

Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 4



Our year 6 children are missing their usual involvement with Reception buddies, a system of pairing of our older and younger children which has been much treasured in pre-Covid times.

Covid-19 Update

We continue to monitor children and staff carefully for signs of Covid-19 and are following the guidelines closely.

See the link below for the latest letter to parents regarding when to book a test for your child:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

Please continue to keep us updated if you or your family have symptoms or have been asked to self-isolate or get a test.

Instead of meeting their buddies, they have enjoyed making welcome posters to share with Miss Bougourd and her new class.

Colder Weather

Our school buildings need to continue to be well aired even as the weather outside gets colder, so you might find it helpful to put extra layers under your child's school uniform if they feel the cold.

This is also important for PE lessons, as we will continue to do games and sports outside as much as we can. If you know your child has PE on a particular day and they would like to wear leggings instead of tights with a skirt, please ensure they are black.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you are a new Reception parent on a low income, you may be entitled to free school meals. You can apply on line (at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>) or come into the school office and we can help.

Please make an application, even though you are already eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. A successful application will generate additional funding for the school to support your child throughout his or her whole journey at St Francis' School. The funding attached to a successful application helps to fund teaching, equipment, subsidy for trips, music lessons, after school clubs and school uniform.



Many congratulations to our year 4 pupils who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Father Tom was very pleased to be able to share the day with them before he journeyed to France for his year's sabbatical.

Ofsted Update

Please see the letter from the chair of governors which is attached to your email.

Governors are working hard behind the scenes in responding to the Ofsted reports and will keep you regularly updated about their actions and progress.

Fish And Chips

Following this week's fish and chips success and in preparation for a return to hot school meals after half term, we will be offering a fish and chip dinner to all pupils every Friday from now on. You do not need to pre-order this meal but if your child is in KS2, please ensure that there is credit in your ParentPay account. *If your child wishes to have a packed lunch instead, please let the office know by the end of Thursday.*

And Finally....

This weekend we celebrate the feast of St Francis, the patron saint of our school and our Nailsea parish.

We normally have a celebration in school to mark the Feast day, but are limited in what we can do this year. Children in their classes will be learning about St Francis, his life and his mission.

And we wish all in our school community a very Happy Feast Day!

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

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