



Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 5

School Feast Day: Wednesday 4 October

We celebrated St Francis' feast day this week with an amazing range of animal friends. The day began with a Year 6 pupil galloping her horse around the field and performing several jumps! Another horse came all the way from Chepstow to see us at the end of the day and in the intervening period, we had a constant stream of four legged pets arriving with their owners, from rabbits to Guinea Pigs and dogs to cats. A pair of very friendly mice took up residence in the staff room for the day and a couple of tortoises arrived in Year 4 with their proud owner, Miss Lamb! The day ended with a visit from some beautiful owls, courtesy of Avon Owls. Great fun was had by all.

Harvest

Our next focus in school is to prepare for our Harvest celebration. This year we are supporting the Cafod appeal for 'A Brighter World' and a letter has been sent home already this week from Miss Parry giving further details about our planned fundraising activities. Mr Paul Stathers (one of our previous head teachers) led an assembly on Tuesday on behalf of Cafod explaining how the money we raise will be used to help people with education and training, growing crops and becoming self-sustaining.

Welcome Assembly for Reception children: Friday 13 October, 10am

I can not believe that we have reached that time in the term when our Reception children will be giving their very first assembly, and what a special one it is! Please come and join us for this lovely occasion next week.

Reception Curriculum Evening: Wednesday 11 October at 6.30pm.

Parents of children in Reception will have their own curriculum evening next Wednesday in the school hall.

Class Trips

Year 2 are off to Tesco's on Wednesday this week for an Indian themed school trip – sounds delicious! Keep an eye out for letters coming home in the next few days about one trip planned for year 4 and a very exciting one for the whole of Key Stage 2!

Data Collection Sheets

Duplicate data collection sheets for those still outstanding are going home today – please check, sign and return on Monday. This annual updating of pupil information is a **huge** administrative task so please return the forms promptly.

Lost Property

We still have an unclaimed watch sitting in the school office – please let us know if you think you can reunite it with its owner!

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:

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.

Use of the School Grounds after 3.15pm

We have been talking to the children this week about appropriate behaviour in our school grounds at the end of the school day, after staff have had to deal with some incidents involving poor behaviour and upset children on a number of occasions recently. We have noticed a marked improvement since so thank you to all parents and carers who are 'keeping a good eye' on their children after school.

Well Done...

...to all our children who have been praised this week for working hard, learning new skills and writing exciting stories! So we say 'congratulations' to: Bella, Lucy and Tommy (y6), Amelie and Joseph (y5), Clara and Zente (y4), Erin, Aleena and Sophie (y3), Imogen, Jacob and Jacob (y2) and Alan and Tyler (y1).

Parking

Unfortunately, parking in the school layby remains an issue of concern and at least one Penalty Charge Notice has been issued to a parent this week. We have been in contact with the local authority regarding the 'bus stop' area of the layby and have been told that it is a 'nationally recognised bus stop, therefore adhering to the same regulations as other bus stops' and there are **no exemptions** permitting parking in this area.

Once, again, a reminder that the layby is for **pulling in and dropping off only**.

And Finally....

*Some wise words by St Francis...
'Start by doing what's necessary;
Then do what's possible;
And suddenly you are doing the impossible.'*