

Over the past few weeks, different children in school have been preparing to take part in our Virtual Nativity and Carol Service. Children in KS1 have been practising telling the Christmas Story, the choir have been practising at home and different children throughout school have been preparing readings. We are hoping that everything will be recorded by the end of this week and that the final video will be available to enjoy through our website at some point next week. We will of course inform you once it is ready.

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 30.11.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.62	97.65
Year 1	100.00	98.60
Year 2	99.33	98.38
Year 3	98.00	96.83
Year 4	98.64	98.29
Year 5	85.71	95.99
Year 6	96.67	96.04
<b>Average</b>	<b>96.71%</b>	<b>97.39%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>

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TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Maisie Walker for embracing all areas of school life with such enthusiasm. Maisie works so hard and approaches everything with a positive attitude. Well done Maisie keep it up !

Maths Award: Scarlett Zaborowski for working so hard at home to practise her skills on Maths Shed. Very well done Scarlett keep it up !

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#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups
1.		Scarlett Zaborowski	Year 6 2020-21
2.		Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020-21
3.		Lily-May Cousins	Year 4 2020-21



1.		Ver 6 2020-21	36,406,034
2.		Ver 7 2020-21	36,038,991
3.		Ver 8 2020-21	33,723,021
4.		Ver 1 2020-21	28,955,683
5.		Ver 2 2020-21	2,853,847
6.		Ver 3 2020-21	2,411,512

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We are very pleased to inform you that we have recruited a new Y3 teacher to cover Miss Jennings maternity leave. Mr Jack Mallon will start with us after Christmas but will visit school before we break up for Christmas to meet the children and work with Miss Burgess to gain all the information needed in order for as smooth a transition as possible.

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Attendance

Mrs Wright, our Parental Involvement Worker and Mrs Howley, our Office Administrator are currently looking at attendance figures for the whole of this Autumn term. Letters will be sent out to parents/carers of children whose attendance rate has fallen below 90%. Please note: any absence due to Covid, whether individual isolation or whole bubble isolation, will not be included when calculating the figures.

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St Francis Virtual Advent Calendar

We are spreading a little bit of Christmas joy throughout Advent by opening a door each day on our Virtual Advent Calendar. Each day, a member of the St Francis team shares something with the children - a Christmas fact, joke or challenge and then shares their favourite Christmas song. Catch up with all the antics so far by following us on Twitter @stfrancisbrad

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Christmas Cards

If your children would like to send Christmas Cards to their classmates, they are invited to bring them in this week where they will be quarantined for at least 72 hours in our Christmas post box before being handed out by our Christmas elves (all gloved up!!) next week.



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Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day



A reminder that children will have the opportunity to share in Christmas dinner and are to come dressed in non-uniform on Monday 14th December with a Christmas jumper in memory of Alfie Joe Barraclough, a former pupil at St Francis who very sadly passed away at Christmas time 5 years ago. Parents/carers are asked to send in £1 donations which can be brought into school or paid through Parent Pay. Thank you to the parents who have already paid.

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Gianna Project

Our Gianna Project collection for struggling new mums and babies is stocking up nicely. Thank you for your generous donations



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A reminder to all parents/carers who use our After School Club childcare - the club will be closed on Friday 18th December.

## Winter Clothing

We have had our first taste of winter weather and it was noticeable that not all children were adequately dressed for the cold weather. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing for the wet and cold weather at this time of year.

## St Francis Parent and Friends Association NEWS



Don't forget to email in your child's song requests (we need some on a Christmas theme!) as well as shout outs for their friends to:

[homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@stfrancisbrad.co.uk). The deadline for this is Wednesday 9th December. We remind you that instead of buying a ticket as you usually would for a PFA disco, that you make a donation to the PFA. Please send your donations into school with your child.

All children should now have come home with a little treat of a tube of Smarties from the PFA. In return, they ask children to fill up their empty Smarties tubes with 20p coins or any other coins that fit inside. All of this generously donated money will go into the PFA fund and will be used to invest in some much-needed new playground equipment for the children.



A successful Italian themed day in Year 4.  
Complete with homemade pizzas, panettone  
and a virtual tour around the Colosseum!

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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**