



St. Francis C of E School

Where every person matters, every person helps, every person
succeeds so that each of us can live 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

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Inspiring Creative Active Nurturing Challenging

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Our Core Christian Value;

Our new Christian Value for this half term is TRUST and the children explore this value through the key Bible story of Noah's Ark. On Monday the children were reminded about the trust that Noah put into God when he built the Ark. Miss Sutton led Friday's whole school worship, and this explored people that we trust within our community and daily lives. Today we were also reminded about our Christian Value of Peace from the second half of the Autumn Term. The school observed a minute's silence to mark the one-year anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine and pay tribute to the courage of the Ukrainian people.



As you will undoubtedly be aware, our curriculum is built around our 5 key drivers of Inspiring, Creative, Active, Nurturing and Challenging. This week has been an excellent example of how we embrace these drivers to ensure our children have a full and balanced curriculum which prepares them well for their future.

Whole School Writing Day

As writing is a focus for development across our school this year, the English team have organised a series of exciting Writing Days. The children were really inspired on Wednesday by the scene in the trees that awaited them as they arrived at school. The children speculated as to why the objects were there and who put them there! This became the basis of an opportunity to develop oracy skills which are essential for the lead in to high quality writing. Vicky Peters, one of our school governors, visited during the day and was incredibly impressed with the children's engagement and enthusiasm.

BF Adventure and Swimming

Year 6 have had a particularly active week with swimming at Helston Pool and a trip to develop team building skills at BF Adventure yesterday. They had a wonderful time, it is always so lovely to see lots of smiling faces in the photos.

RSE Information Sessions

Thank you to Mrs Sutton for organising RSE information sessions for parents in Year 4, 5 and 6. This half term in PSHE, the children will be learning about the sex and relationships part of the curriculum. If you were unable to attend this session and have questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

One Minute Silence

We spent time today reflecting upon the bravery of our Ukrainian counterparts, our reflections encapsulated all of the Christian values we hold dear at St Francis - Courage, Trust, Honesty, Friendship, Thankfulness and of course, Hope.

We are looking forward to Book Week next week and hope to see many of you at the events organised throughout the week.

I hope you are a great weekend, whatever you have planned.

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Plymouth Argyle after school clubs will resume from next week. Boys football will be on Monday's for years 4,5 & 6, and girls football will be on Tuesday's for years 3,4,5 & 6.

Children are only able to attend these clubs if they have been booked on. To do this, click on the below link

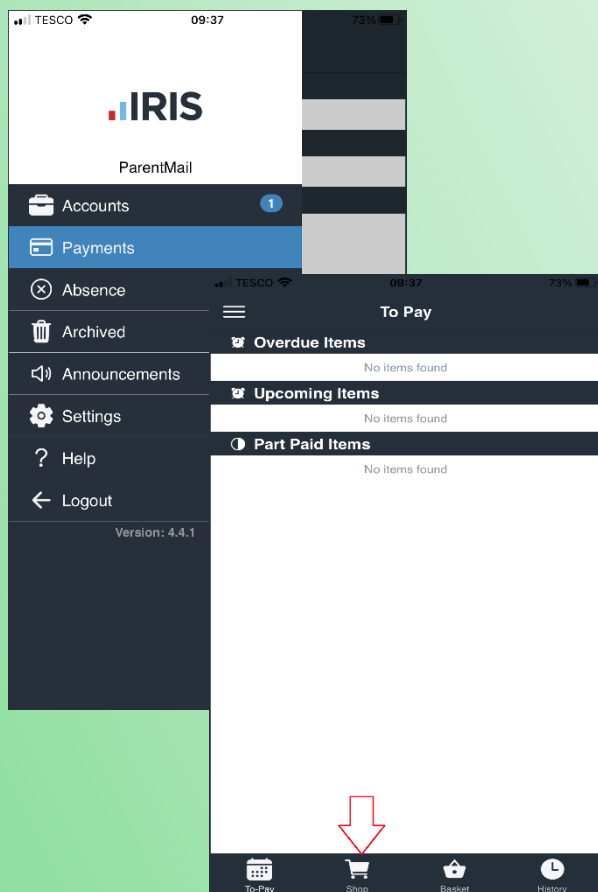
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Year Group	This week's attendance
Reception	99%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%

