



# Newsletter

## St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School



October 2024

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, we hope that this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to the half-term break. Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this half term, it is always a pleasure to see families taking such an interest in how they can support their child's learning at home. Please see the following information for your information.

### Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – School closed for INSET days

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – School reopens after half term

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – School photos

**Week Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Enterprise Week

**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 – 2:00pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols Around the Crib – 1:00pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes at 2pm

### Attendance

In order for your child to make the most of every learning opportunity their teacher prepares they must be in school on time, every day. Even missing one lesson has a significant impact upon your child's progress as they miss crucial learning time and crucial aspects of the school curriculum. One of the most effective ways that parents and carers can enable their child to reach their full potential is by ensuring that they have 100% attendance at school.

### Times Tables Rockstars Day!

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we shall be hosting our Times Tables Rockstar Day!

Times Tables Rockstars is a **free** online learning program to support children's times tables and mental arithmetic knowledge.

On this day the children will be invited to attend school dressed as rockstars and we will be hosting parent meetings to explain how to use this fantastic tool to support your child's attainment in maths.

- Year 1-3 Parent Meeting 3:00pm (School Hall)
- Year 4-6 Parent Meeting 3:30pm (School Hall)

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



### Year 6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications for Y6 parents in Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Applications must be made online at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-admissions>

## October the Month of The Holy Rosary

Throughout October the pupils have been learning about and celebrating Mary, our Lady of the Holy Rosary.



## Breakfast Club

Children are welcome to join us for breakfast club from 7.30am every morning in the school hall. We have a number of different breakfast options available, including toast, waffles, pancakes and a range of cereal.

There are also a number of fun activities for children to take part in. Parents do not need to book and can just turn up on the day. Price is £2.50 per child (50p for the third child and thereafter)



## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of our families for your generous donations for our Chaplaincy Team's harvest festival project. The donations will be given to the St John's multi-bank in Balby that provides food to over 400 families a week in our local area.



## After School Clubs

Next half-term see the launch of some brand new after school clubs as well as the continuation of many that are already up and running.

Miss Janvier, an experienced music teacher, is starting our school choir for this year. The children will learn a variety of songs from a range of genres in preparation for a number of performances including carol singing at Christmas!

Sports' clubs and Chess will be continuing after half term.

If you would like your child to take part in these wonderful opportunities, please book 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

