

Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 6



This week in our Key Stage assemblies we celebrated the children who had shown patience. We also congratulated those that had worked hard over weeks and weeks to earn a certificate in a sport outside of school. Well done to you all for perseverance and patience!



Getting out and About Again!



Here is a picture from our Year 1 church visit last week. The children learnt about what the church is, why it is important and how it is a community.

For a lot of the children it was the first time they had ever visited St Francis' Church. They all were fantastically behaved and walked sensibly there and back. Well done Year 1 and thank you, Father Richard, for your welcome.

Year Two will be researching dinosaurs and fossils next term. Mrs Galey is building up her resources so if you have an ammonite or trilobite, you no longer need, or a dinosaur book that is cluttering up your shelves, then please pass these items onto Mrs Galey who will very gladly make good use of them.

Charitable Giving

We raised an amazing £665 for our African Charity on St Francis' day! Thank you for your generosity in supporting our charity work and for bearing with our new cash-free system – which did have a few hiccups on its first outing.

Our year 6 pupils did a fantastic job of organising the stalls and being 'shop keepers' for the afternoon and all the children enjoyed browsing the stalls and choosing what to spend their tokens on.



We thank our parent helpers who came and 'worked backstage' for us for the afternoon. It is lovely to see volunteers back in our school.

If you are interested in volunteering on the school, please email the office and we will let you know how to apply.



We would also like to thank our friends at Burchill's in Nailsea and Cadbury Garden Centre who kindly donated plants for our plant stall.

And last but not at all least we say 'thank you' to Father Reg for saying mass for us on St Francis' day. It was a beautiful celebration and so lovely to be able to hold mass in our school hall again.



Parents' Evenings: 19-20 October 2021

We are planning to hold our parents' consultation evenings during the last week of this term via Teams. You will be allocated a day and time, but if it is not convenient please let the class teacher know and they will offer an alternative.

Year 1 and 5 teachers are away at camp that week, so they will be contacting you separately about their arrangements.

On **Tuesday 2 November** between 3.30 and 6pm, the classrooms will be open for you to come and see your children's work. Teachers will be available in the classroom to chat with you and answer your questions.

As always, please do not hesitate to Dojo class teachers if you have any concerns or questions.

Online Calendar

We are trialling an online calendar, which is accessible via our website – Information – Useful Dates. We are aiming to put all diary dates relevant to parents into this calendar, but I will also continue to put upcoming key dates into this newsletter.

We will ask for your feedback once the calendar has been running for a while.

E-Safety

We have had a number of alarming reports during the last week or two concerning children having access to various platforms and games designed for much older children, either at home or at friends' houses.

If your child goes to bed with a phone / ipad and unrestricted internet access, you are exposing them to an adult and scary world, where children are in real danger of harm.

It is really difficult to keep up with all the latest trends in social media and gaming, so we will do our best to keep you informed about what is happening and how you can protect your children. Please see the flyers attached to these emails which show you how to set up parental controls on apps for android and iphones.

Dates for the Diary

Thur 14 Oct: Reception class visit to church

Mon 18 Oct: INSET school closed to pupils

Wed 20 - Fri 21 Oct: Kilve residential trip years 5 and 6

Fri 21 Oct: End of term 1

Tue 2 Nov: Start of term 2

And Finally...

We are working on using 'Big Questions' in RE lessons to extend our children's thinking and give them opportunities to explore questions about their faith in greater depth. Here are some of the responses from the year 5 children when asked,

'If you could ask God one question, what would it be?'

Why did you make Earth?

How can you help us when we need you?

Why did you make us?

How can we save the world?

If people are created in your image, why are some people mean?

Will you speak to us personally sometimes?

Where do you come from?

How were You created?

Why can't we see you?

Theologians in the making...

Have a peaceful weekend



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The SENDIAS service for children,
young people and their parents

2020 Events

North Somerset

Tuesday 29th September:
SEND Surgery, bookable 1:1 appointments 10am-12

Thursday 1st October:
Choosing a secondary schools for young people with SEND

Tuesday 6th October:
SEND Support in schools virtual workshop

Tuesday 20th October:
SEND Surgery, bookable 1:1 appointments 10am-12

Tuesday 10th November:
Choosing a primary school for children with SEND

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October Half Term Football Camps

Monday 25 - Friday 29 October
Nailsea School

5 days packed with football fun, including...

STRIKER DAY!
FRIDAY 29 OCT

Reception-Year 7 | 9am-3:30pm (Early drop-offs available)
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