



ST FRANCIS C OF E VA SCHOOL

Inspiring Creative Active Nurturing Challenging

Reminder – The school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 12th 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,

It was lovely seeing so many of you at our Christmas Fair last Friday. We are so thankful to the Friends of St Francis for organising this event for us, and for all who came and helped at stalls, who baked cakes and who attended the fair. The event raised a total of £1,388.07. This will be used by the school to fund future developments of our school environment or be put towards the cost of additional resources. Thank you once again for all who helped to make this such a success.

We hope you found your Parent Consultation Meeting valuable this week, and that the report provided is useful in keeping you informed of how your child is getting on in school.

Please remember that we operate an 'Open door' policy here at St Francis, and we welcome regular communication and feedback. Thanks to those who took the time to complete a questionnaire – these are currently being analysed and we will share the outcomes in the New Year. All comments are gratefully received as we continuously strive to meet the needs of all of our community in the best way we can. If you still have a questionnaire to be returned, please can this be done at your earliest convenience?

Next week, we are looking forward to the Christmas performances which the children (and staff!) have been working very hard on. I am sure you, like us, can't wait to see the children on stage performing – it is such a special experience. Mrs Marsh or myself will be at each performance; please do take the opportunity to stop and have a chat with us before or after.

With best wishes

Hannah Stevens, Headteacher

Swimming

Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons on Monday 9th December, if there are any outstanding consent forms for year 3, please hand these to the class teacher. Please remember swimming kits for Monday



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 13th** 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

Curriculum News – looking forward to the week ahead



(Monday 9th December).....



Reception	We will be getting hands on making Christmas crafts.
Year 1	Are looking forward to making Christmas calendars.
Year 2	Are excited to perform their Christmas performances on Monday and Tuesday.
Year 3	We will also be getting in the festive mood, decorating the classroom and putting the finishing touches to our Christmas performance!
Year 4	We too are looking forward to our Christmas performances.
Year 5	In literacy we will be finishing off writing our own chapter for Kensuke's Kingdom.
Year 6	As geographers we will be performing an earthquake experiment.



We are very excited to celebrate our super talented Y3/4 and Y5/6 indoor athletics teams this week! Two weeks ago our Y3/4 team went against 2 other schools and won their competition. On Friday, our Y5/6 team went against 3 other schools and also won their competition! This means that both teams will be off to represent Falmouth in the semi-finals after Christmas!

Huge well done to Logan, Tilly, Leiya, Daisy-Mae, Harry, Ethan T, Ethan H-B, Cassie, Nevaeh, Harry, Archie, Hunnie, Millie, Sienna, Harry, Max and Jake in our Y3/4 team.

Massive well done to Issac, Sam, Jack, Sampson, Flossie, Isla, Crystal, Louella, Lyla, Chrissie, Phoebe, Heath, Magnus, Ennis, Conan, Ewan, Grace and Elsie in our Y5/6 team.



Mrs Medlyn is so very proud of you all!

For those children who attend Nessy club, this will finish on Wednesday 11th December



Golden Awards



Cleo G-S and Halle R	A
Evie T-M and Heath M	B
Bella R and Clark D	C
Harry B and Lacey P	D
Ana S and Jack L	E
Delphie M and Tyler R	F
Leiya P and Tom E	G
Reggie D and Tilly C	H
Archie H and Amelia B	I
Ezmee N and Noah D	J
Dempsey W and Elsie B	K
Bailey J and Chloe K	L
William H and Yi-Lin C	M
Amelia C and Darcy M	N

Medical Appointments

PLEASE!
NOTE

Thank you for making the effort to ensure your child's routine medical appointments are taken out of school hours.

Can we remind you that if your child needs to attend a hospital, doctors or dentist appointment, they are expected to return to school or attend prior to the appointment. If this is not possible, please phone the school and leave a message on the absence line.

Reminder!

School Money

In the New Year - if a school lunch has not been ordered, we will assume your child is having a pack lunch. All school lunches, regardless of if you pay or are entitled to free school meals, needs to be booked. If anyone is still having issues logging on, please let the office know as soon as possible. Can any wrap around care and dinner money debt be paid as soon as possible.



Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert

Year 5 and 6 will be performing their Christmas Concert on Monday 16th 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 9th December.

Thank you.



Sporting Success



Well done to George E who has been selected for the U11 county cricket squad after 2 very competitive selection days and being a year younger than the normal selection age!

We love to hear of any sporting success/achievements, please email sportingsuccess@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk

This multi-academy trust is governed in three ways. A trust board oversees the strategic direction of the school, ensure that budgets are used to maximum effect to support the education of all pupils. They rigorously hold the leaders of the trust and schools to account for the performance of each school.

Annually, the trust board are held to account by a member's group.

We have five directors/trustees. Our trust board is chaired by Phil Orbin who is a hugely experienced senior leader and adviser for the NHS. We are lucky to have his wealth of experience and knowledge.

The trust board is not able to be in each school regularly, so they have appointed local governing bodies (LGBs) to support and challenge our schools. They undertake visits to the schools and keep a close eye on school developments, improvements and safeguarding.

Our board has also set up an 'Ethos Committee' that keeps a close eye on whether our vision and values are followed in the three schools. This committee also supports our two Church of England primary schools in developing their Christian distinctiveness.

We are always on the look out for more local governors, so please let your Headteacher know if you are interested in joining us.

Our trust board met on **Friday 6th December 2020** and discussed many things including:

- Receiving and responding to the interim CEO's first half termly report.
- Falmouth school's post OFSTED action plan and progress to date.
- Policies.
- Staff appreciation scheme.

I would like to thank our trustees and local governors who are all volunteers and give freely of their time.

Mark Lees
Interim CEO.

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



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January

06 - Spring Term Begins, swimming for Year 3 continues
15 - Friends meeting 2:15pm
23 - Year 6 height & weight checks
27 - Reception height & weight checks

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