St. Francis' School Newsletter

9th June 2023

Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers

PTA Dad's Cycle and Run Challenge

Congratulations to Russell Dixon and Jon Wilkinson who took part in a Cycle and Run Challenge to raise money for St Francis' to support our SEND department and general resourcing. Thank you to those who have sponsored them so far. There is still time to donate on the link below https://localgiving.org/fundraising/PTAdadschallenge

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 will be taking the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) next week.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The Y4 teachers have been preparing the children in school. Year 4 are encouraged to keep practicing online one and this will help them in preparation for the test.

All classes have access to, and should be using, Times-tables Rockstars and Purple Mash, both of which have a times tables section. The children using these platforms at home for 10 minutes a day will help the children to secure their quick recall of tables. If your child has lost their logins please do ask the teacher.

Sun Hats, Sun Cream & Labels in School Uniform

The sunny weather has broken, which is great. As usual when the sun shines, it can be very hot on the playgrounds and field. Please can all children have a <u>labelled sun hat/cap</u> in school and <u>please can you</u> <u>support us by labelling uniform</u>. We are having a hard time managing 'lost property' and items are getting muddled up, as most have no labels in them!

Sun Cream: children should come to school on sunny days with sun cream already on.

School Trips & Photographs

Gentle Reminder: As we begin to go on trips and visits again, please can all parents be reminded that they should not take photographs of children who are not their own on school trips with their own cameras or phones, nor should photos should be shared on social media, or 'stories'. Thank you

Holy Communions

Many of our year 3 and Y4 children are coming to the end of their Holy Communion Programmes in our local Parishes. Please keep the children, their families and the Priests in your prayers. We shall be celebrating as a whole school on June 29th St Peter & St Paul Feast Day with a special Mass in school. Details for the Holy Communion children regarding their outfits is to follow.

PTA

The House T-Shirts orders will be in school next week and distributed by the PTA at the end of the school day in the playground. They will be in family packs. We will confirm what day they will be given out next week.





Scooting and Cycling to School: Safety Reminder

We encourage all pupils to scoot and cycle, especially now the weather is improving. However, please ensure the children are supervised on the pavements outside of school and in the cul-de-sac, and that they are scooting and cycling sensibly and not going too fast. We need to be mindful of not knocking into pupils, parents, grandparents, buggies and toddlers etc. No one should be cycling or scooting through the playgrounds at pick up or drop off times. Thank you.

Big Run 2 Paris

Matt Gaut (father of Harry and Oliver) will be taking on the epic challenge of running all 250 miles from Greenwich Park, London, to Paris, France, in a bid to raise £100,000 for Cure Leukaemia in memory of his son, Harry who was a pupil here at St Francis. A grueling 250 miles across five days awaits Matt, but he will be running, safe in the knowledge that every pound that is donated to his challenge, will be directly helping Cure Leukaemia launch a paediatric trials network that will help save the lives of kids living with blood cancer throughout the UK. <u>https://bit.ly/LeBigRun2Paris</u>

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Wheeler & Staff

Calendar Dates	
12 th June	Year 6 – Residential trip to Kingswood
28 th June	Sports Day
29 th June	PTA Summer Fayre (Details to Follow)
30 th June	Inset Day (School Development Plan (SDP) -School Closed to Pupils.
4 th July	Year 2- Wildlife Centre
5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
12 th July & 13 th July	Year 6 – End of Year Performances
14 th July	Year 6 – Leavers Disco
<u>18th July</u> - confirmed	Y6 Leavers Mass at Sacred Heart Church
21 st July	Year 6 - Leavers Assembly @9.30am
21 st July	School Finishes @ 1pm for the Summer Break
4 th September	School Opens For The New Academic Year

