



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to invite Mrs Fairweather back to our whole school assembly this morning. We are sad to be saying cheerio for the moment but we equally as excited for her, on the next steps of her journey whilst on maternity leave.

This term we have planned opportunities for you to come and share some school experiences with your child and hear more about what has been planned for the term. Spring term information meetings will be held next week at the end of the school day (please see info overleaf) and Open Afternoon is on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, more information to follow. In addition to this, parents of children in classes H, F and E are warmly invited to watch their child's class assembly. The assembly will start at 9.10am in the school hall and is always a real treat!

Information about our school clubs offer was emailed yesterday. There is a great range of extra-curricular opportunities offered by school staff as well at Plymouth Argyle Clubs. We have reviewed safeguarding procedures for after school clubs and as a result of this, we will now be closing the gates to the main playground, the Mongleath gate and the gates alongside the new build at 3.30pm. The gates will be reopened at 4.10pm ready for children to be collected at 4.15pm.

We are thankful for the rain this week but hopeful for a slightly less soggy one next week!  
Have super weekend!

Best wishes

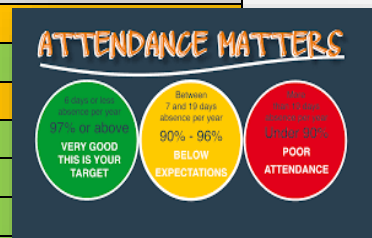
Rachel Marsh

Acting Headteacher

## Our Core Christian Value:

*Our assembly today focussed on Thankfulness and being grateful for the small things in life such as food on our tables, water in our taps and having the ability to solve problems when things don't go quite as we expect. We were thankful to Mrs Fairweather for all her hard work last term.*

Year Group	This week's attendance
Reception	95%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	97%



### Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

These checks will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Spring Term Welcome Parent Meetings

We will be holding the below parent meetings, this is a chance for you to find out about what's happening in the spring term per year group for **years 1-5**.

Year 1 – Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 2:50pm

Year 2 – Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 3:20pm

Year 3 – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 2:50pm

Year 4 – Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 3:15pm

Year 5 – Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 3pm

For each meeting, please head to your child's year group area. The meeting will be held in one of the classrooms per year group.

Year 6 will hold a meeting for parents near to the KS2 Mock SATS week, which are happening in March

### School Census Menu Change

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

On the 19<sup>th</sup> the choices will be Chicken & Chips, Vegan meatballs, tomato pasta and jacket potatoes. On the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Parent Assemblies

This terms parent assemblies are as follows;

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, class H (Zebras)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, class F (Owls)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, class E (Frogs).

Assemblies are held in the school hall at start at 9:10am, they usually last around 10 minutes. All parents/carers/grandparents welcome to watch.



## St Francis School Clubs

St Francis clubs will start the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Please check your emails for the booking link, which can also be found below.

If your child would like to attend a club, you must complete on the link by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

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Choices of clubs are as follows

**Monday** - Pottery for Y3 & Y4, Cookery for Y1 & Y2, Embrace Dance for Y3-6, to be booked via Embrace Dance (details previously emailed out) and PAFC boys football for Y3-6 (to be booked directly through PAFC)

**Tuesday** - Craft for Y3-6, Science for Y3-6, Singing for Y1 & Y2, Book club for Y3-6, Dance for Y1 & Y2 and PAFC girls football for Y3-6 (to be booked directly through PAFC)

**Wednesday** - Dodgeball for Y3-6, Mindfulness for Y1 & Y2, Lunchtime knitting Y1-6 and lunchtime Lego for Y1 & Y2

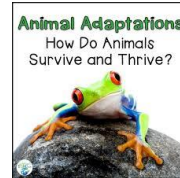
**Thursday** - Ball skills for Y1 only, Outdoor activity for Y3 & Y4, Choir for Y3-6, Drop in book club (bring a parent) for YR only and Drawing for Y1 & Y2



# Curriculum News Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023



<b>Reception</b>	We are learning about doctors and how they can help us to stay healthy.
<b>Year 1</b>	As writers, we will be writing acrostic poems.
<b>Year 2</b>	As scientists, we are looking forward to investigating which materials are absorbent
<b>Year 3</b>	We are looking forward to exploring magnets in Science.
<b>Year 4</b>	We will be looking forward to starting invasion games with Plymouth Argyle in PE
<b>Year 5</b>	As dancers, we are looking forward to putting together our dance routine.
<b>Year 6</b>	As scientists we will be learning about animal adaptation.



## Golden Awards



- Class A Darcie & Ellie
- Class B Esmae & Lottie
- Class C Alfie R & Isobel
- Class D Dougie & Sophie
- Class E Alfie B & Max
- Class F Amelia, Ava S & Mira
- Class G Leo M & Luke
- Class H Aliya & Paisley
- Class I Louie & Thomas R
- Class J Anya & Rohan
- Class K Delphie & Willow
- Class L Lottie & River
- Class M Dilan & Emily
- Class N Amos & Felix

*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

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

## February

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



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## Key Dates 2022/2023

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



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