



# Newsletter

## St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School



November 2024

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, we hope that this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to Advent and your preparations for the Christmas period. The upcoming weeks are some of the busiest of our school year, please see the following items for your attention.

### Dates for the Diary

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Wreath Making 1:00pm
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Parents' Evening for FS1, Y1, Y2 & Y3 – 1:00-5:00pm
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Parents' Evening for FS2, Y4, Y5 & Y6 – 1:00-5:00pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1, Y2 & Y3 trip to the Pantomime (am)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Winter Fayre 1.15pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Nativity – 10:00am
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity – 2:00pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3 & 4 Nativity – 10:00am
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5 & 6 Nativity (At St Peter's) – 2:00pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols Around the Crib – 1:00pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes at 2:00pm

### Nine lessons & Nine Carols

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm, our Y5 & Y6 pupils will lead a special 'Nine lessons & Nine Carols' carol service at St Peter's focused upon the key events of the nativity story. We would like to invite all of our parish community to join us for the special celebration.



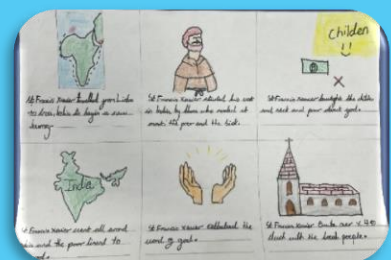
### Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day this year our school paused at 11:00am to remember those who gave their lives in the service of others. Our Chaplaincy team led readings and prayers as the whole school assembled in the playground.



### The Feast of St Francis Xavier

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Fr Darren will be coming into school to lead a special celebration Mass for the Feast day of St Francis Xavier. Mass will begin at 2:00pm, parents/carers and parishioners are welcome to attend.



### Times Tables Rockstars!

Well done to all of our pupils who have made amazing progress on their times tables this month through the use of Times Tables Rockstars.

Times Tables Rockstars is an online learning programme that we fund as a school which your child can access at home and at school. 5-10 minutes a day on this programme will rapidly accelerate your child's progress in maths.

Your child's log in details are in their reading record or can be obtained from your child's class teacher.

Scan the QR code for TT Rockstars on the app store!



# NUMBOTS

Well done to all of those pupils in Y1 and Reception who have been using NUMBOTS at home. Mr Bennett and Miss Lowe have already noticed the impact upon the children's learning in maths.

This online learning tool enables pupils to practice key mathematical fluency skills which are a crucial foundation for being a successful mathematician as they move through school.

You can access the website via the NUMBOTS website or by downloading the app. Your child's log in details are in their reading journal.



### Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all of you who generously donated items for our school raffle, these have been made into hampers which can be won in our school raffle. All money raised will be used to purchase resources for the children. Tickets can be purchased on the school gate in a morning or at home time or via Parent Pay. Good luck!



### Carols around the Crib

Our Carols around the Crib service will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:00pm. We will be inviting parents, cares and Parishioners to join us on the day. There is a limited number of tickets available (20). Tickets are allocated on a first come, first serve basis - please reserve your place via the school office.



### Parents Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> December. A letter has been sent to all parents with available times to book your teacher meetings in the school hall with your child's class teacher.

### **Parent Wreath Making Workshop – 29<sup>th</sup> November**

If you would like to book a place on our parents wreath making workshop, please confirm your attendance through parent pay.

### **Postcards this month...**

**Congratulations to the following pupils who have received postcards for outstanding behaviour, attitudes and work:**

**Yomade Andre Cooper Alicja T**

