

Newsletter ~ Term 4, Week 5

School Masses

Thank you to years 3 and 6 for leading our lovely end of term mass this morning. We are planning a school-led mass at St Francis' Church on **Sunday 29 April** and we would love to see as many of our children there as possible to help with reading, singing and other tasks during the mass. Further details will follow next term.

MAWS

Mrs Field and I were bursting with pride Tuesday evening as we watched our year 5 perform a moving and joyous dance to a song from the film *Moana* during the MAWS concert at Colston Hall.



We believe here at school that all children should be given opportunities to participate in all areas of the curriculum, and this is never more clearly demonstrated by the fact that boys and girls participate with equal enthusiasm and talent in dance activities at Sf Francis. We also must not forget our two guitar players who performed beautifully in the guitar band's rendition of Abba's *Waterloo*.

Well done to all concerned – it was lovely to share such a memorable occasion with the year 5 class.

School Meals

From April 9 onwards, our new Catering Contractor (Chartwells) will be providing school meals for the children. Our cook and kitchen staff have all been taken on by the new contractor, so there will be no change in kitchen personnel. Reception and KS1 children will continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. For children in KS2, the new price for a school meal will be **£2.00**. There will be a new menu from term 5 and this will be available on the website today.

Supporting our First Holy Communion Candidates

Two very important dates are coming up for some of our children here at St Francis' and we are asking your children to support our pupils celebrating their First Holy Communion this year by attending the masses and helping with the singing. A more detailed letter will follow but please put these dates in your diary:

St Francis' Church	Sunday 10 June	11.00am
Immaculate Conception, Clevedon	Sunday 17 June	10.00am

Musical Events

We have our annual music concert booked for the evening of 27 June this year so if your children are learning an instrument or would like to be part of our pop-up choir, please put the date in your diary. Our new singing group led by Mrs Baker will also be performing, as will the orchestra and a few surprise guests, too.

We are also for the first time participating in the KS2 Choirs Festival at Christchurch in Clevedon on 11 July and are hoping to take a group of about 20 keen singers to represent our school.

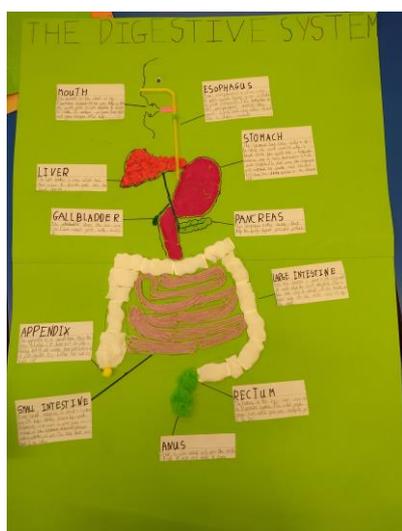
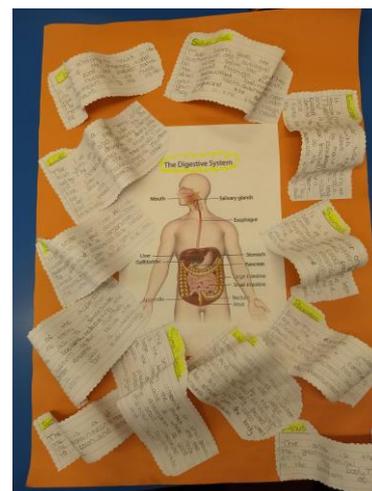
More details of both events will follow, but for now, another date for the diary.

Lent Fundraiser

We have hit the £2000 mark already and money is still coming in...grand total to follow in due course. Many thanks to all our families for their generosity.

Year 4 Home Learning

Well done to year 4, who have obviously put time and effort into learning about their class topic this term. A display of all their work will be going up outside the year 4 classroom in due course, but here are some that I came in this morning...



Well Done...

To the following children for their team playing, improving behaviour, hard work in maths and writing and for supporting younger children in their play: Jonas and Valentina, Leon and Jacob, Ruby and Maia, Luke, Clara and Sam and Euan and Eleanor.

We also say 'congratulations' to our book token children: Tommy, Olivia, Zente, Tommy, Alessio, Daisy and Harry. You have impressed your teachers throughout the last two terms with your hard work and achievements in learning.

Year 4 Assembly

We have managed to reschedule our year 4 assembly for Friday 20 April and look forward to seeing you then. The class had prepared a Lent dance as part of their original assembly and they are performing this today as part of our end of term mass.

Learning Together

Year 3 and Year 1 discovered this week that they have lots in common, when they realised that they had all been learning about animals in class. Here they are, sharing their work with each other.



"We gave the year one children information about birds, fish, amphibians, mammals and reptiles." Poppy

"I did a project on fish and I told a big group of year ones that there are 30,000 different types of fish living in salt water. I asked them questions and they answered them." Lois

"I told the year ones about amphibians and that when they are young they stay in the water until they are adults, when they live on land. I felt a bit embarrassed because I hadn't done anything like that before." Gabe

"We learned about reptiles and we liked learning from the year threes." Lily

"I was learning from Ruby...she was a good teacher because she was interesting." Daisy

"When amphibians' tails fall off, they can grow back. I taught the older children that." Jude

School Uniform

School Togs have asked us to let parents know that they have summer polo shirts and brown shorts coming into store over the Easter holidays. Children may wear summer uniforms back to school after the Easter break.

And Finally...

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to take this opportunity say a personal and huge 'thank you' to our dedicated staff (new and old-timers!), our governors, parish priests and many volunteers who work so hard for us...and of course to you, our parents, for your engagement with us and your support of our school.

Have a wonderful, happy and holy Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 9 April when our summer term begins.

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

Mahatma Gandhi