



# ST FRANCIS C OF E VA SCHOOL

Inspiring Creative Active Nurturing Challenging

**Reminder – The school will be closed to pupils on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, due to the school being used as a Polling Station**

Important

**Please note that school finish time for KS1 is 3:15pm and 3:20pm for KS2**

Dear Parents and carers,

What a fantastic evening it was last night at the Falmouth's Christmas light switch on. The choir and Year 6 sang so amazingly their version of 'Waiting for a Star to Fall'. The children had worked with Mr Truin to rewrite the words of the song so that it reflected the meaning of Christmas. I would like to thank all the staff, children and parents who came to support us. If you didn't manage to make it down you can hear the children singing via a link share on our Facebook page.

Our school Christmas trees and lights are up ready for our Christmas Fair which is taking place this afternoon and the library is ready for a very special visitor. Each year, The Friends of St Francis do such a wonderful job of preparing, organising and running the fair and so I would like to thank them on behalf of all of us.

I would like to remind you that all children will contribute to the making of one class card to be signed by each child in class and displayed in the classroom as an alternative to exchanging Christmas cards in school. By doing this we hope to be a little more eco-friendly (and finance friendly) and will gently help the children understand that cards are really only sent to friends and family who live elsewhere and are perhaps seen a little less frequently. Therefore we ask that any exchange of cards that you wish your child to do is done outside of school time. Many thanks for your support with this.

We are looking forward to our Christmas performances over the next few weeks and it is lovely to hear the children practising these in the hall – our school is full of the sounds of Christmas songs as these echo down the corridors!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

Hannah Stevens – Headteacher

## Swimming



Year 4 will have their last swimming session on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, if there are any outstanding consent forms for year 3, please hand these to the class teacher

This festive season at St Francis we would like to be able to give a little Christmas cheer to children less fortunate than ourselves. So on **Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>** we would love you to come to school in either a **Christmas jumper or some festive 'sparkle', or both**, to support the N.S.P.C.C and Save the children. To see how your small donation on that day will support these wonderful charities there are links below. Thanking you in advance for helping us to make others lives a little better this Christmas



Thank you, Nicky Sutton

<https://christmasjumperday.org/how-you-help/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/hundreds-talk-helpline-neglect-Christmas/>

## Curriculum News – looking forward to the week ahead (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December)



<b>Reception</b>	We are excited to start learning the Nativity Story and songs for our Christmas performance.
<b>Year 1</b>	We are looking forward to our Truro Cathedral Trip on Monday
<b>Year 2</b>	In Maths we will be learning all about money.
<b>Year 3</b>	We will be continuing to learn the skills of science, by investigating the properties of the three different types of rocks.
<b>Year 4</b>	We are excited to start designing our electric Christmas lanterns
<b>Year 5</b>	We will be thinking about journeys that people go on, focusing specifically on the story of the Nativity.
<b>Year 6</b>	In literacy we will be writing and performing our own play-scripts based on the text, 'Way Home'



Both the girls and boys football teams took part in the first round of the Cornwall FA Rosewarne Shield competition against Marlborough. The girls' team put in a brave performance losing to a single goal against an experienced team. The boys' team staged a thrilling comeback, coming back from being 3-1 down at half-time to win the match 5-3 (Sam L, Billy B, Sam H x 2 and William H). What a game! Well done to all who took part - you did the school proud.

For those children who attend Nesity club, this will finish on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December



**Reminder!**

### School Money

Thank you for your patience whilst we had some difficulties with school money this week. If you are still unable to log into the system to order school lunches, please let a member of the office team know.

Please can any wrap around care and dinner money debt be paid as soon as possible

Thank you



Congratulations to Sam L who was chosen to be part of the West Cornwall Schools Under 11's football team.

They played their first match against Plymouth Argyle Academy and won 5-3, with Sam scoring one of the goals on his debut. We love to hear of children's sporting success, please send it into [sportingsuccess@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:sportingsuccess@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk)

## Golden Awards



Pippa O and Rosalee W	A
Jaciee B and Leif S	B
Henry B and Izzy W	D
Emily P and Otis M	E
Harry D and Laurie S	F
Alasdair S and Neveah L	G
Henry H and Molly M	H
Joseph B and Millie N	I
Cassie W and Nevaeh J	J
Billy B and Marley R	K
Grace G and Phoebe H	L
Bea P, Dylan W, George H and	
Maisy B	M
Billy S and Summer E	N

### Christmas Performance Tickets

All ticket requests were sent home on Wednesday, please look out for these in book/school bags. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, in the school hall 3:30-4pm. Please see below reminder of times

KS1 (Classes C,D,E & F) Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm and Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am

LKS2 (Classes G,H,I & J) Weds 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm and Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm

Reception (Classes A & B) Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am



### Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert

Year 5 and 6 will be performing their Christmas Concert on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm at All Saints Church Falmouth. There are no tickets required for this performance, but donations for All Saints Church at the end of the performance would be appreciated. Children have come home with letters, which require a reply slip to be returned to class by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

# Whats on at St Francis

## December

- 02-06 - Parents Evening Week
- 02 - Year 1 Truro Cathedral Trip
- 02 - Remaining tickets to be sold in hall 3:30-4pm
- 09 - Year 3 Swimming begins
- 09 - KS1 Christmas Performance C,D,E & F 2pm
- 10 - KS1 Christmas Performance C,D,E & F 9:30am
- 11 - Christmas Lunch, and LKS2 Christmas Performance G,H,I & J 6pm
- 12 - POLLING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
- 13 - Christmas Jumper Day, Reception Performance A & B 9:30am and LKS2 Christmas Performance G,H,I & J 2pm
- 16 - UKS2 Christmas Performance K,L,M & N at All Saints Church, Falmouth 6pm
- 18 - Break up for Christmas Holidays
- 19-20 - INSET DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 23 (until 3 Jan) - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## January

- 06 - Spring Term Begins, swimming for Year 3 continues
- 23 - Year 6 height & weight checks
- 27 - Reception height & weight checks



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## Key Dates

- January 6 Spring Term begins
- February 17-21 Half Term
- March 27 Break up for Easter Holidays
- March 30 - April 13 Easter Holidays
- April 14 Summer Term begins
- May 8 Bank Holiday
- May 25-29 Half Term
- July 23 Start of Summer Holidays



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