



St Francis Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No. 1

Date: Tuesday 6th September

Dear Parents,

Happy New School Year!

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 their successes.

Staffing

- We would like to welcome the following new members of our teaching staff, Miss Foulkes, in Reception, Miss Sinclair who will be covering PPA, Mrs Carter who will be our Intervention teacher working with Miss Harte. We are very pleased to have them and I am sure you will make them all very welcome.

Congratulations to two members of our staff that were married this Summer, Miss Greaves who is now Mrs Pearson and Miss Chilton who is now Mrs Ferguson.

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.



School Lunches

Our meals all must meet the statutory nutritional standards and our kitchen staff, led by Tracey Sharpe 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 £2.30

Payment should be made in advance either via a labelled envelope handed in by your child to the class teacher, posted through the letterbox next to the window of the school office or online – they should not be made at the school office. If you wish to have information regarding online payments please speak to Mrs Whitfield. Please help reduce waste of valuable administrative time by paying on time!



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



Uniform & Lost Property

The children have all returned to school looking very smart – thank you

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and that the children have indoor pumps and the correct PE kit in school (white plain T shirt & black shorts, black or dark plain tracksuit bottoms in winter – this is a requirement and the children may not wear other colours). If any items are lost see Mrs Day who will check the box.

New uniform is available from The Uniform Centre in Morley or on line at www.uniforms4school.com these can be ordered any time during the year and they deliver to your home.

Praise Assembly

The first Praise Assembly will take place on **Friday 16th September at 9:10am**, everyone welcome.



Helping our Administration and day-to-day running:

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 send permission slips & money in a clearly labelled envelope, detailing your child's name, class and contents of the envelope.

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.

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

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.



Absence from school

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.



Contact Details

Can you please ensure that we have your most up-to-date phone numbers and contacts? We often have children unwell and can't contact parents.

The Wednesday Word



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.

First Holy Communion



The children in Year 3 will be prepared for the First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation by the school and the parish and, of course, by yourselves this year. Children must be attending Mass every Sunday if you wish them to take part in the preparations.

Future Newsletters

You can access all Newsletters on our website 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.

Mrs Dowd asked me to thank everyone for their gifts and support throughout her time at St. Francis School.

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 2016

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 5 th September	Training day
Tuesday 6 th September	School opens to children
Friday 16 th September	First Praise Assembly of the year
w/b Monday 19 th September	Art week
Tuesday 20 th September	Stone Age workshop for Year 6
Wednesday 21 st September	Welcome assembly for Reception led by Year 6
Wednesday 28 th September	Tag rugby coaching for 10 Year 4 children
Friday 30 th September	Start of year Mass (No Praise Assembly today)
Friday 30 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (After Mass)
Tuesday 4 th October	St Francis Assembly led by Year 4
Wednesday 5 th October	4.45 – 5.45pm – EYFS, Phonics and Assessment workshops for parents
Friday 7 th October	Year 5 at the Town Hall for the Arts festival
Wednesday 12 th October	5 – 6pm – “Come to school” for parents
Thursday 13 th October	NSPCC assemblies for KS1 and KS2
Thursday 13 th October	3.45pm – Under 11 football tournament
Friday 14 th October	Harvest Assembly led by Year 2 (No Praise Assembly today)
Wednesday 19 th October	3.45 – 7.00pm – Parents evening
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 31 st October	Training day
Tuesday 1 st November	School opens to children
w/b Monday 7 th November	RE week
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day assembly led by Year 5 (No Praise Assembly today)
w/b Monday 14 th November	Anti-bullying week
Friday 18 th November	Takeover day for Year 6
Wednesday 7 th December	2.00pm – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Wednesday 7 th December	6.30pm – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Thursday 8 th December	Christingle in church led by Year 6
Monday 12 th December	1.30pm – Nursery and Reception Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	PM – Whole school pantomime
Wednesday 14 th December	9.30am – Nursery and Reception Nativity
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th December	Class Christmas parties
Friday 16 th December	2.30pm – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert
Friday 16 th December	School closes for Christmas holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	School opens to children