



The children's liturgy at the parish of The Immaculate Conception will be restarting in January at the 9am mass. Once a definite date is in place, we will make sure to communicate this to you.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance champions last week. Unfortunately we are below our current target but with Covid around with is not unexpected.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 10.01.22.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.33	93.95
Year 1	91.45	92.98
Year 2	94.67	96.17
Year 3	98.71	97.48
Year 4	99.22	95.70
Year 5	98.66	96.69
Year 6	95.8	95.28
Average	96.54%	95.46%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

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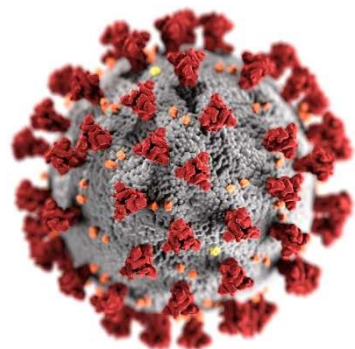
TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship

Our merit winners last week: FS1 Oliver; FS2 Jasper; Year 1 Maisie; Year 2 William; Year 3 Freyja; Year 4 Nate; Year 5 Rhys and Year 6 Avaya. Well done everyone.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Our Minnie Vinnies for living out so many of our virtues by organising and donating 30 shoe boxes full of Christmas presents to families in need through Horton Housing.

Big Cat Reading Award: Betsy in Year 1 for a fantastic attitude towards her reading. Keep it up !!

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Covid Update

From yesterday, Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

We respectfully request that all adults coming onto the school site continue to wear a face covering. Parents/Carers will continue to be invited to attend worships and other events virtually via Google Meet.

If there is anyone in our school community who has a keen interest in gardening and would and would be interested in volunteering to work with a small group of children on a regular basis at lunchtime (12pm-1pm), please contact the school office. As you know, we are blessed at St Francis with huge grounds which we want to be used to their full potential. We would love to have a gardening club to grow plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables. Many thanks.

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I wrote to parents/carers last week outlining a new venture we hope to put in place of having two parent representatives for each class. If you missed the letter, you can find it here: <https://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk/our-school/additional-letters>

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As many parents/carers are aware, we have done a lot of work over recent years on fostering a love of reading and books at St Francis. We are now hoping to establish a similar love of writing for our children starting with a regular 'Writing for Pleasure' session. The first one was launched last Friday at our Merit Worship, in which a very mysterious magical hat was found. All the children went off to their classrooms to explore the hat further and then write a story about it. Nursery and Reception children concentrated their efforts on talking about the hat using full sentences. Please chat to your children about this mysterious object and find out what they wrote/talk about.

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Thursday 10th February £5 per ticket to include entry, drink, crisps, sweets and glow sticks. Families with 3 or more children only need to pay £10 for a family ticket. Please pay through Parent Pay – School Disco.
FS2, Years 1 and 2 – 4.30 – 5.30 pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 5.45 – 6.45 pm

Please note: We will risk-assess for this event closer to the time and base our assessment on the most recent information. This event will be rescheduled, if we assess it is not safe for it to go ahead. Many thanks for your understanding.

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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, or Mrs Laptew

Behaviour Policy Update

We are continuing to evaluate and further improve the changes we have made to our Behaviour Policy. So far the changes are working well. We have decided to ensure that children who are given a thinking cloud as a sign that they need to reflect on their behaviour and make a positive change will be asked to write on the thinking cloud what they need to do to improve their behaviour. This will only be the case for children in KS2. We feel this will help to foster the more positive behaviour culture we are working towards.

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Y6 Football Match

Good luck to our Y6 children who are off to Peel Park Primary School this evening to take part in a football match. Go St Francis!



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