

St Francis Catholic Primary School

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

Your Tuesday News Date ???? 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Worship

This morning, KS1 and KS2 children came together to follow the last footsteps of Christ through the Stations of the Cross. Well done and thank you to children in Year 4, who led the worship so beautifully. It was a very poignant occasion and fitting culmination of Lent at St Francis.

Lenten fundraising

Thank you all for your great generosity over the last 6 weeks for our Student Council fundraising. Once everything is counted up, we will inform you of how much was raised for the Good Shepherd appeal and the PFA.



I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. We pray that

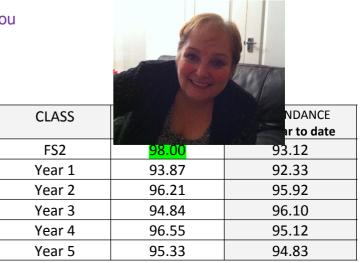
the sun comes out over the holidays and that everyone enjoys quality family time together. Thank you so much for all your support over the last term. I look forward to another busy and exciting term ahead.

Happy Retirement!

Mrs Sheila Laptew, our wonderful Office Manager, retires from the world of work today after 33 years at St Francis. Over this time, she has helped and supported hundreds of children through their primary years. Mrs Laptew has even had the privilege of welcoming the children of past pupils into St Francis. Not only will Mrs Laptew's warm heart, sense of humour and generosity be missed, but her knowledge of all our families past and present will also be missed. Last Thursday, we held a very special Retirement Mass in school, in which children from nursery to Y6 read beautifully. The whole school (staff and pupils) sang a very special blessing for Mrs Laptew and presented her with homemade paper flowers with special messages on. We pray together as a school community to give our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Laptew for everything she has given to St Francis and that she has a very healthy and happy retirement:

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord turn his face toward you And give you peace. Amen.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%

Year 6	<mark>98.62</mark>	95.37
Average	96.20%	94.68%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%



Well done to Year 6 who are our attendance champions. Also a big shout out to FS2 who are a close second.

Merit Worship

Our Merit winners last week: FS1 - Freddie; FS2 – Jaxon and Alfie; Year 1 – Esther; Year 2 – Scarlett; Year 3 – Sarah; Year 4 – George; Year 5 – Lucina; Year 6 – Josh. Well done everyone.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Pippa for EVERYTHING! Pippa's hard working attitude, exemplary behaviour, pure kindness and lovely nature makes her a superb example of a true St Francis pupil.

Big Cat Reading Award: George for his superb reading at school this week. George has been reading more frequently at home and we are really starting to see the effects of this in school. George has completed some fantastic work in his reading assessment and has shown some very good comprehension skills.

Egg decorating competition

Many thanks to the chicken for all their entries!! The standard was incredibly high once again this year. Congratulations to the following winners:

Upper KS2: Pippa Year 6 – Dragon Lower KS2: Jack Year 3 – Superman Key Stage 1: Matteo Year 2 – Egg Aliens Foundation Stage: Jonah – The Hungry Caterpillar Special Award: Cullen Year 5 – The World Prays for Ukraine

PE days and Forest School Days

Year 1 – Tuesday and WednesdayYear 2 – Tuesday and ThursdayYear 3 – Monday and FridayYear 4 – Monday and FridayYear 5 – Wednesdayand swimming TuesdayYear 6 – Friday (Forest School)

Forest School – Year 6 on a Friday for this half term. Next half term will be Year 1.

Football Clubs

Our football clubs start up again the first week back after the Easter holiday and will run until half term. Parents have had a text if their child has a place.

Years 2 and 3 football club is Monday lunch times 12.30 - 1.00

Years 4,5 and 6 football club is 3.15 - 4.15 Wednesdays.



And Finally

Thank you all for bearing with us over the last few weeks as we have dealt with high staff shortages due to covid. I am hopeful that the Easter break will enable everyone to get back to full health and I am looking forward to a much more steady summer term.

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