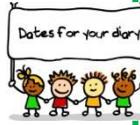




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Inspiring Creative Active Nurturing Challenging



Please note a swap in parent assembly's for reception year, and important year 6 dates. All of which can be found on the last page of this newsletter and on our website.

Dear parents and carers,

Coming home with your child today is some important and useful information:

**Curriculum Planner:** Your child will have the Spring half term overview for their current topic of learning showing the range of activities planned for them across all the curriculum subjects. We work hard to ensure that the children have a vast range of experiences within each topic, whilst developing important skills that build in challenge as they progress through the school.

**Results of Questionnaire:** I am delighted to be able to share with you the outcomes from the parent questionnaire which so many of you completed at the end of the Autumn Term. All views and feedback is used to help us shape our future provision and plans, and we were so pleased to have received 186 responses. The results are so positive, and it is lovely to see that we are getting so much right for our children and families. There are, as always, areas for us to improve and these have been detailed towards the end of the booklet.

**Travel Information and Questionnaire:** Last week, I introduced that at St Francis we are working with Sustrans on developing a travel plan to help with the traffic and parking issues at the beginning and end of the school day. We would love your help with this and would be grateful if you could complete the back page of the booklet and return this to school next week as Nick Ratcliffe will be launching the 'Active Travel' initiative with the children in assembly next week.

As always, please let us know if you have any comments, concerns or questions about any aspect of life at St Francis.

Best wishes

Hannah Stevens - Headteacher



On Thursday 5th March to celebrate St Piran's Day, we will be having a Cornish Pasty themed lunch. The options will be either Steak or Cheese & Onion pasty, or a Jacket potato with either Coleslaw or Ham. **Parents/carers will need to log onto school money to order your child's lunch, the system will not do this automatically.** Any lunches that had already been ordered and paid for, for that day have been cancelled, and any money will sit on the child's account as a credit to use again. Lunch orders are to be selected by Wednesday 12th February, and need to be ordered regardless if your child is entitled to free school meals. If no school lunch is ordered, we will assume your child will be bringing in a packed lunch.



We are still looking for a business/es to support the staff by making Bristol Children's hospital appeal your charity and sponsoring our staff weight loss. Currently we have 12 members of staff trying to lose weight and become more healthy, so we are looking for someone to donate £1 for every 1lb lost for the hospital. And don't forget if any parents are trying to lose weight, we'd love you to get involved too.

Just let Miss Sutton know.



## Curriculum News – looking forward to the week ahead

(Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January).....



<b>Reception</b>	We will be celebrating Chinese New Year.
<b>Year 1</b>	In science we will be exploring materials that float and sink further
<b>Year 2</b>	In literacy we will be writing a non-chronological report about our magic unicorns.
<b>Year 3</b>	Using a short animated film about a boy growing up in the jungle to develop our skills as a storywriter.
<b>Year 4</b>	As scientists we will be investigating changing states of matter.
<b>Year 5</b>	Are looking forward to their Greek Workshop trip at Truro Museum on Friday.
<b>Year 6</b>	As creative writers, we are looking forward to starting our new unit on non-chronological reports.



Congratulations to Phoebe B and Gracie B who competed with their mini team for Scruffy Mutts in Bristol at the weekend and came first in their first ever competition.  
 Elsie B and Jaiden D also competed with their group and came second overall.  
 All four children will be travelling to London in May for the final.  
 We wish them all the luck with the finals and can't wait to hear how they all get on. We are very proud of all of you!



### Golden Awards

Darcie M and William P	A
Ellie C and Lottie R	B
Adas A and Violet C	C
Ghala A and Paige T	D
Elsie I and Millie B	E
Imogen W and Lily B	F
Dilan M and Mel F	G
Felix M and Molly M	H
Isabelle B-W and Seth T	I
Caelan C and Keelan R	J
Ewan M and George E	K
Bailey J and Sadie J	L
Lydia D and Maise C	M
Charlie L, Isabel H, Tom N	N



Please can Year 6 have their PE kits on a Weds and Thurs

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Following on from the Relationships, Sex Education parent consultations that I ran in November, for those of you that couldn't make it and requested information, this is now available on our school website. As we are currently still within the consultation process, with regards to our R.S.E and P.S.H.E policies, please could you look through the information and let me know your views by completing the 'Parent feedback document'? This can then be returned to me either by e-mail at [nsutton@st-francis.sch.cornwall.uk](mailto:nsutton@st-francis.sch.cornwall.uk) or if you want to print and complete it, you can return it to me, via the office.

