



# St Francis C of E (VA) School

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**Creative**

**Inspiring**

**Active**

**Nurturing**

**Challenging**



## Newsletter No 1

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely seeing all of the children return to school looking so smart and ready to begin their new school year. I hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed lots of family time.

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 all started school this Wednesday and were so brave coming into school and adapting to their new routines.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead, and as part of our commitment to providing enriching opportunities to inspire our pupils, I know that the staff have many exciting things planned already. This year we have refreshed and adapted our curriculum to help children make more links in their learning, and build upon previous knowledge. We are developing the curriculum area of the website to reflect the changes we have made and we will keep you up-to-date with these. Next week, we will be sending home an overview of the planned learning for the first half term in each year group. And, of course, we will continue to share updates of what the children have been learning through the newsletters and on our Facebook page.

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.

With best wishes,  
Hannah Stevens  
Headteacher



### Governor Update:

Feedback from the questionnaire in the Summer Term showed us that the work of the Governors is not understood by all parents, and therefore we will update you of their work with the school regularly. Governors play a vital role in ensuring that a school provides a good quality of education for all pupils.

Next Friday our Safeguarding Governor, Chrissy Hourigan, will be in school speaking with children about staying safe at school. From this, a monitoring report will be completed and shared with all Governors and Senior Leaders; it will highlight what the school is doing well in this area and will also identify any areas which need to be further developed. Key points from this visit, and future governor monitoring, will be shared with the wider school community through our weekly newsletters.

We continue to be a **NUT FREE school**. Please ensure sandwich fillings do not contain nuts in any form (**Peanut butter and Nutella are a no no!**) Many cereal bars contain nuts, so it's a good idea to check the packaging before including them. We have multiple children with serious nut allergies, thank you for your continued support in safeguarding all of them.



### Nasal Flu Immunisations

Kernow Health will be visiting the school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to carry out the Nasal Flu immunisations. Parents/carers are to give consent online by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. A letter with all the details has been emailed out, and is available from our website or school office. To give consent please visit [www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu](http://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu) and our school code is EE144059.

## Curriculum News!

Week ahead from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Reception** ☺ – We will be learning all about ‘My School’

**Year 1** ☺ – Are looking forward to being Scientists learning about the materials a house is built from.

**Year 2** ☺ – We are looking forward to our Geography fieldtrip to Tregonigge Woods visit on Monday – please remember boots and coat in case of bad weather.

**Year 3** ☺ – We will be historians investigating the types of food gathered and hunted by stone-age peoples.

**Year 4** ☺ – We will be exploring human/physical characteristics of Viking homelands and settlements in Geography.

**Year 5** ☺ – We are looking forward to learning about chronology in History.

**Year 6** ☺ – We are looking forward to sinking our teeth into our class novels developing our love of Reading!



### After school clubs/activities

After school clubs will begin week commencing Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Booking information for clubs has been emailed out and the link is also available on our Facebook page and website. Booking closes on Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Sept PAFC football clubs start on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept for Girls or Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Sept for boys. Booking forms for PAFC football are available from the school office and have been sent home with children today.



#### Music lessons

Cornwall Music Service Trust offer Brass, Guitar & Flute lessons at the school. If your child is interested in learning one of the above, enquiries are to be made via CMST website

<https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/>



#### Wrap Around Care

Our wrap around care still has spaces available. Breakfast club starts at 8am and after school finishes at 5:30pm. Bookings are to be made online via [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk). All parents/carers should have received login in details, if you require further assistance or have trouble logging on – please see Zoe in the office.

#### School Lunches

School lunches cost £2.30 per day and money is to be handed to class at registration time, money can be paid on the day a lunch is needed or in advance. Any cheques are to be made payable to Chartwells.

We are looking to move ordering and paying for school lunches to our online system, **this will start from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



### CONGRATULATIONS

YOU HAVE KEPT THE GOLDEN RULES

**We are honest**

**We are gentle**

**We work hard**

**We listen**

**We are kind and helpful**

**We look after everyone & everything**

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Zofia Z  
Coralie M  
Zachary B-H  
Layna M  
Seth N  
Arjan B  
Sienna D  
Freddie M  
Tia K  
Frankie P  
Sophia D  
Amelia M  
Josh K  
Amos B  
Matilda M  
Callab A  
Sienna M  
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Ben M  
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#### Messy Church is back, come and give us a try!

Messy Church is an all-age family gathering with crafts, games, songs, stories and food, not like conventional church; that is partly why it's called "Messy". The next gathering will be Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 9:30-11:00am at All Saints Church, Killigrew St, Falmouth. For more details see

[www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk) or find us on facebook



**ATTENDANCE:** Please be reminded that holidays cannot be authorised in term time. Therefore we provide term dates well in advance so that holidays can be appropriately planned. Thank you.

Please note: dates are correct at the time of writing but are subject to change. Where change is necessary we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. *\*This list replaces all previous.*

DATES	EVENTS
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 to visit Tregonnigie Woods
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Class N (Elephants) Parent Assembly 9:00am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	After school club/activities to start
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Class L (Giraffes) visiting Falmouth Art Gallery
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends meeting 2:15pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Class E (Frogs) Pizza Express Trip
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Class M (Giraffes) Parent Assembly 9:00am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Class F (Owls) Pizza Express Trip
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Class L (Pandas) Parent Assembly 9:00am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Class K (Koalas) Parent Assembly 9:00am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Last swimming lesson for Years 5&6
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Trip to Truro Museum & Shelterbox
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Class I (Penguins) Parent Assembly 9:00am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	2:00pm Open afternoon
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> -Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Swimming starts
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Open morning for Reception 2020 starters
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual & Sibling School Photos
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Hearing Screening
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last swimming lesson for Year 4
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Parent's evening week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Swimming starts
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>INSET DAYS- SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL – SPRING TERM BEGINS</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	<b>LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL – SUMMER TERM BEGINS</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED (replaces Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020)</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Year 6 SATS
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Year 5 Barton Hall Residential
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Year 6 Bristol Residential
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS START</b>