

Newsletter ~ Term 2, Week 1

Welcome to term 2 at St Francis' School! Usually, this is a busy time of year for us, with preparations for our Christmas events and exciting activities normally planned. This year, however, our own school Covid risk assessment and the current lockdown situation means that we will have very limited options in terms of Christmas celebrations. We will keep you informed of our plans as the term progresses, but in the meantime we are so glad to see the children back in school, working hard and demonstrating the values of St Francis in all they do. Our attendance currently stands at 97.6%, which is amazing considering we are in a pandemic – thank you!

I also want to personally thank our staff team, who have adapted so willingly to all the many changes this school year has brought and who have been unanimously flexible, committed and cheerful throughout. We will continue to do our best for your children, whatever the next few months hold for us.

Covid-19 Update

As you are aware, the Government has issued new guidelines for the next 'lockdown'. As yet, the advice to schools has not changed and all children unless they are critically vulnerable should be attending school.

As the number of positive COVID cases continue to rise in North Somerset, I would like you to be especially vigilant when coming to school with your children.

Our dropping off and collecting times are now as tight as possible and please continue to enter and leave the school as efficiently as you can and continue to keep to the one way system. Please stand 2m apart even when you are wearing a face mask.

Click on the link below for further up-to-date information:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Additional Letters Home

Please refer to the two letters attached to this email, one from the Director of Catholic Education and one from us detailing our fund-raising activities this term.

Please make sure you scroll down to the bottom of the newsletter, as there are usually flyers attached which may be of interest to you.

Woodwind / Saxophone Lessons

We know some families have expressed an interest in their children learning an instrument and we can offer lessons in woodwind. Please contact the office by Monday 9 November if you would like your child to begin lessons in school.

Covid Fund

Thanks to your generosity, our Covid fund currently stands at approximately £1500. Every penny we have received from you will help offset the additional Covid expenses incurred by the school, which in turn means we can spend more of our limited financial resources on the education and well-being of the children. This fund will remain open for donations all year, so please consider a termly contribution. However small, every little helps!

E-Safety

A reminder that all clubs, private tutors and organised events your children attend are bound by law to have certain rules and regulations in place to help keep children safe. The information in the following link, which covers online activities, might be of interest to you: <https://safeblog.lgfl.net/2020/10/online-tutors-keeping-children-safe/>.

Ofsted Update

Our staff worked hard during our 2 INSET days at the end of last term to refresh the curriculum and ensure it is skill-based and grounded in our overarching values and mission.

Work we are doing on the curriculum can be found on the 'Information' tab of the school website under 'Curriculum'. We will add to this section as our work progresses.

We continue to work hard to embed our safeguarding procedures in school. Year 4 have developed a safeguarding guide for children which they have shared with the rest of the school. Here are some year 5 children's thoughts on what they learned (with thanks to Alice, Luke and Poppy):

You can feel free to talk to trusted adults about your problems.

If you are feeling worried you don't have to talk to your parents; you can talk to another trusted adult.

It's important that children know that they can dial 999 in an emergency.

And Finally...

As we mark Remembrance Day on 8 November, we think of all those who have been traumatised, injured or lost their lives as a result of conflict. We pray for peace in our homes, in our land and in all corners of our often troubled world.

Have a peaceful weekend.



AVON FIRE & RESCUE

Fireworks Safety

Bonfire safety

If you're planning on having a bonfire, ensure you make it as safe as possible for you and your family by following this advice:

- Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences, trees and hedges. Make sure you have a bucket of water or garden hose nearby
- Only burn dry materials and never use flammable liquids or accelerants
- Never leave the bonfire unattended
- Keep your loved ones well away from the bonfire
- Candles and Lanterns

Fireworks

If you are purchasing your own fireworks this year, make sure you make your own fireworks display as safe as possible:

- Ensure they are marked with the British Standard safety number 7114 or the CE safety mark - A reputable retailer will sell fireworks that comply with this standard
- Keep your fireworks in a closed box or tin and out of reach of children
- Light fireworks at arm's length and make sure everyone stands well back
- Never return to a lit firework: if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode!

Sparkler Safety

Sparklers are a fun way for children to enjoy firework celebrations but they can cause injuries if not used safely.

- Always supervise children when using sparklers and follow the instructions on the packaging
- Light sparklers one at a time
- Ensure children are wearing gloves and keeping their sparklers at arm's length
- You could even put the sparkler in the end of a carrot, making it even safer to hold!
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to put sparklers in after use

www.avonfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/events-and-celebrations/bonfire-night

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Young People, Parents, Carers
And Professionals Working
Together

Bridging The Gap Together! Autism Family Liaison Service Pilot

New 6-month pilot in North Somerset for Parents, Carers and Young People

To provide a primary support service for families living with the effects of autism and its associated conditions through the pandemic.

From November 2020 – April 2021 –
Mondays and Wednesdays 10am –4pm and Fridays 10am-1pm

Face to Face confidential emotional support via Zoom, Skype, Teams or telephone available with Liz Kelly

Make initial contact via email:
support@bridgingthegaptogether.org.uk

Bridging the Gap Together! (BTGT!) provides a wide range of workshops for families and young people, with autism, complex needs or disabilities. These complex needs could include mental health or learning difficulties, sensory or communication impairment, emotional and behavioural difficulties, and/or diagnoses on the Autistic Spectrum.

<https://bridgingthegaptogether.org.uk>

Nailsea Newsletter

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Meet your Local Neighbourhood Team

Key Contact Details are:
nailesea@npsomerset.gov.uk
www.npsomerset.gov.uk
www.npsomerset.gov.uk/nailesea
[01274321700](tel:01274321700) / [01274321700](tel:01274321700)

facebook Live
We are looking to run a facebook live session on Monday 23rd November but will confirm in due course.

Protest won't end COVID-19
For further information go to:
<http://www.npsomerset.gov.uk/nailesea>
<http://www.npsomerset.gov.uk/nailesea/naileseafacebookpage>

Our high target patrol areas will include
A22 Indonite - M Boverie Park, Wiggons Hill, Green playing field, Nailsea Woods, Nailsea and Tockington PC, High Way.

Please let us know anywhere else you feel would benefit from more regular patrols from the team.

General Contact Details
Nailsea Police Station, Pound Lane, Nailsea BS40 2NH
Non Emergencies call 101 and 999 for Emergencies.
Crime stoppers – 0800 555 112



We are pleased to announce that we have been given the opportunity to develop the old changing rooms at the rear of Scotch Horn into a hub. There is plenty of work to be done but we are open to ideas from the community with regards to its use for the benefit of the community. We shall provide updates on progress in due course.

Those of us on the Halloween day shift spent most of the shift dealing with downed trees and power lines due to the adverse weather. This goes to show that we can have the best laid plans with regards to commitments but that can change at any time.



AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK

#YOUARENOTALONE



Support services are open and police will respond to incidents of domestic abuse as a priority. Household isolation rules do not apply.

Always call **999** in an emergency. Press **55** to alert the operator if you cannot talk.

For local support call Next Link on **0800 4700 280** (24/7) or access their Live Chat facility at www.nextlinkhousing.co.uk

For more information visit:
www.saferstrongerns.co.uk/DA



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Are you a man suffering from domestic abuse?

You are not alone

One in every six men will be a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime

Please call the ManKind Initiative's helpline and speak to our dedicated team who can provide support and information

National Helpline for Men 01873 234244
Weekdays 10.00am - 4pm
www.mankind.org.uk

ManKind Initiative
Charity Number: 188947