

Dates for Whole School & Class Masses—9:15 in Church unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 20th Sept— Years 6 & 3

Thursday 27th Sept— Years 5 & 4

Thursday 4th Oct— Feast of St Francis of Assisi—Whole School Mass & Celebration Day

Thursday 11th Oct— Years 2 & 1 Service, 10:00am, in school.

Thursday 18th Oct—Years 5 & 1

Thursday 25th Oct—Whole School Harvest Mass



Prayer Corner

Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread,
and forgive us
our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us
from evil.
Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Details for various events will be sent out to those involved. Please be aware that some events may be cancelled at short notice due to changes in weather or because of unforeseen circumstances. We will endeavour to inform you asap.

Week Beginning Monday 24th September- Meet the Teacher sessions begin and continue over two weeks. (Please see separate letter for your child/ren's class sessions.)

Wednesday 26th September—Dolce Taster Session for Parents- 2:30pm.

Thursday 4th October—St. Francis Feast Day. This will be a themed lunch and activity day.

Wednesday 24th October—Parents' Evening—3:30-6:00pm. This will include a Dolce Taster session.

Thursday 25th October- Black History Day, whole school.

DIARY



Thank you for your on-going support in making St Francis a great school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss D Richards
Headteacher



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September 2018

'I am a sign of God's love'

CATHOLIC LIFE

Welcome back to the new academic year. This half term the children will be focusing on the Values and Virtues of Compassionate and Loving. Children will be exploring the meaning of these words and how we can show them in our every day lives. It also fits in with our School Mission Statement, 'I am a sign of God's love.' We have an ever compassionate and loving God who accepts us as we are and calls us to be like Him. Please ask your children how they have shown compassion and love throughout their day at school and record in their homework diaries, if they are living out the Values and Virtues at home.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all had a well earned and relaxing summer break. As we settle back into the school term, we welcome our new Reception and Nursery children. We also welcome the following teachers to our St. Francis family.

Mrs Gresty—Nursery teacher and PPA cover teacher.

Mrs Ryder—Year 2 teacher

Miss Stubbs—Year 4 teacher

We also welcome Mr Poole, our new Caretaker, who has settled in so well and feels part of the St. Francis team already. Mr Poole is a retired Police Officer who has many fantastic ideas to introduce to our great school.

A very warm welcome to Mrs Bent too, who has joined us in our School Office.

I'm sure that you will give all of our new staff, children and parents a warm welcome.

Mrs Bent will be covering for Mrs Cooksey, who is currently on long term sick leave and will hopefully be returning to the team before Christmas. Please keep Mrs Cooksey in your prayers.

**Whole school attendance-
September 5th—14th September 2018**

Year	%
1	100%
2	93.07%
3	99.11%
4	93.79%
5	94.4%
6	97.29%

Class with the best attendance so far this Academic Year is ...

Year 1!

Well done Year 1!!

What's your attendance grade?

- = 100% Excellent
- = 98% Very good
- = 95% Good
- = 92% Satisfactory
- = 90% Below Average
- = 85% Poor

**Class Attendance
10th-14th September 2018**

Year	%
1	100%
2	93.94%
3	99.22%
4	89.67%
5	99.19%
6	96.98%

Congratulations to Year 1 with 100% Attendance this week!

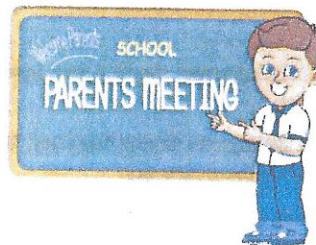
Note: All holidays in term time have to be applied for via a holiday form from the

we have been informed that some parents took their child/ren out of school without filling a form therefore this has had to be reported to the Education Welfare Officer, who has to follow it up especially if a parent has called a child/ children in as ill on the lead up to a break or during a break. If siblings are off together, the EWO will call and ask for medical evidence that the children are ill. Both school and the Education Welfare Department are following the relevant Government Legislation, which we have to do. Last year we achieved just above 95% attendance and this will be questioned by Ofsted as this figure is below the national average of

Meet the Teacher

This year, we are introducing 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. This is an opportunity to come in and for the class teacher to go over class and school expectations at St. Francis. A separate letter was sent out on Friday with dates for each class.

Please make sure you return your reply slip ASAP to confirm your attendance.



Spanish

This year, St. Francis have decided to teach Spanish as a Modern Foreign Language in KS2, moving away from French. Ask your children what words they have already learnt in their Spanish lessons.



School has set procedures for seeing teachers and members of Leadership including me, as the Headteacher. Only if the issue is not resolved by the class Teacher, should you then make an appointment to see Mrs Cox, Mr Turner or me.

The priority, in the morning is to get the children into class. If you need to make an appointment to see a teacher, can you please inform the school office who will get back to you with a time and date.

New Website

Over the next few weeks we are excited to announce that a new school website will be launched. Thank you to Mrs Wright who has worked tirelessly with the website company to ensure everything is on it and in the correct place. We will be having a live Twitter account attached to the website so that you will be able to follow different activities happening at St. Francis. The old website will still be available until the launch of the new one.



School Expectations regarding presentation.

Thank you to all of those children and parents who stick to the school rules regarding uniform and presentation.

We have a very good reputation in the area for the way our children conduct and present themselves. This is a priority of the Governors and must be adhered to.

Children are not allowed to have tramlines in their hair or have their hair shaved higher than the sides. Any long hair, on boys or girls, must be tied up at all times other than for photographs, should you choose.

Sensible black school shoes must be worn at all times in school, not boots or trainers.

P.E kits need to be correct with navy P.E shorts, (not cycling shorts) and a white round necked tee-shirt with black plimsolls for inside P.E and trainers for outside P.E.

Please ensure your child presents themselves correctly when arriving in school.

For more information please refer to the school website.