

Newsletter ~ Term 5, Week 2

I am sitting here looking out at a perfectly blue sky, the fresh green leaves on the trees and some beautiful pink blossom...can we officially announce the beginning of Spring at last?

Here are the children enjoying their first 'go' on the field on Wednesday morning.



Well Done

Congratulations to all the children and their parents who participated in the e-safety training course run recently at the school. The course leaders were very impressed by the knowledge and understanding of the children and how well behaved everyone was.

Merit certificates this week go to Paige, Evin, Will, Jacob, Elli, Gabe, Chloe, Kieran, Finlay, Arabella, Kacper, Olivia, Lucy, Scarlett and Will for lots of hard work, good effort and great progress. Well done to you all!

Meeting for Parents of September Reception intake Thursday 17 May at 6.30pm

We are holding a meeting for parents of Reception children due to start school in September to explain the induction process and meet the class teacher. We do have spaces available at the moment in our new reception class, so if you know anyone who has a reception aged child who needs a place at school in September, please encourage them to contact us.

More News from our Chair of Governors

Future of the School – Appointment of Acting Head 2018-19

Discussions have been held with the Diocese following Ms Hostein's resignation. Following these, the governing body has decided to appoint Mrs Hunt as acting head until August 2019 and Mr Groves has been appointed as acting deputy head for the same period. At this time of change, the governing body would like to invite parents, friends, carers, parishioners and those interested in the future of the school to a meeting on **9 May at 7pm** at the school. The Director of Education for the Diocese, Mrs Colleen Collett, will be present to explain the options the school has at this time (such as academisation). Questions are welcome on this and other school matters and can be given in advance to the school office and, if time allows, on the night. Alternatively, please email questions to Ann Tarr who is chair of governors: cog@stfrancispri.org.

E-Safety

We have had some details into school about some social media apps, which have been recently identified through the courts as having been used to exploit children. These include an app called 'Tagged' and the 'Bosco Family Safety and Locator'.

The **UK safer internet centre** offers e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online ([0344 3814772](tel:03443814772) or helpline@saferinternet.org.uk).

And finally...

At the end of a very short newsletter this week, some thoughts from the prayer team about their visit to Bristol on Thursday...

We met other prayer teams from schools in the area and we shared what we have already done for the Year of Mission. I enjoyed being with other schools and making posters.

Eleanor

Bishop Declan had three things for us to think about and we thought about two of them – strengthening mission and deepening prayer. Our job was to make prayer interesting and we had to think about age, light, sound, space and theme. I enjoyed talking to the other prayer teams.

Amelia

Bishop Declan asked us to think about the bad things that are going on – and how we could use would we have to change things. We chose to focus on homelessness and pollution. I enjoyed talking to new people.

Niamh

We are going to have a creation week in the Year of Prayer next week and it is going to be fun as well as educational, as we want to learn about what God has given us so we can change things for the better. I enjoyed thinking about our plans for helping the homeless.

Matilda.

I liked it when Ann Fowler told a story about when a priest fainted and ten doctors ended up coming to help!

Josh

I liked it when we worked as a team and met new people.

Abi