



## Value of the month –Patience

### Dear Parents and Carers

This week, the staff, governors and I wished Mrs Audrey Edwards, our School Business Manager, a sad but very fond farewell as she retires from the School after almost 27 years. We had a lovely celebration yesterday with a wonderful cake (made by the talented Mrs Goddard) decorated in a garden theme, as Mrs Edwards is very fond of her gardening. We all send our thanks to Mrs Edwards for the tremendous amount of work she has undertaken in looking after the school's finances over the years and for her unfailing dedication and support of us all in the School. I am sure that she will be keeping in touch with us all.

We are joined this week and next week by two new Staff Members: Mrs Donna Coppack, our new School Business Manager, and Mrs Charlene Carroll our new member of the office team. We welcome them to St Francis and look forward to working with them.

Today we welcomed back the renowned poet Brian Moses, who has been running a writing workshop for children from local schools. Six of our Year 6 children have been part of the day. Thank you to Miss McGregor for organising the day.

The children have been making decorations this week ready for the Christmas Fayre on Sunday and the corridors are looking very festive. We look forward to seeing you all there. It will be a lovely start to our Christmas festivities!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – it looks like the snow will be staying away for now!

Best wishes,

Mrs M Wheeler  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – School Christmas Fayre  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Choir to Westminster  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am Reception Christingle to parents  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 4.30pm Year 1 Nativity  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime, whole school.  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am Year 2 Christmas performance  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm Yr 1 Christmas performance  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 7pm Junior Carol Concert at the Sacred heart Church  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – 9.00am School re-opens for the Spring Term.

## Coats

Living in Britain, we are never quite sure what the weather will be like. Therefore, please ensure that your child brings in a coat each morning.

It is important for children to get plenty of fresh air, so they will still go out in light rain conditions.

## Water bottles & pencil cases

We have seen a marked increase in the size of both water bottles and pencils cases in school. Unfortunately, the children do not have enough space on their desks to accommodate these large objects. So please, when you next replace these items, can you purchase a bottle similar in size to our school bottles (approximately 7cm x 20 cm). Pencil cases need to be small to medium size, just big enough to contain essential items. Thank you.

## Save the Date

“Growth Mindset” Talk for Parents and Governors on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 4pm.

**The Great Learner Project**  
**St Francis’ School has been incredibly fortunate to be part of this great project this year. The aim of the GLP is to change the mindset of pupils in terms of their learning, so that they become more resilient and keen to take on challenges and to persevere – “great learners”! It is true “education” as opposed to mere “schooling”, and ultimately better prepares the child for life.**  
**We would like to invite all parents, governors and staff to an exciting evening led by GLP expert Will Ord.**

**Date: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Time: 4pm – 6pm**

**Venue: Sunnydown School**

**Prepare to be incredibly motivated!**

If you are interested in attending to hear about the project please let the office know by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## Cafod World Gifts

As in previous years, each class has chosen a gift that they want to donate to Cafod and the children have been asked to bring in a donation instead of sending individual Christmas Cards.

The gifts the classes have chosen are:

Class	Gift	Cost
Cherry	Vegetable garden	£10.00
	Trees for life	£20.00
	Chirpy chickens	£20.00
Apple	Chirpy chickens	£20.00
	3x Happy bees	£12.00
Oak	Football	£10.00
	Teach someone to read	£10.00
Elm	Vegetable garden	£10.00
	Chirpy chickens	£20.00
	3 x Happy Queen Bees	£12.00
Beech	2 x Vegetable garden	£20.00
	Trees for life	£ 8.00
Larch	Water for a family	£33.00
	Happy Queen Bees	£ 4.00
Cedar	Water for a family	£33.00
	Happy Queen Bee	£ 4.00
	Net that protects	£ 7.00
	Trees for life	£ 8.00
Rowan	Vegetable garden	£10.00
	Water for a family	£33.00
	Happy Queen Bee	£ 4.00
	Teach someone to read	£10.00
Pine	Water for a family	£33.00
	Chirpy chickens	£20.00
	Happy Queen Bee	£ 4.00
Hazel	Water for a family	£33.00
	Hornbeam	Fabulous football
Hornbeam	Water for a family	£33.00
	Teach someone to read	£10.00
	Tippy tap	£ 7.00
	The Net that protects	£ 7.00
	Maple	Chirpy chickens
Willow	Teach a child to read	£10.00
	A goat	£28.00
	Water for a family	£33.00
	Immunise a child	£14.00
	Happy Queen Bee	£ 4.00
Linden	The net that protects	£ 7.00
	Teach someone to read	£10.00
	Water for a family	£33.00
	The net that protects	£ 7.00

Please remember to send in your donations, in an envelope marked with the **class name** and ‘**CAFOD World Gifts**’.

Thank you for your support.

**World Gifts**  
by **CAFOD**



St. Francis' RC Primary School

# Christmas Fayre

Sunday 3rd December

12pm – 3pm



Kindly sponsored by:

**P. A. Jones**  
Property Solutions

Raffle at 2.30pm!

Cash  
Prizes

Hallmark  
Hotel  
Dinner, Bed  
& Breakfast

Dinner for 2  
at De Vere  
Selsdon  
Estate

Round of  
Golf for 4

Premier  
Gym  
Membership

Luxury  
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And  
many  
more.....



Match  
Funding

CAN YOU HELP??

Xmas Fayre – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Many companies offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise.

**It really is money for nothing, and we could double the amount of cash we raise with very little effort!!**

Some organisations will match fund on a £ for £ basis for a stall, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give.

It is likely that an upper limit may be applied. We do have a registered charity no. to provide.

Please check with your employer if they offer this scheme and let us know a.s.a.p.!

Sally Ogunremi, Sharon Evans or Charlotte Thompson (Year 1 Mums)

[stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com](mailto:stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com)

Thank You for your Support!!

## **School Association**

### **Christmas Fayre!!!!**

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fayre on Sunday between 12-3pm. There are lots of stalls and fun things to do so it's set to be a great afternoon. We would like to thank everyone that's helped so far and all of you that are helping on Sunday. The Fayre raises important funds for the PTA which will be used to improve the school for all of our children.

**Please can Year 5 remember to bring in cakes for their cake stall.**

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

Fran Wall is kindly organising tea, coffee and mince pies for after the school carol concert on the 18th December. If anyone is available to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Fran know or email [stfrancissschoolassociation@googlemail.com](mailto:stfrancissschoolassociation@googlemail.com). Thanks in advance.

### **Christmas PTA drinks**

Please come along for drinks on Wednesday 6th December from 7.30pm in the Centenary Bar - all welcome!

### **Save the date**

Next PTA meeting to be held at 7:30pm in the school hall on 09/01/2018 - all welcome

KS1/KS2 Disco - 19/01/2018

Quiz Night - 10/03/2018

Summer BBQ - 25/05/2018