



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy week at St Francis! As you can see further down the newsletter, there has been great connection with our wider community this week. Year 3 had a wonderful time planting trees and daffodil bulbs at Pendennis Headland on Wednesday. I would like to say a big thank you to Falmouth Town Council and Falmouth Fire Brigade for their support and enthusiasm. Year 5 representatives took place in The Rotary Club's Youth Speaks Competition yesterday at Falmouth University. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to get a glimpse inside a university and show off their well-honed oracy skills.

In addition, I encourage you to take part in the RSPBs Big Garden Bird Watch this weekend. There is still time to sign up and it will only take an hour of your time. It may encourage your child to become a budding Ornithologist!

We are always keen to strengthen existing community links and build exciting new ones. There is so much to be learnt from experiences and people outside of the classroom.

Thank you very much for your support with attendance since we returned to school after Christmas. I am really impressed with this week's percentages for each class and hope that we have turned the corner with persistent winter illness.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy weekend.

Best wishes

Rachel Marsh

Acting Headteacher

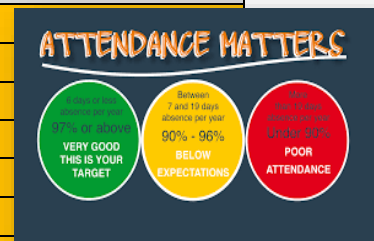
Our Core Christian Value:

Thankfulness

Worship this morning was led by Class F and focused on the story of King Midas and His Golden Touch. The story helped us to remember that we should be thankful for everything around us and grateful for the things that matter. The children sang 'Thank you for a million things' to end their assembly before the final prayer.



Year Group	This week's attendance
Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%



Pop-up uniform shop

We are pleased to be able to announce our first second hand pop-up uniform shop, which will be held on **Friday 3rd February 2:45-3:15pm** at the new build.

Cash donations only

Thank you



Wrap around charges

We have now added in a new charge for wrap around care, for those children who are attending a St Francis school club, then going to wrap around care. The new price bracket runs from 4:15pm - 5:30pm. If your child is attending a school club and will then need the wrap around provision afterwards, you can now select this price bracket option when booking wrap around. If your child won't be attending any school clubs, then just book your wrap around selections in the usual way. Please note that because of adding in a new price option, it has deleted all previous afternoon wrap around bookings for the weeks beginning **30th January and 6th February. You will need to log back into your account and re book your wrap around sessions for those weeks mentioned.** You will not be charged twice and all cancelled bookings will have the money paid, added onto the child's account, so you just need to rebook the original selections. Any questions or issues, please let Zoe know in the office

A reminder that children in years 4,5 and 6 are not to go down to the bottom playground when the gates open at 8:30am, but to line up by their classroom doors. The classroom doors will open at 8:35am.



Lost Property

We seem to have a large pile of lost property gathering the school office, especially lots of coats!



Today is parents mental health day, so I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of how important YOU are and to take time for some self-care, especially in the increasingly challenging times we are all living through. I have added a link which may be useful as a signpost to support for various issues but even if you don't use it, just do one kind thing for yourselves today. You are an important part of our St Francis community, YOU matter.

Nicky Sutton

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>



We would love members and families of the St Francis community to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch.

All you need to do is spend an hour outside, either in your garden, just outside your house or even a local park and record what types of birds you see. Attached is a bird identification poster to help you identify which birds you see land. There is more information on what you need to do on the flyers attached.

You can take part in the Big Garden Bird Watch anytime between the 27-29th January. Once you have completed the bird watch and have your results, you can either submit them online yourself at Big Garden Birdwatch through the RSPB, or bring them in to your class teacher, who will then pass them onto our outdoor learning lead, Miss Moule and she will submit your results for you.

It would be amazing if as many families and members of St Francis community could take part as possible. If you take part, you will also be supporting the protection and future of wild birds.

We are looking forward to seeing which birds land near you!

Happy bird watching



What's happening in the local community.

