



Dear Parents/Carers

A key aspect of the children's learning this week has centred around it being Anti-Bullying week, and they have explored the meaning of this year's theme which is 'United Against Bullying'. This morning we shared our first whole school virtual worship where the children had the opportunity to think about the impact of unkind words, and the importance of being kind, which is one of our Golden Rules here at St Francis. The children also considered that we are all different, but it is these differences that make us special and unique. It was a really lovely time being together again as a whole school family – even though this was through virtual technology!

Many thanks to those of you who have completed the 'Anti-Bullying' questionnaire that we shared the link for last week. If you haven't had the opportunity to share your views, there is still time. Once we have analysed the results, we will share these with you celebrating what we are doing well, and sharing our plans for how we can address areas that have been highlighted through your feedback. Working together in partnership is crucial, and I would encourage you to please bring any concerns you have to us at school so that together we can resolve these.

Even though it is still November, our thoughts at school are well into Christmas and classes are busy practising their Christmas performances which, this year, will be filmed. Please ensure that your child's class teacher has the appropriate consent information for this. Also, this week I have talked with some of the parents who are part of our Friends of St Francis PTA group, and we have a few surprises being organised for the children. More information on the Friends' work will be shared in the coming weeks, but if you feel you would like to get involved in any way with this group, please let Zoe in the office know and we will pass your details on.

With very best wishes

Mrs Stevens – Headteacher

Many of you have been asking about when the early Friday will finish, and when we can look to offer Wrap around care. This is reviewed formally within the Trust every 2 weeks as part of the leadership meetings. There are no plans to change this provision for the rest of the Autumn term, especially with COVID cases rising and now being back in the second national lockdown. As soon as we know the situation for after Christmas, we will update you.



Kernow Learning are consulting on our school's Admission Policy for 2022/23. The consultation will run from 16 November 2020 to 11 January 2021 and we invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments via stfrancis@kernowlearning.co.uk. The policy can be viewed on the below link

<http://www.st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Kernow-Learning-Admissions-Policy-2022-23.pdf>

Apologies for any confusion caused regarding PE days. Please see days below.

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Monday

Year 2 – Monday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Class L (Pandas) Tuesday, Class K (Koalas) Thursday

Year 6 - Class M (Giraffes) Tuesday, Class N (Elephants) Thursday



Christmas Lunch



This year's Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16th December. Lunches need to be ordered online by Sunday 6th December, using your school money login details. If no school lunch is ordered by the deadline, then a packed lunch will be needed that day. Christmas lunch choices will be...

- Traditional Roast Turkey with Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy
- Quorn Roast with Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy
- Dessert will be either Christmas Pudding or a Christmas biscuit.

Reception 2021 Admissions

We would love to be able to open our doors to welcome you to our school, due to the current restrictions, sadly this won't be the case. We have put together a virtual video, which hopefully you will find useful and something to share with your child. If you have any further questions or would like a prospectus of our school, please email us on stfrancis@kernowlearning, and we will be happy to help with your enquiry. If we find ourselves in a position that we are able to offer tours/visits, then we will update you. For now, please enjoy the virtual tour video by clicking on the below

link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2edt7jWTng&feature=youtu.be>

Applications are to be submitted online at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>






Deadline for applications is 15th January 2021

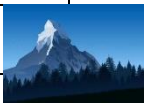




Curriculum News - Week ahead 23rd November



Reception	We will be learning about Christian weddings, as part of our celebration and festival topic.	
Year 1	As scientists, we will be exploring how humans grow and change.	
Year 2	As historians we will be learning more about Henry VIII.	
Year 3	Starting our new literacy unit where we will learn to write a news report, based on the true story of a high wire acrobat.	
Year 4	We will be writing a persuasive letter about a dragon catcher.	
Year 5	We are looking forward to starting our new unit in Literacy, based on the book Everest	
Year 6	Looking forward to conducting our science experiment to find out about tornadoes.	



Year 2 Tudor Day – Weds 2nd December

On Wednesday 2nd December, Year 2 have an exciting Tudor Day planned. They will be learning to do some basic embroidery, cook food from Tudor times and learn about Tudor entertainment. We are even planning a (virtual) visit and workshop with King Henry V111!

For the workshop to go ahead, we are asking for a contribution of £3.00, to be paid via school money. Full details can be viewed on the below link

<http://www.st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Tudor-Day-2020-letter.pdf>



We are kind and helpful

We are gentle

We listen

We work hard

We are honest

Golden Awards



- Class A Louie M & Martha R
- Class B Ava S & Jowan P
- Class C Jacob P & Lola R
- Class D Holly T & Macey S
- Class E Dexter S & Noah J
- Class F Sienna D & Toby M
- Class G Gabrielis A & Winnie W
- Class H Imogen A & Otis M
- Class I Kamil S & Lylah G
- Class J Brooke R & Emily R
- Class K Amelia B & Joe B
- Class L Ethan HB & Willow L
- Class M Elliott DC & Mayar H
- Class N Conan H & Marley R

We look after everyone & everything



What's on at St Francis

November

- 4th & 5th Individual & sibling photos
- 5th Reception parents online zoom session 3:45pm-4:00pm
- 12th Nasal Flu immunisations
- 13th Children In Need Day – Non school uniform

December

- 2nd Year 2 Tudor Day
- 3rd Reception parent online zoom session 3:45pm-4:00pm
- 16th School Christmas Lunch
- 17th Reception parent online zoom session 3:45pm-4:00pm
- 18th Break up for Christmas Holidays

January 2021

- 4th INSET DAY – School closed
- 5th Spring Term Begins
- 14th Reception parent online zoom session 3:45pm-4:00pm
- 28th Reception parent online zoom session 3:45pm-4:00pm



Key Dates 2020-2021

- Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half Term
- Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas
- Monday 4th January 2021 – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Return to school, Spring Term begins
- Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021 – Half Term
- Thursday 1st April 2021 – Break up for Easter
- Monday 19th April 2021 – Return to school, Summer Term begins
- Monday 3rd May 2021 – Early Spring Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021 – Half Term

- Wednesday 21st July 2021 – Break up for Summer
- Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July 2021 – INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED



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