



Newsletter ~ Term 1 Week 3

Our two Reception groups met each other for the first time on Monday morning and have been adjusting to sharing their classroom with more classmates. Well done to all our Reception children for coming together so well.

Well Done

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have settled well into their learning over the first two weeks. They are displaying their enthusiasm for learning and showing that they enjoy thinking and asking questions to deepen their knowledge and skills. Well done then to: Olly, Ciara, Alfie, Faye, Angus and Scarlett (Y6), Rhys, Alessandro, Sarah and Jamie-Ann (Y5) Francesco, Isla, Ava and Simeon (Y4), Tommy, Nicola, Thomas and Ted (Y3), Elli, Leo, Ben, Dylan, Ella and Amy (Y2) and Ronan, Jack, Tadeo and Evangeline (Y1).

Birthday Lollies

A number of our parents kindly provide sweet treats for their children to share with classmates on their birthday. Please be mindful that children are usually given these sweets at the end of the school day and could then be running around eating them. With health and safety in mind, we would be grateful if you could avoid lollies on sticks and hard boiled sweets which could be choking hazards.

Reception Class September 2018

For children eligible to start school in September 2018, there will be an opportunity to visit St Francis during the school day to see the school in operation. Visits will take place:

Friday 6 October, 2pm

Thursday 2 November, 2pm

Monday 4 December, 2pm

Please contact the school office should you wish to make a visit. Applications for children starting school in the Reception class should be made online to North Somerset Local Authority – the closing date for applications is (23.59 hours) 15 January 2018.

Transition for years 5 and 6

The process for transfer of pupils to secondary education has begun and all applications from current year 6 pupils need to be completed and returned to North Somerset by 23.59 hours, Tuesday 31 October 2016. In addition, parents applying to St Bede's must complete the Additional Information Form and return it to St Bede's by 31 October.

St Bede's, our Catholic 'feeder' school, welcomes morning visits throughout the year for both year 5 and 6 pupils by appointment; please contact the college on 0117 3772200. For your information, there is a coach providing transport for children who attend St Bede's that runs from Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead.

5k Bubble Rush

Last Saturday some of our children participated in the St Peter's hospice 5k Bubble Rush run for families, raising funds to help with caring for people who are terminally ill. Congratulations to Lucy (Y6), Anita (Y6), Elli (Y2), Eddie (Y4), Ruby (Y3) and Lois (Y3).

Lucy reports...

There was a bubble station after each kilometre and there were so many bubbles you couldn't see anyone. My mum carried some little children through in case they got lost! It was so nice to see and be part of lots of people having fun and raising money together.

House Captains

Our four house groups met this week to elect their house captains for the year. They are:

St Anthony's: Niamh and Alfie

St Claire's: Austin and Jemima

St Mary's: Olly and Faye

St Peter's: Will and Jemima

Congratulations to these children and well done to all the children who stood as candidates.

Friends News

Last week the Friends met with the School Council for a final consultation meeting and we can finally confirm that a new adventure trail playground and artificial surfacing will be installed this October half term! Details of what was chosen by the School Council will be coming home next week!

Together as a school community, we have spent the last 3 years fundraising and while we are so close to the final figure, there are bound to be some additional costs along the way. In order to have a contingency, the next few fundraisers will be raising money specifically for this purpose. Please help by supporting the following events by encouraging your children to attend, taking part yourself and volunteering:

- Movies and Munchies - Tuesday 10 October, 3.15 - 5pm - we will be showing Boss Baby with a light supper and popcorn treat
- Working Bee - Saturday 14 October - clearing and preparation of the area to be developed
- Coin Day Fundraiser - Tuesday 17 October - start collecting your coins to bring into school to see if we can cover the stage floor area by the end of the day
- Consider sponsoring a seat around our playground with a named plaque - more details to follow
- Official Opening of the new playground - Friday 3 November - join us for a hotdog tea and cakes to celebrate!

Look out for further communications this week.

Don't forget to mark in your diaries our Christmas Party on 25th November 4pm - 7.30pm. We would also love to welcome any parents along to our Friends meeting on Wednesday 4 October at 7.30pm - 9pm at school.

And Finally...

In our House Meetings this week, we asked our children to think about what is special about our school and how we want members of our St Francis' School community to act and behave. These are some of the children's wonderful thoughts...

- *Play with those who are lonely*
- *Look after the school environment*
- *Treat others as you wish to be treated*
- *Help the poor, weak and sick*
- *Contribute and work hard.*

I think St Francis would be proud of us!