Youth Speaks

Last night our Y5 team (Reuben, Blake and Emily) took part in The Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition held at the Penryn Campus of Exeter. The children spoke passionately on the subject, "Should every school have an Ex-day?" highlighting the importance of the arts, PHSE and mental health and wellbeing. The children (who managed to remember an eight-minute script off by heart) spoke clearly and concisely and blew us away with their confidence! Well done team, we're so immensely proud of you all!



On Wednesday, Year 3 were invited by Falmouth Town Council to plant trees and bulbs (provided by the council). We were able to transport the children to the headland in a coach provided by the council. We had a lovely time and have learnt a lot about planting, preparing the ground and the after care of what has been planted. Our bulbs will be part of the Spring show and can be seen at the Princess Pavilions.

Volunteers needed



We have been kindly donated some well rotten manure, however, it will need moving.



Can you help?



Any spare wheelbarrows, spades or a pair of hands?

Sunday
29th
January
10:30am



Everyone is welcomed

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Curriculum News Week beginning 30th January 2023



Reception	We will be reading 'Supertato' and learning how to be a good friend.
Year 1	We are looking forward to a visit from the vet and hearing about how they care for animals.
Year 2	As mathematicians, we will be learning about the properties of 2D shapes
Year 3	We will be exploring persuasive adverts and identifying how they are persuasive.
Year 4	As writers, we will begin to write our persuasive leaflets.
Year 5	As historians we are looking forward to comparing Ancient and Victorians inventions and examining their impact.
Year 6	As writers, we will be looking forward to working on our news reports.



Golden Awards



- Class A Lowenna & Rupert
- Class B Jessica & Imogen
- Class C Ava R & Dominic
- Class D Indy & Harry S
- Class E Evie & Lerryn
- Class F Edward & Oscar
- Class G Halle & Leo W
- Class H Noah & Zofia
- Class I Darcey & Spencer
- Class J Keir & Violet H
- Class K Reuben
- Class L Blake & Emily
- Class M Harry, Kai & Sophie
- Class N Lylah & Reggie

We are honest

We listen

We work hard

We look everyone & everything

We are gentle

We are kind and helpful



What's on at St Francis

January

- 2nd - BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
- 3rd – Spring Term begins, class L (Pandas) swimming lesson
- 4th – Reception parent drop in session 2:40-3pm
- 10th – Class M (Giraffes) swimming lessons begin
- 11th – Reception parent drop in session 2:40-3pm (last one)
- 16th – Year 1 Spring term parent meeting @ 2:50pm
- 17th – Year 4 Spring term parent meeting @ 3:15pm
- 18th – Year 3 Spring term parent meeting @ 2:50pm
- 19th – Year 2 Spring term parent meeting @ 3:20pm
- 20th – Class H (Zebras) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 24th – Year 5 Spring term parent meeting @ 3pm
- 27th – Class F (Owls) parent assembly @ 9:10am

February

- 1st – Reception and year 6 Health checks
- 3rd – Class E (Frogs) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 7th – Last swimming session for class M (Giraffes)
- 9th – Current parents open afternoon
- 10th – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 13th – 17th – HALF TERM
- 20th – Return to school
- 21st – Class N (Elephants) swimming lessons begin



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Key Dates 2022/2023

- Monday 5th September 2022 – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 6th September 2022 – New school year begins
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022 – HALF TERM
- Friday 16th December 2022 – Break up for Christmas Holidays
- Monday 19th December 2022 – Monday 2nd January 2023 – Christmas Holidays
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Return to school
- Friday 10th February 2023 – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023 – HALF TERM
- Friday 31st March 2023 – Break up for Easter Holidays
- Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023 – Easter Holidays
- Monday 17th April 2023 – Return to school
- Wednesday 26th- Friday 28th April 2023 - Y5 Barton Hall Residential
- Monday 1st May 2023 – Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday for Kings Jubilee
- Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023 – Y6 SATS week
- Tuesday 23rd May – Friday 26th May 2023 – Y6 Bristol Residential
- Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023 – HALF TERM
- Monday 5th June 2023 – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 21st July 2023 – Break up for Summer Holidays
- Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2023 – INSET Days – SCHOOL CLOSED



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*St Francis School where every person matters, every person helps,
every person succeeds*