St. Francis' School Newsletter



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great week in school and it has been lovely to have the good weather back. Well done to Oliver in Pine Class for giving me a real scare on the gate this week with his 'show and tell' item! I certainly wasn't expecting a tarantula to be in the paper bag! Luckily, it was not alive - just the shedded skin of one. What a great 'show and tell' experience for Year 4.

Class Photos & E-Safety: Two important pieces of information. Please scroll down to page two below.

Water 21 In-School Pupil Challenge: Watch out for a year group letter and a post on our Facebook Page about how your child is getting involved in school!

Toy & Book Sale for WWF and Water21 Project

Congratulations and well done to Jenny & Eloise and their team from Year 3 who organised and arranged today's book and toy sale for World Wide Fund (WWF) and our water21 project.

PTA Request For Help

The PTA are in need of urgent additional support. The positions needed are: Vice Chair and Secretary. The Secretary role can be split between 1-3 people if needed, so you may wish to think about whether a few parents can join together for this. Please can consider volunteering for the roles. Our PTA do an amazing job year on year to organise social events that help bring us all together as a community as well as raising funds that support the school. Lisa, Russell and their team have done a great job this year in very difficult circumstances and the staff governors and I send our thanks for all they have managed and to you as parents for supporting what they have arranged. If you can help, please do email them on-

stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com

It would be great if the PTA could be a full complement and up and running for September so we can carry out our full range of events, which we hope we shall be able to do – covid rules permitting.

Baga2School

Monday 28th June: Please leave bags – outside the school gate on the grass triangle if it is dry weather. If it rains they will be collected in the cycle shed. If bags get wet, they will not be accepted by the company that collects.

Sports Days: We have reviewed and risk assessed our sports day arrangements and due to the logistics of having to manage separate year group bubbles, staffing, sanitising equipment between each event, timings for play and lunches plus distancing and safeguarding we regret that our arrangements will have to change slightly. We will now have the sports day over two days. Key Stage 1 and Reception Classes will have their sports day on Thursday 8th July and Key Stage 2 on Friday 9th July. Sadly, having taken all this above into consideration, it does mean that we are unable to invite parents in. We know that this is upsetting, but we are in the same position as the vast majority of our local and Deanery schools – we are all disappointed. The House T-Shirts orders will be in school next week and distributed by the class teachers at the end of the day. They will be in family packs and the eldest child will be given the order. We will confirm what day they will be given out next week.

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Class Photographs

Here is information on how to view/order your children's group photos: Go to: <u>https://jampics.gotphoto.co.uk/login</u>

Enter Access Code: STFRANCIS2021

Once you have registered your email address you will automatically receive a notification when the photos are ready to view/order. All parents will receive 20% discount from their order for the first week of when the photos are available.

If you have any questions, queries on orders please do not hesitate to contact Jampics on <u>team@jampics.co.uk</u> Thank you.

E-Safety

There has been a lot in the news recently about young people sending inappropriate naked or semi-naked pictures to each other. I encourage Parents to take time to read the CEOPS information on

this matter for awareness and so you know how to support your children in saying no. This is especially important for our older children and those in Y6 transitioning to Y7 and for those parents with siblings already at secondary school.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/send-me-a-pic

There are some downloadable educational video links for children in the 11-14 age ranges. <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/Need-advice/send-me-a-pic/</u>

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend, Mrs Wheeler & Staff

Water21 Project https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/water21-project

Please consider donating to our Water21 Project - The link above can be shared with family, friends and past pupils. If your family or child has a challenge they would like to do, however big or small, do let us know, we are happy to discuss what they want to do.

Parking Issues

We have noted that there are a very small number of parents from our school parking cars all day on site and appear to be going to work. <u>Please do not do this</u>. If you are going off to work from school, please park off site. We also, we have a minority of parents 'holding' spaces for one another. Please do not do this as it slows the traffic circulation and we have the other schools and parents on site to consider. Our school prides itself on our values and being thoughtful and considerate are two that we all need to demonstrate consistently.

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Monday 28 th June	Y6 Trip to Wintershall
,	Bags2School Day
Tuesday 29 th June	Changeover Day – confirmed for YR to Y5
	Note: Y6 Transition sessions for St Bede's has been cancelled. All Y6 should be in
	school on this day.
Thursday 1 st July	Y5 trip to Wintershall
Friday 2 nd July	Hornbeam Class Sale: selling sweets for Water Aid (50p – no change given)
Monday 5 th July	Eikon Wellbeing Webinar (Open to Year 6 Parents 6 - 7pm) A link has been
	emailed to all Y6 Parents
Thursday 8 th July	'Share a Special Treasure' - Own Clothes Day (£1 Suggested donation):
	Children can wear own clothes and bring something special in to 'show and
	tell' in classes that day.
	Please make sure special treasures brought in are clearly labelled.
	Sorryno 'live' pets allowed!
	Sports Day Key Stage 1 and Reception Classes
Friday 9 th July	Sports Day: Key Stage 2
	PTA Summer Raffle & Sweet Sale: The PTA will be running a raffle and
	sweet sale as we cannot now have our Summer Fayre due to Covid
	restrictions.
Monday 12 th July	Y6 Show (1) – This will be filmed
Tuesday 13 th July	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday 14 th July	Y6 Show (2) – This will be filmed
Friday 16 ^{th h} July	Y6 Disco – Due to Covid restrictions, this will now be run by the Staff.
	Y2 Trip to Godstone Farm
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 2pm
	Y6 leavers Mass at 2pm in Sacred Heart
	(Hopefully, covid restrictions will be lifted and we can have Parents at the
	Mass as normal. We will have to wait and see!)
	Mrs Fawcett's Retirement Mass 5:30pm Sacred Heart: Details to follow
Wednesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
	(Hopefully, covid restrictions will be lifted and we can have Parents at the
	Assembly as normal. We will have to wait and see!)
	School Closes 1pm
	Treetops will run a 1pm to 4pm Session on this day. Please book on line.

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