



Year 2



On Friday, Year 2 began their topic on Toys with a toy afternoon. We are starting off by thinking about the toys children play with now, so everyone brought in a toy from home and once Mrs George had given them all a precautionary wipe down, the children enjoyed sharing and playing with them together.



Soon we will be looking at some of the popular toys our parents and grandparents played with and deciding whose toys are best!

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BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATE

Please remember that booking forms for both clubs open on a Wednesday morning and close on Fridays at 3pm. Anyone not booked in, will not be able to attend the club. Please note: if you wish your child to have breakfast at Breakfast Club, they must arrive no later than 8:20am. Please ensure you give them breakfast yourself if they will arrive later than this. Breakfast Club costs £2 per session with or without breakfast.

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FOREST SCHOOL



We are pleased that our Forest School provision is returning to St Francis this year, fully compliant with our Covid 19 risk assessment. This year, our providers are Mike and Chris from 'Go Wild Outdoors'. Children from Y1 - Y6 will enjoy a full Friday afternoon for one half term at some point this year. This half term, it is Year 5's turn. Please ensure that children arrive already dressed in their Forest School clothes and bring wellies to change into.

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FRUIT CARDS

Fruit cards for KS2 children are available to buy in school at a cost of £2.50. If children would prefer to bring in their own fruit from home, they may do so, but this must be fruit only. All FS1, FS2 and KS1 children receive free fruit in school.

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PARENT CONSULTATION

Yesterday, parents/carers were all sent a link to a letter regarding parent consultations. If you missed it, please find it here:

<https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/additional-letters>

Links were also sent out via text and/or email to book an appointment. If you have any issues with this, please email the office.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor (now known as Academy Councillor since we joined the Trust) on the school's governing body (now known as Academy Council). Any parent with a child on roll at the school, including the nursery, is eligible to become a Parent Academy Councillor.



Parent Academy Councillors are elected by other parents (if there are more expressions of interest than we need) and are vital to our Academy Council. Academy Councillors do not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school. The Academy Council's responsibilities include:

- setting the aims of the school and agreeing a wide range of policies;
- holding the school to account for standards and pupils' progress;
- preparing the annual school budget and monitoring expenditure;
- appointing school staff;
- ensuring that the school building and other facilities are maintained;
- keeping in touch with parents and the local community

You do not have to be an expert on education to be an Academy Councillor, and we value the experience and skills that all Councillors bring to the role. However, you will need to demonstrate skills and experience that will enhance governance at the school, a commitment to undertake training and a willingness to engage in the life of the school and its strategic development. There are 6 Academy Council meetings each year. Councillors need to set aside time to be able to be effective: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school and to undertake training and updating.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate, please email your expression of interest to the school office at office@stfrancisbrad.co.uk no later than Friday 25th September.

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CHOIR UPDATE



Very sadly, we are unable to have a choir for the time being, due to the Covid 19 restrictions and guidance on singing in large groups. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will get back to singing! Many of the children have been asking about Young Voices which usually takes place in January. Unfortunately, the event cannot go ahead on the original dates planned, however, we have just received notification that the dates have all been rescheduled and our new date is Thursday 10th June. Keep your fingers crossed that the situation stays safe and we are able to sing again together soon and that Young Voices is able to go ahead in June.

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PACKED LUNCHES

If your child brings a packed lunch from home do not include any foods which contain nuts. Nut allergies can be very severe in children if they even come into contact with foods containing nuts.

As a healthy school we also advocate that children bring healthy lunches from home, so please do not include lots of chocolate, crisps and sugary items in your child's lunch.

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If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew