



Newsletter

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

September 2024

To all in the St Francis Xavier community, we hope this letter finds you well. The school year is off to an excellent start here at St Francis, the children have settled well into their new classes and are already producing some fantastic work. Fr Henry has attended school to lead our start of year Mass and already the children have attended some exciting visits including the planetarium and a local walk. Please see the following items for your attention:

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 2nd October 3:00-3:30pm – Y1 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting

Thursday 3rd October 3:00-3:30pm – Reception Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting

Thursday 3rd October – Non Uniform day – Special Dinner Day.

Wednesday 9th October 3:00-3:30pm – FS1 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting

Wednesday 23rd October – **Times Tables Rockstars Day!**

Thursday 24th October & Friday 25th October – School **closed** for INSET days.

Monday 4th November – **School open.**

Non Uniform Day! – 3rd October 2024

On Thursday 3rd October we shall be hosting a non-uniform and special dinner day in order to celebrate that we are all made unique in the image and likeness of God. Dinner will be our all day breakfast dinner with lots of prizes available to be won for any children who have dinner on this day.

For the non-uniform day, we ask that children bring a bottle or item for the Winter fayre hampers to help raise money for school funds. Raffle tickets will be sold later in the year for the hampers.

Items we ask children to bring on non-uniform day include, biscuits, chocolates, alcohol bottles, or Christmas themed items.

Attendance

Attendance at school is a legal requirement and crucial for your child's progress and attainment. Any holidays booked during term time will not be authorised and parents/carers will be fined for taking your child out of school. Fines for parents taking holidays during term time can be up to £2,500.

Harvest Festival Project

For our Harvest festival project this year, we will be collecting for our local food bank. We would appreciate any donations such as tinned foods, dried foods and toiletries – these can be given straight to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.



Behaviour & Sanctions

In assemblies, we have been explaining to pupils the rewards and sanctions of our school behaviour policy. For further information please see our school behaviour policy which is available on our school website.

Thank you Fr Henry

It is with a heavy heart that this half-term we say goodbye to Fr Henry. On behalf of the children, staff and all in our school community we express our sincerest thanks to Fr Henry for his service to our school over the past 2 years – he will be very much missed. We wish Fr Henry every success with his new parish in Sheffield and assure him that he will always be part of the St Francis family.

We will be presenting a small gift to Father Henry from the school funds, to say thank you for his support and time with us.

Celebration Assemblies

Each week on a Friday we gather together as a school to celebrate our pupils' achievements over the course of the week and to present certificates and awards. This year, we shall be inviting parents/carers to attend a celebration assembly if their child has been nominated for a certificate or award. You will be notified a week in advance in of the assembly.

Please remember that your child will need to bring their PE kit on a Monday and leave until a Friday.

This will ensure they participate in every PE lesson.

They should also bring their reading book to school every day for staff to change them or listen to your child read.

After School Clubs

This half-term, we are offering a range of exciting after school clubs including sports clubs, chess, multiplication club and coding club. Please speak to the school office for further details.



October the Month of The Holy Rosary

Throughout October the pupils will be learning about the Rosary and celebrating Mary, our Lady of the Holy Rosary in both their RE lessons and through our celebrations of the word.



Year 6 applications for secondary school

It is already that time of year where our year six children can apply for their places at Secondary School. Please see the link below with details of how to apply and also details of open days and events each secondary school is holding. If you need any support with applications, please contact the school office.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-admissions>

The deadline for applications is the 31st October 2024.

Staff

We are delighted to have welcomed Miss Richardson (FS1) Miss Morris (Y3), Mrs Shaw (Y5 & Assistant Headteacher) and Miss Morris (Y5) to our teaching team this academic year. Please join us in welcoming them to our school community.

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 and learning activities for children to take part in. Parents do not need to book and can just turn up on the day.

The price is £2.50 per child (50p for the third child and thereafter)

Class Fundraisers for trips.

Each Class will be organising an exciting fund raising event throughout the school year to help raise money towards their school trips. We are grateful for any support from parents towards each event. School trips are becoming increasingly more expensive however, we feel they are an important part of each child's school experience and learning. Thank you in advance.

Postcards this month...

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

Bella Adesuwa Stephanie Grace

