



St Francis Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No. 1

Date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Howard, in Reception, Mrs Stott in year 1.
- Miss Foulkes will be covering teacher's PPA and Miss Robinson will be our intervention teacher and cover PPA in Year 1 and year 6

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.



#### 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 £2.40

Payment should be made in advance either via a labelled envelope handed in by your child to the class teacher, or online payments can be paid. Please help 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](http://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 Stott who will check the box.

### Praise Assembly

The first Praise Assembly will take place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**



### 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.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning 29<sup>th</sup> September

After Praise Assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning. We ask parents to contribute buns and cakes for the event on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### PTA

The PTA would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new parents and invite them to the Macmillan coffee morning, this will be an excellent opportunity for new parents to meet over coffee and support Macmillan.

### 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 2017

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Training day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens to children
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	First Praise Assembly of the year
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	PM – Stone Age workshop for Year 6
w/b Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Art week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome assembly for Reception led by Year 6
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 trip to Armley Mills
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Tag rugby coaching for 10 Year 4 children
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30 – 5.30pm – EYFS, Phonics and Assessment workshops for parents
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 visit to Mount St Mary's High school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (After Praise Assembly)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30 – 4pm – Gallery of Art Week work
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PM – The Little Suitcase workshop for Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Francis Assembly led by Year 3
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Dogs Trust visit
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30 – 5.30pm – 'Come to school' English lessons for parents
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Dogs Trust visit
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30 – 5.30pm – 'Come to school' Maths lessons for parents
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3.45pm – Under 11 football tournament
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly led by Year 2 (No Praise Assembly today)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00 – 7.30pm – Parents evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Training day
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School opens to children
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	AM – 'Looking for Callum' Theatre in Education workshop for Year 5
w/b Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	RE week
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	'The Big Sing' for Year 5
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day assembly led by Year 5 (No Praise Assembly today)
w/b Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Takeover day for Year 6
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's House celebration
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle in church led by Year 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – Nursery and Reception Nativity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – Nursery and Reception Nativity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Class Christmas parties
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	2.30pm – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens to children