



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! What a special start of the new school year it has been after the national school closures. It has been just wonderful to see all of the children return to school smiling and ready to begin their new school year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of those pupils and families who have just joined us and hope that you will enjoy being a part of our community, and that you will soon feel part of our family here at St Francis. We are so proud of our new Reception children who have been in over the last week getting to know the school and building their confidence in this new setting for them. We can't wait for them to make their 'official' start with us next week.

As much as we are all looking forward to the year ahead, it is still a very uncertain time and we need to ensure that we are doing all we can to mitigate risk and reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Thank you for all your support this week with new drop off and pick up arrangements (even when these had to be changed at short notice). Please continue to help us keep our school site as safe as we are able to by-

- **Adhering to drop off and collection times for your children. Due to the number of people on site, face coverings are strongly encouraged**
- **Following social distancing guidance and keeping one metre+ away from others**
- **Only one parent accompanying their child onto site**
- **Promptly leaving the site and not gather on the playgrounds**
- **Follow the Government guidance if your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms.**

Attached to this newsletter is a useful guide which provides a summary of the current Government advice and tells you what steps you need to take in a range of different scenarios, and the steps the school will take alongside this. We hope you find this useful. Our focus for these first few weeks with the children is settling them back into the school environment and routines. Teaching is focusing on the key skills of reading, handwriting, spelling and maths fluency skills. Alongside this, children will continue to learn all aspects of the curriculum and I know that they will soon be enjoying and telling you all about their new topics. More detailed information on what your child will be learning is available from the curriculum area on our school website.

I am sure, like me, you are very much looking forward to the year ahead and I will continue to keep you involved and informed as much as possible, and to be readily available to you all. Please feel free to stop and chat whenever you see me or any of our teachers out and about at the beginnings and ends of the school day, or if you have a suggestion or concern you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Hannah Stevens



Term dates for 2020/2021 are detailed on the last page of the newsletter. They can also be viewed from our website.

### School Office

The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:45pm Monday to Thursday and 8:15am to 1:30pm on a Friday. **There is only 1 parent allowed in the office at any one time, and a face mask/covering must be worn.** To keep the amount of people coming into the school office at a minimum, emailing the school office is the best way of contacting, or you can phone during the office hours.



Please note our new email address is [stfrancis@kernowlearning.co.uk](mailto:stfrancis@kernowlearning.co.uk).



### School Admissions 2021

School applications for children starting Reception and Secondary school in 2021, will need to be submitted online at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

The deadline for Secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, and the deadline for Reception applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Golden Awards



**We are gentle**

**We listen**

- Class C Alex R & Ted J
- Class D Leo W & William P
- Class E Freya A & Millie B
- Class F All of class F
- Class G All of class G
- Class H Harry R & Jessica D
- Class I Molly M & Spencer S
- Class J Daisy D and Dilan M
- Class K All of class K
- Class L All of class L
- Class M Lacey N & Olivia G
- Class N All of class N

**We work hard**

**We are honest**

**We are kind and helpful**

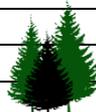


**We look after everyone & everything**

Curriculum



## Curriculum News - Week ahead 14<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Reception</b>	We will be settling in and making new friends in our first week		
<b>Year 1</b>	In literacy we will be retelling the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'		
<b>Year 2</b>	We are looking forward to our trip to the woods.		
<b>Year 3</b>	We will be getting stuck into our new topic 'The Stone age Years'		
<b>Year 4</b>	As historians we are going to be exploring about the Viking Era		
<b>Year 5</b>	In science we are looking into our topic 'Deep in Space'		
<b>Year 6</b>	We will be putting our geography skills to the test and looking at Ancient Egypt and the River Nile		



## Coronavirus related absences – Quick reference guide

What to do if....	Action needed	Action by school	Return to school when ...
My child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school</li> <li>Keep any siblings home</li> <li>Self-isolate</li> <li>Get your child tested by ordering a test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	Letter to be emailed and sent home to children from the class bubble	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school</li> <li>Inform school immediately about the test result</li> <li>Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> </ul>	Letter to be emailed and sent home to children from the class bubble. This group instructed to self-isolate for 14 days, school to provide home learning	After 10 days, providing they are feeling better
Someone in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> <li>Household member to get a test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about the test</li> </ul>	Work to be emailed home if isolating for 14 days. If FSM (not universal) School to provide lunch provision	The household member test is negative
Someone in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	Work to be emailed home if isolating for 14 days. If FSM (not universal) School to provide lunch provision	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
NHS Test and Trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	Work to be emailed home if isolating for 14 days. If FSM (not universal) School to provide lunch provision	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation

<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>• Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>• Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not come to school</li> <li>• Contact school</li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>Work to be emailed home if isolating for 14 days. If FSM (not universal) School to provide lunch provision</p>	<p>The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>
<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not come to school</li> <li>• Contact the Headteacher</li> <li>• Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused</li> </ul>	<p>Learning at home to be supported by school. If FSM (not universal) School to provide lunch provision</p>	<p>When you have received notification that it is safe to return to school</p>

\*\*\* To get a test visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)



**Contacting the school regarding Covid symptoms**

If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) it is important that you let the school know as soon as possible. Please contact the school office on **01326 211910**. Should you need to report this to us outside of normal school hours, you can complete a secure report form on our website and a member of staff will make contact with you as soon as possible.

Visit our website: <http://www.st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk/information-for-parents/covid-19-information/>

**Reminder** – Please ensure that you do not enter the class rooms at pick up or drop off, and remember to social distant when waiting outside. If you would like to speak with the teacher, you can always leave a message on the school answer phone, or send an email to [stfrancis@kernowlearning.co.uk](mailto:stfrancis@kernowlearning.co.uk).



**Year 2 Woods Trip** – Reminder that all children in Year 2 will be visiting Tregonigge Woods on Monday morning. Please remember to send children to school with a suitable pair of shoes or wellies in a named bag, and a coat or sunhat, depending on the weather. Thank you.



# Key Dates 2020-2021

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – INSET DAY –  
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Return to school,  
Spring Term begins

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Half  
Term

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Break up for Easter

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Return to school,  
Summer Term begins

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – Early Spring Bank  
Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Half  
Term

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Break up for  
Summer

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 –  
INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED



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*St Francis School where every person matters, every person helps,  
every person succeeds*