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

Your Tuesday News 7th September 2021 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

Welcome back everybody to a brand new school year. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces outside yesterday morning, all ready to go! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed real quality time with your families.

It was an absolute delight yesterday to start our new school year altogether, in person, in the large hall for our Monday morning worship. Although tentative at first, the children came into worship beautifully and became more and more confident in singing together again. I am thrilled that we get to share in worship together again.

Together, we listened to Matthew's Gospel about being the light for others. We reflected on sunflowers and how they have a special gift of following the sun across the sky as they grow and flourish. We discussed that we are very much like sunflowers - as we grow we follow God's Word



and Christ's example to help us lead a healthy and good life. Some of our new Year 6 children led us in prayer and we finished by setting our mission of the week: to set a good example for younger children.

This morning we had our first virtues to live by worship. This week we are focussing on the virtue of SOLIDARITY.

WELCOME

Welcome to all of our new staff - Miss Britz, Miss Oldfield, Mrs Standley and Mrs Jalil. We also welcome Mr Duffy, our new Reception Class teacher for the autumn term. We are really excited to be working with them all and we pray that they all have a very positive start to their time with us at St Francis.

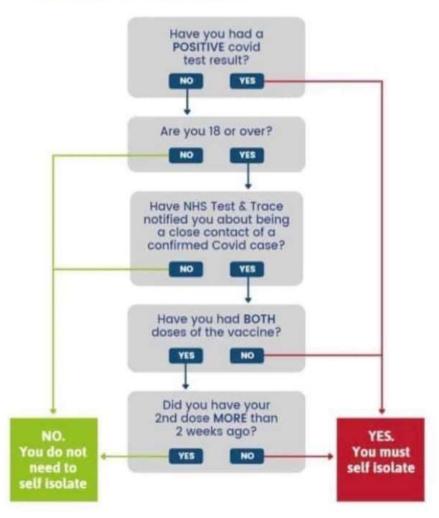
We are all very much looking forward to meeting our brand new children coming into Nursery and Reception class. We pray that these children enjoy and thrive on their journey with us.

We extend a very warm welcome to a new family joining us this week. Siblings Harrison (Year 2) and Hilary (Year 5) started their school journey at St Francis yesterday. We pray that they settle in well, make new friends and flourish on their journey at our school.

Covid 19 update:

Below is a summary of the information shared with parents in my letter dated 1st September 2021. Please note, this information has been updated and amended slightly for further clarification:

- Anyone with COVID-19 <u>symptoms</u> or a positive test result should stay at home and selfisolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- If you live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate. However, if you are **fully vaccinated** or **aged under** 18 years and 6 months you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Face coverings are now personal choice
- Children no longer need to remain in consistent bubbles
- Good ventilation is key to minimise the transmission of the virus, so windows and doors will be kept open.



Do I need to self-isolate?

PLEASE NOTE: If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in our school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise us to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

Staffing Update

Very recently, Miss Martin has decided to leave St Francis to explore new ventures. We thank Miss Martin for all of her hard work and dedication to the children at St Francis and we wish her the very best of luck in the future.

As Miss Martin was our SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) as well as a Class Teacher, Miss Burgess (Acting Deputy Head) will be our interim SENDCo whilst we put the wheels in motion to recruit a new one. If you have any concerns or queries regarding SEND, please email <u>senco@fra.bcwcat.co.uk</u> This is the best and most efficient way to make contact with Miss Burgess.

Merit Worship

Our first Merit Worship will be on Friday 17th September. Unfortunately, we will continue without parents being present in person as there will be too many people in the hall with limited ventilation. However, we will continue to send parents/carers a link to attend virtually via Google Meet.

After School Clubs

Please note, there will be no After School Club on Thursday 23rd September due to whole staff training. This is a one off event and we hope you support us in being able to have the whole staff together for some important training. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

Please remember to book your child's place at breakfast club and after school club. A link will be sent out to parents on a Wednesday and taken down on Friday. It is necessary to book for us to anticipate the number of children requiring food and staffing ratios. All payments must be made through Parent Pay. If you require a permanent booking you only need to fill in the booking form once stating that it is a long term booking.

School Milk



Free school milk is no longer available to children once they reach five years of age, unless parents are in receipt of benefits. If you think you are entitled to free school meals and free school milk but haven't applied because your child receives universal infant free school meals, please do apply any way as this could entitle you to other benefits such as the education element of any school trips that take place and some help with school uniform.

If you wish your child to have school milk this is available from School Milk UK and you must order and pay online for the milk at <u>www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk</u>

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you wish them to have school milk, please let the office know.

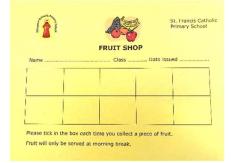


Lost Property

A lot of lost property was left behind at the end of last year. This will all be laid out on tables at the end of the school day on Thursday for parents/carers to come and have a look for anything their child may have lost. Anything that is not claimed will be disposed of in a responsible way.

Fruit Cards

Children in FS1 to Year 2 receive a free piece of fruit everyday provided by the Government. If children in Years 3 - 6 would like to have a piece of fruit at morning break time, we have fruit cards which can be bought from the office at a cost of £2.50 for ten pieces of fruit. Children are encouraged to get their own fruit and mark off their own cards at morning break.



Government Update

We have been asked by government to remind parents/carers of the following guidelines for overseas travel during the pandemic:

- International travel to and from the UK has changed everyone will need to meet a number of new requirements so we can all travel safely and securely.
- Before considering any international journey, parents should think carefully about the risks to them, their family and their community, as well as the impact of their child's education
- To prevent new Covid 19 variants from entering the UK, parents and families should not travel to red list countries.

External Information

There will be a BCWCAT newletter coming home with children this week, along with a letter about a 12 week football course at St Bede's.

Also coming home is a leaflet with information about applying for secondary school for Year 6 children.

Please keep a look out for these important communications.
