

Newsletter ~ Term 1, Week 8



Secret Reader

A very big thank you to our first secret reader, who came into the reception class this week and entertained the children with a story. We look forward to seeing who is next!

Bottle Appeal

Ellie is asking you to collect plastic drinks bottles and fill them with clean used plastic wrappers and film. They will

be sent to China, where they will be used to create new buildings - which is amazing! The bottles need to be so full that they become inflexible and solid when the lids are replaced.



Fundraising Team and School Council

We are extending the children's involvement in the chaplaincy work of the school by giving our new School Council an additional job of promoting care of the environment. We are also creating a Fundraising Team to co-ordinate our charitable giving. The two new teams will complement the work of the Prayer Team, who do an excellent job already of promoting and enhancing the Catholic life of the school.

Children are voting for new members this week so more news will follow after the half term holiday...

Parking

Parking outside our school gates has remained an issue this week and we have asked the PCSOs to patrol regularly outside the school to monitor parking. Please remember that the bus stop in the layby has been adopted by the council and parking tickets can be issued for anyone parking in this area.

I thought it was worthwhile to include an email in this letter, sent in to us this week by us by a concerned parent, as it highlights the fact that dangerous parking and driving outside the school is an accident waiting to happen. Please take care for all our children's sakes.

Following our conversation earlier this morning I'd like to formally write to explain...parking/driving incidents that occurred outside St Francis' School.

...at school pick up, I can't be sure of the date but it was approximately Wednesday 17th October. We were using the dropped kerb crossing directly in front of the school entrance to cross the road. A parent had badly parked on the bus drop off area with the rear of the car sticking out into the road. As we were about to cross the road with my child on my left hand side the car reversed out into the road and into our path, very nearly into my child. I had to pull him out of harm's way. As far as I'm aware the driver was completely oblivious of the situation and drove off.

ParentPay

Activation letters for additional ParentPay accounts are coming home today for those who requested them. Please check school bags and let us know if the letter did not get to you.

Leaf Blower

Does anyone have a petrol-powered leaf-blower which could be lent to us for a day? We have a fantastic volunteer parent who regularly helps us out with minor repairs and maintenance around the school, and it would really help him collect leaves more efficiently if he had a leaf blower to help him...or even some willing helpers! Please let the office know if you can help us.

Spare Clothing

Our reception children have need of spare socks, pants and tights in case of accidents. If you have any of these items at home which are no longer required could you please bring them into school and we will pass them on to our Reception staff. Thank you

Well Done...and congratulations to our merit certificate receivers this week: Polly, Lilly, Samson, Ella, Tyler, Marcus, Leo, Elli, Nicola, Aoife, Ellie, Sam, Claire and Tom. Teachers have praised improvement in reading skills, home learning, great adventure story writing and consistent concentration. Well done to you all!

Well done to all the children who participated so responsibly and sensibly in the school-led Mass at St Francis' church on Sunday. We had many compliments about great behaviour, clear readers and lovely singing. Thanks to you all and to all your relatives who accompanied you.

We also say 'well done' to our Dodgeball team, who came back from a local school as the winners of the competition. This is the latest in a string of sporting successes and we are very proud to add another cup to our display.



Next Week...

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 6 November!**

There will be no newsletter for week one of next term, as I will be accompanying the year 5 children on their Kilve Court residential trip and will be out of school for three days. Mr Groves will act up during my absence.

And Finally...

This year, on the 11th of November at 11am, we remember the centenary of the end of the First World War. This was the first truly global conflict, involving peoples from many races, creeds and cultures from all corners of the world. It left an estimated 16 million soldiers and civilians dead and countless others physically or psychologically wounded. It led to the collapse of two empires and huge political and social change.

It also saw the creation of a new language of remembrance, which remains to this day in war memorials, in Remembrance Sunday rituals and in the two minutes silence at 11am each 11 November.

An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind.
Mahatma Gandhi



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Have a peaceful and happy holiday



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KS1 Football After School Club
Term 2
(Reception – Year 2)

Tuesdays
3:15 – 4:15

£4.50 per session!
6 sessions for **£27**

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15:15 – 16:15

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Would you know what to do in an emergency? You can learn how to save a life!

CPR & AED DEMONSTRATIONS

St John Ambulance will provide teaching and demonstrations followed by the opportunity to practice CPR and other first aid, life saving skills.



MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER



Nailsea & Backwell Rugby Club



7 PM
(onwards)



FREE!

Although please donate generously on the evening towards Great Western Air Ambulance. Every mission costs an average of £2500. They receive no Government or Lottery funding so rely entirely on donations.



If you would like to book any sessions, please email orcakidsnailsea@gmail.com OFSTED Registered

Monday 29 th October	Tuesday 30 th October	Wednesday 31 st October	Thursday 1 st November	Friday 2 nd December
<p>Visit from Zoolab Halloween special</p>  <p>ZOOLAB Amaze Educate Inspire</p> <p>Visit to the local gym.</p> 	<p>Pumpkin carving</p>  <p>Making pumpkin soup</p> 	<p>Halloween party</p>  <p>HALLOWEEN KIDS PARTY</p> <p>Party games</p>  <p>Party food for tea</p>	<p>Making a haunted house</p>  <p>Make your own flapjack</p> 	<p>Movies and pyjamas day.</p>  <p>Hot chocolate and story telling</p> 

Times and Prices

8am - 6pm £27.50

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A second sibling price available.