

# St Francis Catholic Primary School

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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God**

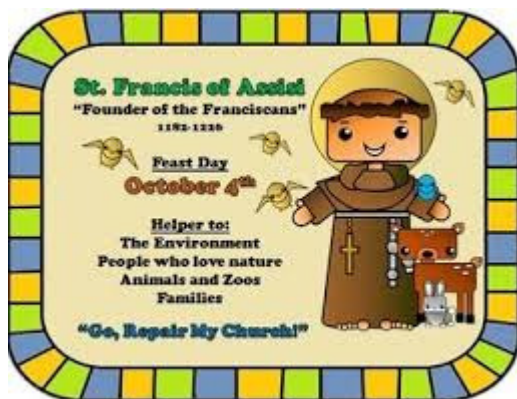
### 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

Mrs Haines led yesterday's worship which was all about the Rosary since we are now in October, a special month which we dedicate to Our Lady. We talked about the significance of the Rosary and why we pray it. Mrs Haines was then helped by Isaac (Y5), Charlie (Y5), Summer (Y3), Jake (Y6) and Beth (Y3) to demonstrate the prayers that we say at the very beginning of the Rosary. All five children read the prayers beautifully and showed the rest of the school which bead they should be holding whilst saying that particular prayer. We then discussed how we think about different stories from Jesus' life, known as mysteries, at certain beads of the Rosary and that in between we say the Our Father and 10 Hail Marys. The children were astounded by how many times we say the Hail Mary. Many children showed a keen interest in learning how to say the full Rosary which we will hopefully put in place in May, when we dedicate another month to Our Lady.

God Bless

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines



### St Francis Feast Day Mass

This coming Wednesday, 4th October we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Francis at 10:30am in the large hall. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us. Children from Year 5 will be leading the readings and the Choir will be leading a short Communion reflection. It would be lovely to see you there.

### Year 5 Class Worship

Year 5 will be leading worship on Thursday morning at 9am in the large hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in.

Our School Mission is week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October, and we would ask if any families could provide accommodation for that week, to speak to the school office. Thank you.

Please can we ask you to pray for our school community as we prepare for our School Mission:

**Dear Lord Jesus, You are my special friend**

**I want to get to know you better. I want to listen to your word and Follow your ways.**


**Be with us all today as we prepare for our School Mission.**

**Send you Holy Spirit to guide us.**

**Amen**



Every week we look to celebrate being outstanding every day. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Merit Worship Leaderboard		
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
FS2:	Pirate Starship	
Year 1:	Breen's Buccaneer	
Year 2:	Martin's Mi Hearties	
Year 3:	Duxbury's Deckhands	
Year 4:	Trotter's Treasure Trove	
Year 5:	Speake's Scurvy Scallywags	
Year 6:	Langham's Landlubbers	

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Big shout out for Years 3 and 5 with 100% attendance last week. What a fantastic effort. Well done !

The year has got off to a reasonable start with a few 100% attendances. Let's keep this up and we should hit out target by the end of the year.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 25.09.17.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.33	97.47
Year 1	95.63	94.16
Year 2	97.33	96.58
Year 3	100.00	98.94
Year 4	94.33	96.40
Year 5	100.00	96.78
Year 6	97.86	97.56
Average	97.49	96.84
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit winners last week: Louisa Hobson, Kayl Walker, Avaya Cyprien-Fennell, Alfie Garth, Rose Binns, Cole Hunter, Kirsten Newill and Ruby Noble.

Mr Copley's Headteacher's Award was presented to Louie Bryar for being an outstanding role model and always setting the best example, both in the classroom and on the playground. He is kind, caring and hard working. Well done Louie you are a Superstar



Nancy Jones has achieved her duckling 4 award and is well on her way to swimming without arm bands! She has also gained her level 8 proficiency award in gymnastics. She is really enjoying it and practices all the time at home.

If your child has been exploring their special gifts outside of school then please send the office an email so that we can celebrate this in our newsletter:

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SCHOOL NOTICES

Parent Consultations

Parents evening appointments have been sorted and your child should receive their appointment slip at the beginning of this week.