Making Payments

We have had a few enquiries about how to make payments for things like trips. Within the ParentMail app, go to payments (as shown highlighted blue below), then go to shop from the icons at the bottom of the screen (as shown with the red arrow). When you have clicked into shop, it will open up any pending payments.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is quickly approaching, and this is on Thursday the 2nd March.

Please note that we have decided this year that children do not need to come to school dressed up on this day and usual school uniform is to be worn.

If children have yet to bring back their paper plate design, the last day to bring this back will be on Wednesday 1st March.

Also, during the week of World Book Day on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March we are inviting parents/relatives into school from 8.40-9.00am to sit and read with their child/children within the classroom environment.

On Wednesday 1st March Miss Spargo will be running a parent Read, Write, Inc (our phonics scheme) workshop for any parent who would like to learn more about RWI or has any questions regarding their child learning to read. This will be in the hall from 2.30pm

Reception and Year 6 Health Checks

These checks will happen on the below dates (please be aware that the date for the reception height and weight has been moved again)

Year 6 Height & Weight – Monday 27th February

Reception Vision screening – Monday 20th March

Reception Height & Weight – Tuesday 21st March

PLEASE!!
NOTE



Online Safety

The latest edition of the e-safety newsletter was emailed out this week, but can also be viewed [here](#) on our website. Also sent out this week was information following our e-safety survey, along with a link for a video from Alan Mackenzie, who is an online safety specialist working with schools about keeping everyone safe online.

Writing Day

On Wednesday, children arrived at school only to be met with the most unusual scene; from paddleboards in trees, to flippers dangling and nets swaying in the breeze. This scene inspired the children to write through different genres from captions and simple sentences with our youngest children to poems and newspaper reports from our oldest children. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and all were engaged and enthusiastic to write.

In the afternoon the children produced some art-work. All of this will be on display in our reception office area from next Wednesday. Also, please look out for photographs from the day on our Facebook page. This is our third whole school writing day this year and they are proving to be successful.



St Piran's Day

Children in year 3 have been invited to take part in the St Piran's day parade on Monday 6th March in Falmouth. As we will be walking down from school, we will need all year 3 children in school on this day between 8:15 and 8:30am. They can come in via the school office to make their way to their classrooms. Once they have completed their dance, they will make their way back to school for lunch.

To celebrate St Piran's day, on Monday 6th, we will be offering either a steak or cheese & onion pasty for lunch. If your child would like a pasty, these are to be ordered online in the usual way



Parent Assemblies

This half term assemblies for families will be as follows;

Friday 3rd March – class D (Lambs)

Friday 10th March – class C (Piglets)

Friday 17th March – class B (Chicks)

Friday 24th March – class A (Ducklings)

Assemblies are held in the hall at 9:10am and are usually around 10 minutes long. Parents, carers, grandparents all welcome to attend.





CORNWALL TECH JAM

Saturday 25th February
Falmouth University
Sports Hall
9:30am - 1:30pm



CDS DANCE TIMETABLE AT PENRYN COLLEGE

MONDAY EVENING

5.30PM - KIDS BALLET CLASS (Graded Syllabus Work) 5-8yrs
6PM - KIDS TAP CLASS (Graded Syllabus Work) 5-8yrs

TUESDAY EVENING

5.30PM - NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE JAZZ CLASS (11-16yrs)
6.15PM - NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE COMMERCIAL CLASS (11-16yrs)
7PM - INTERMEDIATE CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL CLASS for 13yrs+

WEDNESDAY EVENING

5.30PM - JUNIOR LYRICAL/BALLET CLASS (8-12yrs)
6.15PM - JUNIOR COMMERCIAL CLASS (8-12yrs)

Classes are £6.50 pp per session (booked on a half termly basis).
To enrol and book head to www.cornwalldanceschool.co.uk
or email contact@cornwalldanceschool.co.uk



Calling little Scientists!

