



In next week's newsletter, we will be in a position to inform you of your child's new class and teacher.



Dear Parents and carers,

At St Francis we feel proud that we have been able to implement the government's plans up to this point, and welcome back children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, alongside our key worker provision. Following the government announcement earlier this week that all the other primary year groups will not now be able to return to school before the summer, we intend to start to provide a number of online face-to-face sessions for those year groups not in school. We recognise that home learning comes with its own particular challenges, especially over what is now looking like an extended period of time. You have all done such a sterling job in facilitating your child's learning at home, but we recognise that as time has gone on this has become more and more challenging. We hope that some face to face time with class teachers will therefore allow the children some interaction and will hopefully further strengthen our excellent home-school connection, giving the children extra motivation to complete the week's learning grid. Year 3 are trialling this next week, and then we plan to roll out the initiative to Years 2, 4 and 5 in the week beginning 22nd June. We hope that this will reinvigorate the home learning package from the school, and help to ease some of the pressure I am sure many of you are feeling.

To support those staff leading the online face to face sessions, the school now need to know if any child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 is intending on returning to school during the remainder of the summer term. If your child is currently eligible for a school place and you intend to take this up in the next few weeks, **you need to inform the school of this by 22nd June, by sending an email to enquiries@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk**. This is the final deadline for accepting a place at school. We will then be in a position of knowing exact numbers and may find that we are able to combine some 'bubbles', still keeping under the 15-limit imposed by the government. If we do not hear from you by the 22nd June, we will assume your child will not be returning to school for the remainder of this term.

As always, we will continue to review our plans and remain absolutely committed to supporting all of our families to the very best of our capabilities.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Hannah Stevens – Headteacher



Cornwall School Games

We are excited to announce that the Cornwall School Games event this year has now been arranged to take place virtually, and has been opened up to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Mrs Medlyn has left a video message to explain more, it can be viewed from our Facebook page, or by following the below link, and heading to the special challenges section at the bottom of the learning at home page. There are also activity cards to follow on the same link. The event begins Mon 22nd June.

<http://www.st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk/learning-from-home/>



Castle Sports and Uniform

Following government guidelines, Castle Sports and Uniform will be re-opening on Monday 15th June. Uniform can also be ordered from their website, further details can be found on their Facebook page, or through the link below from their website

<https://www.castlesports.co.uk/st-francis-school>

What we have been learning at School and at Home this week.....



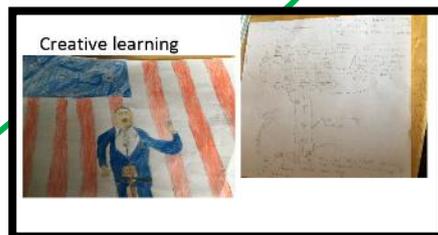
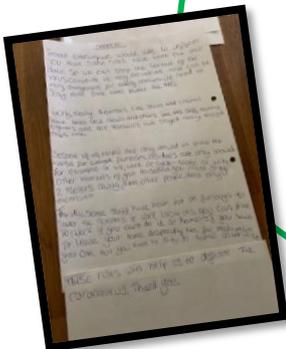
This week, reception children have been learning about Noah Ark's.



Who lives on our Planet? is the topic for year 1 this week.



Lots of concentration and research going on from our year 6 children this week, as they are asked the question "What qualities should a leader have"?



We love to see what learning you have been doing at home, so don't forget to send us an email to learningathome@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk by Thursday midday.

We will share these photos on a Friday on our Facebook page and on our weekly newsletter.

Please remember we can only share photos of those children, whose parents have given consent.

The Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN), South London and Maudsley (SLAM) NHS Foundation Trust and Maudsley Charity have worked together to create a series of films to help families struggling under the pandemic.

'Families Under Pressure' is a series of twelve short films offering parenting tips featuring the recognisable voices of a host of well-known parents including Olivia Colman, Rob Brydon, Holly Willoughby, Danny Dyer, Sharon Horgan, Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill, Romesh Ranganathan, Shappi Khorsandi, Alex Jones, David Harewood, Julie Hesmondhalgh and Sandi Toksvig.

The tips are based on decades of research from the UK's leading experts and rooted in the experience of NHS teams working with families and feedback from parents, and are available free on a dedicated website, along with informative resources, to provide parents and carers with tips on how to respond when children are displaying challenging behaviour.



School Nursing Team



You can contact the School nursing team on 01872 323055. Support and advice can also be sought through the Client advice line, 01872 322779, and Early help hub 01872 322277. Any safeguarding concerns, please contact the Multi Agency referral unit on 0300 1231 116.

The following links may also be of interest

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/emotional-resilience-and-mental-health/?fbclid=IwAR2F8Qg8fs7Z0k1v3ZGvsxUhCaUWzoUik2pXXPN7w6pA347fS0SeKZNTiHA>

NSPCC [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice and support for parents and carers](#)

PHE: [Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)





Congratulations to Joe in Year 4, who took part in a pasty making competition and came first!

Well done Joe, they look delicious



And another congratulation's to Sophia in Year 2. Sophia entered a competition for designing a rainbow to display on Blue Flame Vans. Well done Sophia, we look forward to spotting your design.



If anyone has any special achievements that they would like to share, please send these into



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