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Winmarleigh

Tomorrow our fantastic Year 6 children embark on their 3 day residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall. We hope they have a wonderful time together and enjoy everything that Winmarleigh has to offer. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return. Follow their adventures on our Twitter feed @stfrancisbrad . We wish them a safe journey, God bless.

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READING ROCKS at our Book Fair!

We are delighted to inform you that the Scholastic Book Fair will be back in school again from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the small hall. This is a great opportunity for your child to ignite their interest in reading or extend their book collection. There will be hundreds of new books available for children from FS1 right through to Year 6 to browse or buy. Prices start from only £2.99, so there should plenty of choice for everyone.



As you are already aware, reading is very much a priority at St Francis, so we do urge you to come along and take a look. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our library.

We look forward to seeing you all there and seeing which books the children choose.

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Outdoor clothing

Can children make sure they come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. The weather is very changeable at the moment and warm waterproof outdoor clothing is essential at playtimes. This also includes Year 6 as the blazers are not robust enough for the cold and wet.

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Appeal for Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage is running out of dressing up clothes and wellies. If anyone has any they could donate to the Foundation Stage Unit this would be much appreciated. Children love dressing up and playing outside but we are running out.

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School Photographs

Individual and family photographs will take place here at school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If you have children who do not attend St Francis and would like a family photograph to include them, you can come into school from 8.00 am for the photograph to be taken. Our Year 4 children are out on a trip that day but the photographer will come back on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoon. Any siblings will also be photographed on Thursday afternoon.

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## CALENDAR DATES AUTUMN TERM

\* Please note Mass in Church and Class Worship have been postponed during Mission Week

Wednesday 4 Oct	10.30 am	All	St Francis Feast Day Mass
	3.30 and 6.00 pm	FS2	Phonics meeting for parents
Thursday 5 Oct	9.00 am	Y5	Class Worship
Monday 9 Oct	1.30 – 7.00 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	3.30 – 7.00 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parent consultations
Wednesday 11 Oct	8.00 am	All	Individual and family photographs
	8.45 am – 3.15 pm	Y4	Educational visit to Armley Mills – dress Victorian
	9.30 am	Y6	Class Mass in Church
	1.30 – 5.00 pm	FS	Parents consultations
	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parents consultations
Monday 16 Oct	Mission Week in School all week		
	11.30 am / 3.30 pm	FS1	Letters and Sounds meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 Oct	AM /PM	FS1	Stay, Play and Learn
Thursday 19 Oct	AM / PM	FS	Stay, Play and Learn
Friday 20 October	Break up for October half term		
Tuesday 31 Oct	School reopens after half term		
Wednesday 1 Nov	9.30 am	KS2	Mass in Church
Wednesday 8 Nov	9.30 am	Y4	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 9 Nov	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
Wednesday 15 Nov	9.30 am	Y3	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 23 Nov	9.00 am	Y2	Class worship
Monday 27 Nov	6.00 pm	FS1	New parents meeting
Tuesday 28 Nov	10.00 am	FS1	New children drop in session
Thursday 30 Nov	9.00 am	Y1	Class worship
Friday 1 December	4.30 – 7.15 pm	FS1 – Y6	Parent Council Winter Disco
Wednesday 6 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Thursday 7 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Friday 8 Dec	AM/PM	FS	Advent workshop and worship
Wednesday 13 Dec	12.00	All	Christmas dinner
	PM	FS	Advent celebration
	6.00 pm	All	Parent Council Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 14 Dec	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Friday 15 Dec	9.00 am	KS1	Christmas Liturgy
Tuesday 19 Dec	9.00 am	All	Carols by the Crib
	Break up for the Christmas holiday		

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### Data Packs

Thank you to everyone who has returned their data packs, but we are still some outstanding. Please could you check and if you have your pack at home could you return it to school immediately.

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Parent Pay is coming .....

Due to the problems parents have experienced with School Money we are going to introduce Parent Pay into school. This will be coming in the next few weeks. Watch this space for further details.

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If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley or Mrs Haines