	Head teacher award. Parents are informed. • Excellent behaviour. • Dedication, positive attitude, living the virtues • Respectful, selfless attitude- being thoughtful of those around them • Working as a team
Level 3	Weekly reward. Children aim to achieve a certificate presented in celebration assembly for living out the school virtues curriculum, resulting in golden table dining place. • Following school, class and playground rules. • Polite, selfless attitude, helpful, a good role model. • Working as a team
Level 2	Class reward. Children aim to achieve a particular target for a class reward on a weekly basis. Merits (building up to bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards) • Following school, class and playground rules. • Polite, selfless attitude, helpful, a good role model
Level 1	Verbal praise, house points, stickers. • Following school, class and playground rules. • Polite, selfless attitude, helpful, a good role model.

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Sanctions Ladder

Level 5	See Head teacher. Parents asked to meet with Assistant Headteacher or Headteacher. One-week behaviour monitoring or fixed term exclusion. • Seen Learning Mentor more than twice in a two week period. • Violent or abusive behaviour towards adults or children. • Racial incidents or bullying.
Level 4	Miss next playtime and potentially more depending on the severity of the incident. Miss class reward time. Child meets with Phase Leader or Learning Mentor and parents are informed. • Reach level 3 twice in a week - bad language, rude, hurting another, dangerous behaviour. • Not following rules or responding to instructions from a teacher or teaching staff.
Level 3	Miss 15 minutes of next playtime. Miss half of class reward time. • Repeition of behaviours in Level 2. • Bad language, rude, hurting another, dangerous behaviour.
Level 2	Move to an alternative place in the classroom or name on the board. • Repeition of behaviours in Level 1 (on two occasions). • Not responding to a warning.
Level 1	Verbal warning • Talking, swinging on chair, calling out. • Not following school, class or playground rules. • Unkindness, misuse of equipment, not playing within boundaries.

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Early Years



In Nursery, we have been working super hard with our fine motor skills this week by threading the hoops onto the spaghetti!

Reception have been very busy enjoying their learning this week. In Maths, we have been representing numbers in different ways. In our Literacy, we have been focusing on the story of 'The Ugly Duckling' and work-



Key Stage 1



What a busy week! This week Year 1 have drawn pictures of the Christmas story in RE, enjoyed anti-bullying week by celebrating our differences and finished the week with a keeping safe PSHE lesson.

This week in Year 2 we have been finding seaside resorts on maps. We have also been subtracting across 10 and from 10.



Times Tables rockstars

Please use the link trockstars.com/parents/ to access useful information about the TT Rockstars website. It includes:

- The importance of times tables
- A TTRS intro video
- A Parent guide PDF
- FAQs answered
- Free downloadables to use with your children

Battle of the houses next week from Monday– Friday, 7am–7pm
St George v St David
St Andrew v St Patrick

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Reception have been thinking about our class virtue

Year 4 discussed what bullying is, how it makes people feel and what we can do to prevent it. We then created posters to explain what to do if we see someone being bullied.



Year 6 created an antibullying charter for parents.

Year two made friendship badges and posters.



Anti-bullying week

Year 5 created a whole school anti-bullying promise.

To celebrate Anti-bullying week, Nursery designed a pair of odd socks and we thought about how can be a good friend.



Year 3 designed posters to represent bullying which we recalled can include cyber bullying and how important it is to tell a trusted adult if any issue arises.



Year 1 created posters with ways to deal with bullying.



Academic Calendar 2023-24

Inset day-
school closed *Mon 4th Sept
2023*

Start of Au-
tumn 1 term *Tues 5th Sept
2023*

End of Half
term *Thurs 26th
October 2023*

**Inset day-
school closed** *Friday 27th
October 2023*

Start of Au-
tumn 2 term *Mon 6th No-
vember 2023*

End of Au-
tumn term *Thurs 21st
December
2023*

**Inset day -
School closed** *Friday 5th
January
2024*

Start of
Spring 1 term *Mon 8th Jan
2024*

End of half
term *Friday 9th
Feb 2024*

School dinner menu - Autumn Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 2) is listed below. If your child is in Nursery dinner costs £2.20 per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners cost £2.50 per day.

Parish Christmas Fayre

This year St Francis Catholic Church will be holding their annual Christmas fayre on Saturday 2nd December, 12-3:30pm. Our School will be hosting a stall. If you have any donations of bubble baths, soaps, bath bombs and other creams or cosmetics please send your donations into school before Wednesday 29th November. There are house points up for grabs to say thank you for your contributions!!



Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection team:

Mrs Gibbons
Headteacher

Miss Grayston
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Dobson
Year 3 Class teacher /
SENDCO

Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money – a weight of silver or gold.

In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have. The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of the talents which people around us have, instead of thinking of their faults, it helps to make the world a more joyful and encouraging place.

Using our talents just for our own enjoyment can be like hiding our talents in the ground. How much better to use them to ring happiness to others! Let's enjoy this week and help spread God's love, through using our **talents** well.

"Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God."
Pope Francis



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm
Sunday Mass times 9:30am & 11:15am
Weekday mass times: Monday 9am,
Tuesday - Friday 10am