

## Newsletter ~ Term 5, Weeks 5

### May Procession

Year 5 did a wonderful job leading our May Procession this year. Thank you to all our year 5 children (and Mrs Field) who organised and led this so enthusiastically and for all who attended and helped make the occasion a special one.



Our next celebration is our Pentecost assembly next Friday led by year 1.

### School Council

Our school council have been meeting with myself and Mr Groves to review our school mission statement. Our current mission statement was worked on a good few years ago and needs some adjustment to ensure it is relevant for us as we are here and now. The children have picked up some work previously done with our staff and governors at the beginning of this year and have been talking to their fellow pupils about words and phrases which sum up our school and how we learn, work and play together.

This is what they have put together so far...

**We are hard working**  
**We believe in ourselves and others**  
**We try every day to achieve our potential**  
**We show respect to each other and creation**  
**We try to make a difference in the world**  
**We are observant**  
**We love**  
**We are brave**  
**We are patient**  
**We help others**  
**We are generous**

This piece of work is by no means finished and will continue over the course of the year. We will keep you informed of how we are doing and if you have any comments yourself, please let Mr Groves or myself know.

## Year 6 Events

Year 6 are gearing up for a busy week next week as they prepare for their SATs tests. Please ensure they get plenty of rest and sustaining food next week and we will do our best to keep them happy and relaxed here too. On Friday, they have their own 'Movies and Munchies' event courtesy of the Friends of St Francis'. We must have your written permission to show a PG film to your child so please make sure you fill the form in before next Friday.

Year 2 are also going to be busy with their formal assessments over the next couple of weeks, so they need some special 'TLC' too!

## Well Done

We say 'congratulations' this week to children who work hard to improve their work and to children who have produced good quality writing. Well done to Kenez, Jude, Josh, George, Aleena, Aoife, Luke, Finlay, Rhys, Amelie, Matthew, Scarlett and Nancy.

I have noticed an Anglo-Saxon settlement has sprung up outside the year 5 classroom...well done to the children who used their maths skills to create the nets to build their homes. Let's just hope no Vikings invade...



## Forward Planning...INSET days 2018-19

Our Inset days for next year are as follows:

Monday 3 September 2018

Monday 5 November 2018

Monday 3 June 2019

Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July 2019

**Please Note: Monday 4 June is an INSET day and we welcome children back to school on Tuesday 5 June**

## Governor's Open Meeting 9 May

Thank you so much to all our parents, carers and friends who attended the open meeting last night. If you were not able to attend, our chair of governors, Ann Tarr, is very keen to be known to the wider school community and can be reached through an email to our school office.

The main messages were as follows:

- The governors as a body and individuals are very keen to be known by the community and engage with it, and are available to hear both what is going well and what we could do better, as are our teaching staff
- In the present climate, where school structures are rapidly changing, the governors with the support of the diocese are giving themselves time and space to make well-considered decisions about the future of the school. Any decisions will involve consultation with all interested parties
- There will be some inevitable changes to the staffing structure of the school, partly driven by changing roles and partly by staff leaving and new staff being recruited by the school. We are carefully considering these changes at the present time and decisions will not be finalised until the end of June. Our decisions will always be driven by the best interest of the children in our school.

## Uniform

I have noticed some children around the school wearing a range of colourful jumpers and interesting footwear, which are not following our school uniform policy. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back at all times. If you need a reminder, the uniform list is in the prospectus and on the website. Please help us keep up our pride in our appearance as pupils of St Francis' School.

Please also check that you have not got anybody else's uniform at home. A small jumper labelled 'Leo' has gone missing and the owner would be very grateful for its safe return!

## And finally...

*We celebrated a beautiful Ascension Day mass in our Parish Church of St Francis this morning. Our readers managed some very tricky readings calmly and clearly and the children sang enthusiastically. Thank you also to our altar servers, offertory helpers, parent walkers and to Father Tom and the parishioners, who welcomed us very kindly to share their celebration.*

**At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for  
humanity to enter.**

Oswald Chambers





## North Somerset Support Group

Supportive Parents is a charity providing information & support to parents, children and young people with any type of Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND). Our support group meets monthly to give you the opportunity to meet other parents, share your experience/concerns and find out more about SEN. We also welcome Interested professionals.

### Portishead Meeting Dates 2018

The Firs, St Barnabas Centre, West Hill, Portishead BS20 6LN

Thursdays 7pm – 9pm

17<sup>th</sup> May  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
15<sup>th</sup> November

For more details contact our Information and Support Line on 0117 989 7725  
[www.supportiveparents.org.uk](http://www.supportiveparents.org.uk)

North Somerset Local Co-ordinator  
Sarah Trevitt



How should I prepare for a meeting?

How can I find out more about Education Health Care Plans?

I'm worried about my child's progress. Who can help?

What is SEND support?

### Weston Super Mare Meeting Dates 2018

The Firs, Drove Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 3NX

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm

~~24<sup>th</sup> April~~  
19<sup>th</sup> June  
16<sup>th</sup> October

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