



# St Francis C of E (VA) School

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## Creative

## Inspiring

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and carers,



### Newsletter No 2



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.

This week the English Team have launched our 'Year of Reading' initiative; it was so lovely to see many of you attend the meetings where the plans and ideas for the year were shared. As we know that not everyone could make the meetings, the information presented will be available via the school website, and also a printout of the powerpoint has been prepared if you would like a paper copy. I am looking forward to seeing the children be further inspired with reading and engaging our wider school community with this. We aim for our children to talk with passion and knowledge of books, authors, poets and illustrators, so that they experience the magic of reading as described by Julia Donaldson:

*I opened a book and in I strode.  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.  
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.  
I opened a book and made some friends.  
I shared their tears and laughter  
And followed their road with its bumps and bends  
To the happily ever after.  
I finished my book and out I came.  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a book inside me.*



### IMPORTANT

I am sure you will have noticed our new gates and fencing, which we have been able to have installed using a funding grant. After some near misses – please do not ever exit the car park using the in gate. The exit gate is fully automated and will open automatically. If you need to gain access into the car park there is an intercom system in place

The 23rd to the 28th of September is 'Bike to school week 2019' and we would love for you to get involved! We always love seeing our bike racks full of bikes and scooters! If you do cycle or scoot to school, please do take a photo and send it to enquiries@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk and you might make it onto our sporting display board! Remember your helmets!



Wishing you a super weekend, and if you manage to catch your child reading in an unusual place, we would love to have a picture of this to display in school. Any photos can be emailed to enquiries@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk



### Curriculum News

Today the children are bringing home with them a half termly planner which provides an overview of the learning from their current topic. We hope you find this useful in keeping you informed of what your children will be learning throughout the first half term. Outcomes of work will then be shared with you during our Open Afternoon on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**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. Dates are available from our website, or there are paper copies in the school office



We would be grateful of any Lego donations for our Lego Club, if you have any to donate – please pass to Mr Gooby in year 1.  
Many Thanks



## Curriculum News!

### Week ahead from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Reception** ☺ – We will be focusing on ‘All about Me’ and learning all about ourselves and our families.

**Year 1** ☺ – We are continuing to be Scientists, exploring a range of buildings.

**Year 2** ☺ – In Design & Technology we will be chopping and tasting fruit, making jam sandwiches and blackberry and apple crumble – Yum!

**Year 3** ☺ – Will be continuing to develop our skills as historians to find out what daily life was like as a stone-age child.

**Year 4** ☺ – We will be using our Creative Skills to Design a dragon head in Design & Technology.

**Year 5** ☺ – In Art, class L are looking forward to their Art Gallery Trip on Tuesday, Class K will have a visit from the gallery on Wednesday.

**Year 6** ☺ – We will be historians learning about Egyptian Gods and Goddesses.



### Nasal Flu Immunisations

PLEASE!!  
NOTE

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.

### School clubs/activities

School clubs/activities will begin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Children have only been informed if their space was not successful and those letters have been sent home. A reminder of which clubs are on which days can be viewed from our website.



## CONGRATULATIONS YOU HAVE KEPT THE GOLDEN RULES

**We are kind and helpful**

**We work hard**

**We are gentle**

**We are honest**

**We listen**

**We look after everyone & everything**

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Noah B  
Alexander R  
Evie P  
Dexter M  
Ryleigh T  
Chloe S  
Louie M  
Thomas S  
Billy R  
Marwan H  
Austin M  
Chloe S  
Daisy D  
Jack A  
Rae M  
Spencer S  
Ella A  
Murray O  
Ruben K  
Charlie W  
Reggie R  
Alfie M  
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Reminder!

The next friends meeting will be on Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2:15pm. The friends work extremely hard arranging events to raise money for the school. Please do come along if you are interested in helping

Well done to Ella A her competed in her first triathlon last Sunday at Gylly beach. It involved a sea swim, a bike ride followed by a run. We love to hear about children's out of school sporting achievements, please email these in to [sportingsuccess@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:sportingsuccess@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk)



### Upcoming Trips

Reminder – Class L (only) will be visiting the Art Gallery on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Children in Year 2 have upcoming trips to Pizza Express – Class E Fri 27<sup>th</sup> and Class F Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Children in Year 6 have come home with letters regarding a trip to Truro Museum & Shelter box on Weds 16<sup>th</sup>. Spare letters are available from the office for all of these trips.



On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October there will be a menu change. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> will have a ‘Spaced Themed’ menu offering Burgers or Veggie Burgers, Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn, with Shortbread & fruit for dessert. On Fri 4<sup>th</sup> the choices will be Pasta Bolognese or Chickpea Curry, Broccoli & Sweetcorn and Apple & Carrot fruit slice for dessert. Please note that there won’t be the usual Fish & Chip menu on the Friday for that week



St Francis Day is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October and to celebrate this, the children will be putting their craft and art skills to use. To help us with this, we would be grateful if each child could bring in an item of the list below to class by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Reception – Will have crafts supplied for them

Year 1 – Scraps of Wool/String or Ribbon

Year 2 – **Washed** small yoghurt or jelly pots or egg cartons

Year 3 – **Washed** straws from drinking cartons or paper straws

Year 4 – Cardboard tubes

Year 5 – **Washed** clear plastic bottles, or old shampoo/washing up liquid bottles

Year 6 – Old magazines, scraps of wrapping paper.

Thank you for your support, we are looking forward to seeing lots of wonderful and colourful creations.

DATES	EVENTS
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	St Francis Day
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	Harvest Festival
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>