**PLEASE READ**

## Interim CEO Corner

We recently welcomed our school improvement partner, Pauline Robbins to Falmouth School. School Improvement Partners help us to review our school's strengths and weaknesses, providing an objective and external view on school improvement.

Parents in our primary schools will know that before my appointment as Interim CEO for Falmouth MAT, I was the school improvement partner for both schools.

Pauline Robbins spent the whole day at Falmouth School, talking to Mr George, other school leaders, a group of Year 7 to 11 students including our head girl and boy. She visited lessons and spent time with our new SENCO, Mrs Carly Brooker.

### **She enjoyed her visit and noted many positives.**

- She found our students to be confident, articulate and knowledgeable young people.
- Behaviour in lessons was good, students were focused and hard working.
- School leaders have worked hard to address the issues of concern identified by OFSTED.
- Students say they feel safe at Falmouth School, when bullying and unkindness happens they feel well supported by adults who will deal with the issues that are brought to their attention.
- She was impressed with the work of our new SENCO, who after her first week has a clear improvement plan for SEN.

Mr George and I were not surprised by the areas identified for further improvement as we have been working on these. These include:

- Embedding and improving the work on care, guidance, behaviour and support for students.
- Refining our approach to behaviour after such a big change in September especially for the small group of students who find managing their behaviour challenging.
- Supporting our new SENCO, as she establishes a first-class provision for pupils with SEN.

In conclusion, our head girl told Mrs Robbins that the changes in the school since September 2019 are significant and positive. Nearly all students enjoy the new positive approaches that now value and care about them as individuals.

Mrs Robbins could see this change and has helped us to focus on what we need to do next.

Mark Lees



### **Looking for Casual Work?**

Falmouth School are in need of Exam Invigilators, for more info call Falmouth School on 01326 327386 or send an email to [vacancies@falmouthschool.net](mailto:vacancies@falmouthschool.net)





# Whats on at St Francis

## January

- 20 - After school clubs begin this week
- 23 - Year 6 height & weight checks
- 24 - Class D (Lambs) Parent Assembly 9am
- 24 - Year 4-6 Cross Country Falmouth School 1-3pm
- 27 - Reception height & weight checks
- 27 - Last swimming session for Year 3
- 30 - BookFair arrives in school
- 31 - Class C (Figlets) Parent Assembly 9am
- 31 - LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Reading Café 2-3pm
- 31 - Year 5 Greek Workshop Truro Museum

## February

- 03 - Swimming begins for Year 2
- 05 - BookFair ends
- 07 - Class A (Ducklings) Parent Assembly 9am
- 07 - Year 5 Swim Gala (further info to follow)
- 14 - Class B (Chicks) Parent Assembly 9am
- 14 - Break up for Half Term
- 24 - Return to school, swimming continues for Year 2
- 25&26<sup>th</sup> - Group and class photos
- 28<sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 Futsal Falmouth School (details to follow)

## March

- 03 - Swimming begins for Year 2
- 05 - World Book Day, St Pirans Day Lunch and last day of BookFair
- 11 - Friends Easter Fundraiser (More info to follow)
- 13 - Inter School Football Festival
- 23 - Year 1 Swimming begins, Girls PAFC last session
- 26 - Boys PAFC last session
- 27 - Last Day of Spring Term, PAFC Multi-skills last session



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# Key Dates

- February 17-21 Half Term**
- March 5 - World Book Day**
- March 11 - Easter Fundraiser**
- March 27 - Break up for Easter Holidays**
- March 30 - April 13 Easter Holidays**
- April 14 - Summer Term begins**
- May 8 - Bank Holiday**
- May 11-14 Year 6 SATS**
- May 11-13 Year 5 Barton Hall Residential**
- May 19-22 Year 6 Bristol Residential**
- May 25-29 - Half Term**
- June 26 - Year 6 Global Boarders - Fistril Beach**
- July 10 - Summer Fair**
- July 13- 17 Year 6 Secondary Transition Week**
- July 21 Year 6 Prom**
- July 22 Last day of term and Year 6 Leavers service**
- July 23 - Start of Summer Holidays**



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