

Newsletter ~ Term 4 Week 6

Year 4 Dance Festival



A huge thanks to all the parents, carers and staff who worked together to produce a triumph at the dance festival at the Weston Playhouse last week! And of course, we say a huge 'congratulations' to the stars of the night – the year 4 children – you really are a credit to our school!



Parent Carer Survey

Please copy and paste into your browser the link below to participate in a parent / carer survey regarding the Catholic life of the school. We welcome all your views. The survey closes on 29 April. Many thanks for your continued interest in our school and in helping us make your children's educational experiences they best they can be.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SiCl620yHEODHwef_nTmI43ZOciscHllpGJqkZPZxz9UM0FLUzNTVzI0S1hJMjA3SUVCRUVCU0dOVS4u

Run For Fun

We are taking part in a 'run for fun' on the afternoon **28 April**. Children will be invited to walk/run a mile in a fun event on the school field, so all children can come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers that day.

Forthcoming Events

When?	Who?	What?	Additional Information
Monday 25 April	All children	Term 5 begins	
Tuesday 26 April 3.30pm in school hall	Parents / carers of year 5 and 6 pupils	Meeting re camp and SATs	
Thursday 28 April	All children	Run for Fun activity	Children can wear PE kits to school
Friday 29 April 10 am in the school hall	All in school community	Easter mass led by year 2	All welcome
Monday 2 May	Whole school	School closed for May Day bank holiday	
Wednesday 4 May	Year 3 and 4 pupils	Cross country event	Details to follow
Thursday 6 May	All children and staff	Crazy Hair Day to raise money for playtime equipment	



Tales on a Tuesday

Mrs Watts will read and share a different picture book each week from just after 8.35 until the start of the school day. It will be aimed at Key Stage 1 but anyone is welcome to join. It will take place on the stage area by the new book shed weather permitting!

Invitation to the library.

Mrs Watts would like to invite parents to come and look at our wonderful school library and see what is available for their children to enjoy and borrow. A cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit will be provided and she will be on hand to offer suggestions for next reads etc.

The library is quite small so we are asking that if you are interested you email Librarian@stfrancispri.org. It will only be possible to accommodate a maximum of **6 adults** at any one time and places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. The dates for next term are Tuesday 10 & 24 May 2.40-3.10. You will receive an email to confirm your slot. We hope that you will find this useful.

We are planning to continue this throughout the year so that as many of you as possible can have the opportunity to visit the library.

Staffing News

As we say a fond farewell to Mrs Willatts, we welcome Mrs Gillian Andrews to our school as the new year 5 teacher. She is looking forward to meeting the children and the community next term.

Parent / Carer Forum First Meeting Friday

It was a pleasure to meet with a number of parents and three of our school governors Friday morning to discuss how we could improve communication between home, school and the local community.

In brief, the following points were raised:

- Parents and carers really appreciate the newsletter and would like it to be weekly (so please expect the first weekly newsletter on Friday!)
- The weekly newsletter will contain a 'future events' section so that parents are clear about what is coming up and when. Teachers will still Dojo messages about class events so keep an eye on both
- There is a new live calendar of events on the website which parents were not all aware of. This can be accessed via the website - Information – Useful Dates – School Calendar
- We are aware we have not been in the local press recently, as we have lost our contact at the North Somerset Times. We would love to hear from anyone in our community with links to local websites or newspapers so that we can promote the great work that is going on here at St Francis'
- Many of our parents did not realise that with our Academy status comes a 'resetting' of our Ofsted status so we are no longer a school in an Ofsted category. Alongside several other local school who have recently converted to academy, we have no Ofsted grading until we get our next inspection as a 'new school'
- Our parents and carers felt they would like more information about our new academy and I will work with our governors to get some additional information out to you in due course.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 8 June at 2.30pm. All parents and carers are warmly welcome.

And Finally...

The staff at St Francis' School wish you and all your loved ones a peaceful, happy and blessed Easter.

