



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the spring term. It has been so lovely to welcome you all back to school this week and hear about how the children have enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. I hope you all had a wonderful break and managed to enjoy lots of quality family time.

As you will know our curriculum here at St Francis is designed to ensure that all children are Inspired, Creative, Active and Nurturing. This is achieved through a Challenge question set at the beginning of each new topic which children then explore and learn about so that their knowledge grows as they progress through each year and through the school. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that our children have a range of rich experiences both inside and outside of the classroom and that they leave us as successful, independent and motivated learners.

The children have all now started their new topic of learning in class and to find out more about what your child will be learning, please visit our school website. I know the staff here have lots of exciting learning planned for the children in this term, and we look forward to sharing this with you in our open afternoons and spring term parent meetings. In addition to this, we have scheduled 'welcome to the spring term' parent information sessions for each year group and hope to see many of you at these, details of which will be shared out next week.

We warmly welcome four new members of staff to our St Francis family this term. They are Mr Baines who will be teaching Class I, Mrs Moulder who is teaching alongside Mrs Turnham in year 6, Mrs Rowley who will be supporting learning across the school and Mrs Thomas who will become a familiar face to many of you as she takes up her position in the office! We know that you will help to make them all feel very welcome

Best wishes

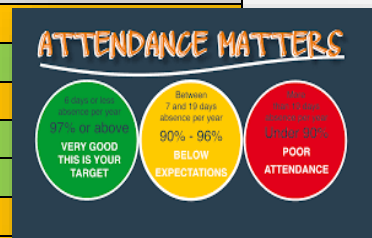
Rachel Marsh

Acting Headteacher

Our Core Christian Value:

Our value for this half term is **Thankfulness** linking to the story of creation. Children will consider ways in which we can show we are thankful for the world we live in and how they can make a positive impact on our environment.

Year Group	This week's attendance
Reception	95%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	96%



Important reminder - We have children and staff with serious allergies. Please remember to not send your child into school with any nuts/nut type products as a snack or in their packed lunch. Thank you

Important

School Census Menu Change

On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th January, there will be a menu swap due to the school census on the 19th.

On the 19th the choices will be Chicken & Chips, Vegan meatballs, tomato pasta and jacket potatoes. On the 20th the choices will be Cottage pie, Veggie cottage pie, tomato pasta and jacket potatoes.

The school census is vital for helping education authorities determine what kinds of support a school needs. It also helps ensure that the right funding goes to the right places, to support the right outcomes.

If your child would like a school lunch, please do this using the school app.

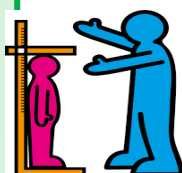
Class M Swimming lessons

Class M (Giraffes) will begin their swimming lessons on Tuesday 10th June.

If you have yet to pay for the lessons, you can do this using the school app

Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

These checks will take place on 1st February. If you do not wish for your child to be included in these checks, then you must opt out. Please refer to the details on the email already sent out.



Over the Christmas holidays, along with some help from Sharon @Kernow Learning Academy Trust, we were able to make Amelia's dreams come true, when she got to meet England lioness Katie Robinson. Amelia has a keen interest in women's football and had wrote a letter to Katie with some questions regarding her journey to becoming a lioness.



Curriculum News Week beginning 9th January 2023



Reception	We are going to learning about the different people who help us.
Year 1	As historians we are going to be continuing to learn about David Attenborough.
Year 2	As mathematicians we will be looking at multiplication.
Year 3	As geographers, we will be discovering and learning all about Italy.
Year 4	We will be looking forward to starting our science topic on plants and growth.
Year 5	Looking forward to immersing ourselves in the novel 'Street Child'
Year 6	Looking forward to starting our new literacy unit on non-chronological reports.



Golden Awards



- Class A Alba & Charlie
- Class B Atianna & Henry
- Class C George & Skyla
- Class D Henry & Mila
- Class E Darcie-Rose & Jack T
- Class F James & Harry
- Class G Emily & Jack
- Class H Amelia & Luca
- Class I Darcey & Tommy S
- Class J Anabell & Seth
- Class K Ethan & Phoebe
- Class L Harry & Lily
- Class M Alasdair & Indiana
- Class N Tilly & Woody

We are honest

We listen

We are gentle

We look everyone & everything

We work hard

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)
- 20th – Class H (Zebras) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 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



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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*