We are looking for children aged **5-6 years**, to take part in an online research project investigating children's social interactions.



This will involve your child listening to instructions about a food treat, alongside a video of another child online. It will last **30 minutes on Zoom**.

If your child is fluent in English and has no known developmental disorders then we would love for them to take part! To find out more, please email:

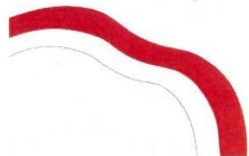
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We look forward to hearing from you!

Scan the QR code



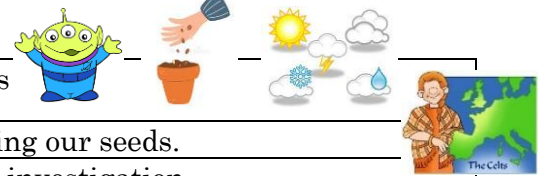
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Curriculum News; Week beginning 27th February 2023



Reception	We will be making up our own stories about Aliens
Year 1	We are looking forward being scientists and planting our seeds.
Year 2	As geographers, we will be setting up our weather investigation.
Year 3	As historians, we are looking forwards to learning about who were the Celts.
Year 4	We are looking forward to beginning our new science topic on 'Sound'.
Year 5	As Geographers, we will be analysing different maps of London.
Year 6	As scientists, we will be finding out about how the heart and blood vessels work in science.



Golden Awards



- Class A Frankie & Jack
- Class B Francesca & George
- Class C George & Lowen
- Class D Harry R & Marley
- Class E Nancy & Sonny
- Class F Amelia & Harley
- Class G Alfie & Holly
- Class H Ellis & Eliza
- Class I Harry & Merryn
- Class J Delilah & Hugh
- Class K Ella & Liubov
- Class L Finley HB & Millie
- Class M Artie & Rosie
- Class N All of class N

We work hard

We listen

We are gentle

We are kind and helpful

We are honest

We look everyone & everything



What's on at St Francis

February

- 3rd – Class E (Frogs) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 7th – Last swimming session for class M (Giraffes)
- 9th – Y4 Tregonigge Woods visit in the morning
- 9th – Current parents open afternoon for years 1-6 2-3pm
- 10th – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 13th – 17th – HALF TERM
- 20th – Return to school
- 20th – RSE talk for Y4,5 & 6 parents
- 21st – Class N (Elephants) swimming lessons begin
- 23rd – Class N (Elephants) BF Adventure trip
- 27th – Year 6 Health Checks
- 28th – Reading with family 8:40am-9am

March

- 1st – Reading with family 8:40am-9am
- 1st – RWI talk with parents 2:30pm
- 2nd – World Book Day
- 3rd – Class D (Lambs) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 6th – St Piran's Day Parade for year 3 and St Piran's pasty lunch
- 8th – Year 1 Feadon Farm Trip
- 10th – Class C (Piglets) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- Week beginning 13th – Year 6 Mock SATS week
- 13th – 17th – Reception year parent consultation week
- 15th – Class M (Giraffes) BF Adventure trip
- 17th – Red Nose Day
- 17th – Class B (Chicks) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 20th – 31st – Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel event
- 20th -24th – Reception year parent consultation week
- 20th – Reception Vision Screening
- 21st – Reception Health Checks
- 23rd and 24th – Class Photos
- 24th – Class A (Ducklings) parent assembly @ 9:10am
- 27th – 31st – Years 1-6 parent evening week
- 30th – Year 5 Trip (details to follow)
- 31st – Break up for Easter Holidays



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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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