



# ST.FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**'We care for each other and we  
always try to do our best'**

24th  
February  
2017

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to another exciting half term.

We have many things to look forward to. At the end of the half term, we will be holding another 'Coffee Morning Concert' and our Year 5 children will be performing Shakespeare and poetry for you all.

Beacon Class will be playing keyboards alongside Fairsnape Class ukuleles. Infants will be singing a new repertoire of songs with actions and individual instrumentalists will also be performing. New music lessons begin next week and we look forward to seeing our children blossom and shine in a variety of ways. After the concert, all classrooms will be 'open door' and your child can show (and tell) you about all of the exciting things they have been learning this half term. New after school clubs begin next week. As you all know, we aim to provide a diverse range of activities for the children to enjoy. We are delighted to offer art club again and we hope to offer Zumba in the near future. Science week begins on 13th March and we will be inviting you in for parent and teacher meetings the very last week of the half term.

As we approach Lent, we will be journeying with Jesus and reflecting upon our own lives. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (1st March) and we will be celebrating this very special occasion with a whole school Mass at 11.00am in Church. We are working as a community to support those in need and we will be collecting money for CAFOD at the Coffee Morning Concert. The concert will begin at 9.30am on Friday 24th March.



## **CALENDAR ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

You will now find a calendar on our website homepage. Dates for your diary will be on there. These will be updated frequently and will contain dates of events for the year ahead. I will be updating this over the weekend. Please don't forget that World Book Day is next Thursday and we are dressing up as our favourite book character.

# ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM



Last week, Year 6 went to Our Lady's Catholic High School to visit Katy Birchall-the author of IT Girl. Mrs. Rossall is our High School liaison teacher and we will be working very closely with Our Lady's and St. Cecilia's in the very near future. Year 5 look forward to watching 'Oliver' next Friday. Have a look on Beacon Class website to see all of the exciting things that are going on! The children are certainly enjoying keyboard lessons with Mr. Severyn. We can't wait to perform at the next Coffee Morning Concert on Friday 24th March. Each class from Year 2 are learning to play an instrument and all children will be performing. Put the date in your diary-you are all welcome to come!

## **Behaviour System**

Our new star system is now in place and we do hope that every child in school will earn themselves star badges. As you know, we pride ourselves on our exemplary behaviour and wish to maintain this. I expect excellent behaviour. There are no excuses for poor manners or disappointing behaviour. The star badges will be earned at any time throughout the years. You can find more information about this system on our website. We hope that all children will have earned all of the stars by the time they leave St. Francis' in Year 6.

We expect courtesy, kindness, consideration and only positive words in our school.

Older children must remember that they are role models for our younger children and they have a responsibility to teach them what is acceptable/unacceptable behaviour. We have a duty to respect one another and think about how our actions affect others at all times. In school we have focused on The Year of Mercy and Laudate Si-Care for our Common Home, as expressed by Pope Francis. Let's reach for those stars!



## **Syrian Refugee Collection**

Mrs Hamer is collecting children's/baby clothes and soft toys for a Syrian refugee run by the Red Cross. Please give any unwanted items to Mrs. Hamer. Many thanks.

## **Active Kids Vouchers**

Please collect Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's. We will be able to buy cooking and sport's equipment for school-every voucher counts!

