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

Your Tuesday News 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

## Worship

Yesterday was the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul and so we focussed on these two inspirational saints in our worship yesterday Morning. We reflected on both saints' lives and qualities. Peter - a dedicated disciple of Jesus who thrived on carrying out Jesus' work and eventually became the first pope. Paul - was converted on the road to Damascus from persecuting the Christians to championing the Christian faith. We also discussed



why Peter was chosen by Jesus to be 'the rock upon whom I build my church'. Peter had many positive qualities but he was not perfect and we discussed how these imperfections and the way in which he dealt with them, made him a good candidate as a builder of the early church. We then moved on to looking at how each one of us is a living brick of the church. We are all unique with our own gifts and talents that we can contribute towards the building of the church around the world. This left us with the setting of our mission this week: to think of a way to build up God's church by being a living stone.

## Welcome Back!

It was lovely to welcome back some more children to school yesterday. Well done to the Year 3 children who joined our blue bubble. You have made a great start to the week and did really well in remembering to wash your hands and stay apart from each other as much as possible. Keep it up!

## Summer Plans

As you are aware, throughout the Covid 19 pandemic, St Francis has continued to be open to provide essential childcare for key worker parents. Throughout this time, we took our role seriously and ensured that we had staff available every day including the Easter and Spring Bank holidays. As the lockdown situation has progressed, so have the guidelines to schools and now there is no expectation for schools to remain open to children of key worker parents over the summer holidays. Therefore, St Francis will close for the full six weeks holiday on Friday 17th July.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

**Staffing Update**

Hopefully, all parents have now received a text message with a link to our 'Big Reveal' video of which teacher your child will have in September. In addition to this, we have some further staffing updates. Mrs Horne will be returning just before the summer holidays from her maternity leave. We are really looking forward to having Mrs Horne back on board!

Sadly, we are losing some members of staff at the end of the summer term:  
Miss White (Y3 teacher) is leaving St Francis to start a brand new career in sports therapy and personal training which is right up her street. We wish her every success for her new career, where we know she will continue to thrive!

Mrs Cunningham (support staff) is leaving St Francis to return to her home country of New Zealand. We are so sorry to lose her, but we know how much returning to her family means to her.

Mrs Wilson (pastoral care worker) is leaving us in July. Mrs Wilson has been with us over the past year, supporting our children and families during difficult times. We will miss her very much, but we wish her the very best of luck back at our partner school, St Cuthbert's and the First Martyrs'.

We thank all of these members of staff for their sheer dedication to our children, families and school community.

**Retirement**

Mrs Hirst, one of our brilliant cleaning staff, is retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Hirst has been with us for 22 years. During this time, she has shown great love and care for all our children and has also been a real asset to the St Francis team and a joy and pleasure to work with. We wish her all the love and luck in the world as she goes into her well-deserved retirement.

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**Virtual Sports Week**

Coming to a school near you.....We are so excited to announce that all next week (13th - 17th July), St Francis will be hosting a virtual sports week for children in school and at home. All children from Nursery - Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in 20 fantastic events over the course of the week. In order to be fully prepared for this week of sporting events, the children will need access to the following equipment:



- a tape measure
- stopwatch (phone can be used)
- 5 pairs of socks/5 balls
- bucket/large pan
- an egg (preferably hard) and spoon
- water bottle
- some funny items of clothes.

More information as well as teams will be announced this Friday, 3rd July.

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**End of year school reports**

This year, we have had to make some changes to our school reports due to the complexities that the Covid 19 pandemic has presented. This year, we are unable to report your child's academic achievement as we usually would, as the children have not been in formal schooling for a term and a half. Despite the fact that our teachers have never stopped 'teaching' in the best way they possibly can throughout this time, this still does not equate to the quality of teaching that the children would have received had they been able to attend school in normal circumstances. Therefore, your child will receive an end of year report with detailed comments on their progress in RE, Maths, Reading and Writing from their class teacher and an overall comment on their behaviour, attitude and effort at school.

For KS2 children, a digital copy of the reports will be released in their own private area of Google Classroom on Monday 13th July and hard copies will be available to pick up from the office between Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July before we close for summer.

For Foundation Stage and KS1 children, we have no digital means to get a copy to each family, therefore hard copies will either be sent home with your child (if they are attending school) or will be available to pick up from the office between Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July. For those still learning at home.

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**Parking**

We respectfully ask parents/carers to not park in the car park when dropping off their children to school.



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**Contact Details**

We always ask parents/carers to inform us straight away if there is any change to your phone number or address. Now more than ever, this is of the utmost importance as our main means of communication is sending out links to letters, videos and the Tuesday News via text message. Please ensure all the information we have on file is up to date. You can email the office with up to date contact information at any time.

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**Resources needed!**



We are very quickly running out of plastic dinosaurs and resources for our home corner (including dolls) for our Foundation stage. If anyone has any of these going spare and would like to donate them to school, please drop them off at the office where, in line with government guidance, they will be stored for 72 hours before being cleaned and then used in our Foundation base. Many thanks in advance.

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Virtual Merit Winners last week:

**Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award** was presented to Rose Binns for working just as diligently at home as when she is in school. The amount of work and quality of it is amazing.

**FS1:** Alfie Leak for working his socks off. He has done some amazing listening and thinking in his work on 'People who Help Us'.

**FS2:** Pink Bubble for having an amazing first week back, it has been wonderful to see you all, talk to you all and spend time with you all. This week has been a joy.

**Year 1:** Krystal Brewster for putting every effort into her learning this week in school. She always puts her thinking cap on and presents all her work neatly and takes great care. Well Done!

**Year 2:** Esther Uko because all the time school was closed you have been working your socks off in the emergency childcare bubble. She settled into a strange and new environment brilliantly and is very helpful with the younger children.

**Year 3:** Nancy Jones for coming back to school like she's never been away. Nancy has been so impressive and hardworking in all aspects of her work over this past week.

**Year 4:** Owen Sutcliffe for settling back into school life exceptionally well. I have heard nothing but praise from all of the adults in green bubble. Keep it up Owen!

**Year 5:** Phoebe Clapham for enthusiasm and resilience towards her home learning. Excellent work!

**Year 6:** Isabelle Lupton for her enthusiasm and contribution to all her learning in the purple bubble. Isabelle is a fantastic role model and is always working hard. Well done Isabelle we are proud of you.

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Our **Mathstronaut of the Week** is Kaleb Parker for being enthusiastic and a Maths game pro!!

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Our **Big Cat Reading Award** was presented to Nylah Doherty in recognition of superb reading at school and home this week. Great improvements since the return to school and practicing daily at home. Also Tony Adakpa in recognition of superb reading at home. Keep it up!!



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**MEMBERS OF ACCELERATED READER GOLD AND SILVER CLUB THIS WEEK**  
26<sup>TH</sup> June 2020

Gold (100%)	Silver (80%+)
Tony, Natasha x 3, Isabelle and Maisie	Natasha
Lily-May x 4	Cullen
Francis x 3 and Cora	Kai
Summer x 3 and Gracie- Mae	Phoebe
Sam x 2	

Do keep up with your reading. If you run out of reading books at home please email the home learning account [homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk) and Miss Burgess will happily send you a link to some audio books for you to enjoy at your leisure at home, but also to do quizzes on, and possibly join our gold and silver club.

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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, Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew**