



Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 6

Harvest

We are all looking forward to celebrating harvest this year by 'brightening up the world' with rainbow coloured clothes and an array of stalls and activities next Friday. Please look out for letters from individual class teachers about how each class is helping to raise money for Cafod. Our harvest assembly is on **Friday 21 October at 10am**, led by children from years 4 and 5 and all are welcome to join us. A reminder, too, that children will need money to spend that day and that we will also need parent helpers to man the stalls. The children's colours for the day are:

Yr 6 Red

Yr 5 Orange

Yr 4 Yellow

Yr 3 Green

Yr 2 Blue

Yr 1 Indigo (pink)

Yr R Violet (purple)

Reception Class Welcome Assembly

At what was probably the most important event of the week, our Reception children did us proud this morning! Year 6 cheered earlier on this week when they found out they would be practising with their Reception Buddies and were a great support as they helped lead the assembly. We formally welcomed our Reception children as full time members of St Francis at this special occasion and it was a joy to see. Well done to all staff and children for the care and time taken to put this together.

Well Done

Teachers have praised children for being a good friend, working their hardest and leading by example this week. Well done and congratulations then to: Nancy, Jemima and Niamh (Y6), Amelie and Emily (Y5), Kacie and Abi (Y4), Ronnie and Ruby G (Y3), Cristal, Merin, Joe and Alice (Y2) and Jess and Oliver (Y1).

Friends' News

This Saturday we are holding our working bee and would love to see you, even if you can spare an hour or two between 10am and 3pm.

Preparing the site for the playground will be the priority, but tidying up a few things around the school are on the agenda too. If you can help out, please get in touch on our Friends of St Francis' Facebook page or at stfrancisfriends2016@gmail.com. This will help us with catering for lunch.

Our Coin Day Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, 17 October. Children are invited to bring in coins, big and small to race against the other classes to make the longest line. Please see the letter that went home this week for more information.

A big thank you to all of the well behaved children at our Movies & Munchies on Tuesday and an even bigger thank you to our volunteers! With your attendance at this event and the generosity of local businesses, Tesco (Nailsea), ALDI (Clevedon) and Parsons (Nailsea), we have been able to raise £400 profit to be put towards our playground target!

Also, a big thank you to the parents and carers picking up the children after the movie. We know this can take a while, but your patience is appreciated as we ensure all children are released to the right people safely.

Parent-pupil Consultation Evenings: Wed 18 October and Thur 19 October

Appointments will have been sent home for our parent-pupil consultation evenings that take place next week. As we come to the end of our first term teachers can report on how children have settled in to their new classrooms and discuss learning to date and into the future.

Curry Day

Next **Thursday 19 October**, school will be holding a Special Event Lunch serving a curry themed meal. All children are very welcome to enjoy a school dinner. If your child would like a meal and does not normally have one on a Thursday, please advise the school office by the end of **Monday 16 October** to enable the kitchen to order sufficient supplies. The cost of a meal is £2.15, paid for via ParentPay.

The Feast of All Saints, Wednesday 1 November

We will be taking the children to St Francis Church on the first Tuesday back after the holiday for Mass with Father Tom at 9.30am. We will be leaving straight after registration and need adults to assist with walking the children to and from church – if you can help please let your child's class teacher know. All are welcome to come to mass with us.

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. **Please note, if your child is a baptised Catholic, the baptismal certificate must be brought into school before this closing date.**

Café Francis

This is a new opportunity for people of all ages to pop in and enjoy a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. The first 'Café' is on Tuesday 17 October in St Francis Church Hall, running from 2.00pm - 3.30pm and will thereafter take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Everyone will be very welcome indeed.

New Playground Equipment

It is all getting very exciting here at school as the installation date for the new equipment fast approaches! As a part of the Friends' work tomorrow to prepare the site, delivery vehicles will be in the school grounds from 3.45 onwards today. In order to ensure the safety of all, we are asking that the site is child - free by **3.45 this afternoon**. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Once the equipment is installed, we will obviously have to risk assess it before the children are allowed to play on it, so once again we ask for your cooperation in not allowing children onto the site until we have given the go ahead!

And Finally...

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Tesco earlier this week and had a great time. Here are some of the children's thoughts:

We tasted some Indian food and there was naan and chapatti. One was flat, the other was bumpy!

After we had tasted the food, we walked around the shop and we looked at the popadums.

I had never been to that Tesco before.

We had to look for Indian food and we found some pineapples!

Thanks to Alice, Isabel, Xanthe and Marley for their enthusiastic comments!

A reminder that half term is the week of Monday 23 to Friday 27 October.

Term 2 starts Monday 30 October