



Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 7

Harvest Celebrations

A big well done to Years 4 and 5 who led a joyful Harvest assembly this morning to end our term with songs and laughter. Children came into school today looking amazing in a range of rainbow colours and are looking forward to spending their coins at the class stalls this afternoon. We will let you know how much we raised to help 'brighten up the world' next term.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for attending our parents' evenings this week and working with us to help all our children have a happy and successful year. If you did not manage to attend for any reason, please make sure you contact your child's teacher to arrange another appointment.

Well Done

Teachers have praised children for their hard work, positive attitudes and for being 'a pleasure to teach' this week. Well done and congratulations then to: Anita, Ezekiel and Fraser (Y6), Luca and Tom (Y5), Daniel and Liam (Y4), Jack and Maia (Y3), Xanthe, Luke and Joshua (Y2) and Ella, Valentina and Navin (Y1).

Friends' News

What an amazing set of parents we have at our school! All their hard work really paid off at the weekend, as the groundwork for the new playground equipment was completed, along with a host of other jobs, including painting, pruning and much tidying! Very many thanks to all who contributed, including the cooks, the labourers and the children whose behaviour was fantastic.

Our coin day today was a great success, with £410.92 having been raised. Year 3 children will have the honour of being the first class to try out the equipment, as they managed an amazing 3.64 metres of coins per child!

Work on the equipment is scheduled to take place over the half term holiday and the aim is to have it completed by the first Monday back at school. We would ask for your cooperation in **not allowing children onto the equipment until all the necessary safety check and risks assessments have been completed.**

Dates for your diary:

Playground unveil afternoon: Friday 3 November 2.30pm

Christmas Party: Saturday 25 November 4pm - 7.30pm

Staffing News

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that Miss Elizabeth Bougourd has been appointed as the Reception class teacher during Mrs Cataldo's maternity leave. She will be in school to meet the children in due course.

Miss Ball is also moving onto pastures new in preparation for her married life and will be leaving us at Christmas. We are busy recruiting a replacement Year 3 teacher and we will let you know any news as soon as we are able. We are all going to miss her very much and I'm sure you would join with staff in wishing her all the best in the future.

Congratulations to Mrs O'Gorman and her husband who announced the safe delivery of Tadhg on 18th October. We keep him and his proud parents in our thoughts and prayers.

Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will administer the flu vaccination to children of Years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Monday 20 November. If you haven't yet returned your reply form, please do so by that date. Children who do not return a form will not be vaccinated.

Prayer Team

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected for our school prayer team:- Lucy Morgan, Eleanor Reid Smith, Amelia Ould, Niamh Smith, Isabel Aguilar, Maya Fairless, Emily Rockett, Josh Gubbins.

The Feast of All Saints, Wednesday 1 November

We will be taking the children to St Francis Church on the first Wednesday 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.

Transfer to Secondary School

The process for transfer of pupils to secondary education has begun and all applications need to be completed and returned to North Somerset by 23.59 hours, **Monday 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. As a Catholic primary school our 'feeder' secondary school is St Bede's Catholic College in Bristol. Morning visits are welcomed throughout the year by appointment; please contact the college on 0117 3772200. Transport for children to St Bede's is via a coach that runs from Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead for children from North Somerset.

e-safety Update

We have been alerted by the police to an app called *Yellow* which is used mainly by secondary age students. However, through links with older children as friends or siblings, your children may come across it. It is a social networking site with a minimum age of 13, but as is the case with all such sites, has the potential to be misused and could pose a safeguarding risk to children of any age.

Advice for parents from *Thinkuknow* can be found on the link below:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/PageFiles/74772/Thinkuknow%20Parent's%20Guide%20to%20Yellow.pdf?epslanguage=en-GB>

Email Address Change

Please note that with immediate effect the school email has changed to:

office@stfrancispri.org

There will be a period of transition where emails will be automatically directed from the old to the new address but we would encourage you to change all your contact details as soon as possible.

And finally... a plea for cones!

If anyone has a source of traffic cones we would be very grateful for a couple. Ours seem to have done a walkabout!

Have a wonderful, restful holiday and see you all on Monday 30 October