



ST.FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



Dates for Diaries

7th November 2016

13th November: 9.30pm

Remembrance Service in Church

14th-18th November:

Children in Need Week

15th November:

Furness Building Society in school

17th November:

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

23rd November:

Book Fair in the school hall for one week

13th December:

School trip to The Grand Theatre-Aladdin and Pre-School Mini Carols around the tree

15th December:

Carols around the tree and Key Stage 2 Advent Service -6.00pm in Church

16th December:

Christmas Jumper Day

20th December:

Infant Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm in Church

21st December:

Break up for Christmas Holidays

Dear all,

We are delighted to be back in school and we are looking forward to so many wonderful things as we head towards Advent. We reflect upon the many gifts and talents we all have as individuals and we pray for a peaceful half term.

We will continue our fundraising as we support 'Children in Need' throughout next week. We will be holding a sponsored run around the school grounds, collecting pennies for Pudsey and wearing something spotty for £1 on Friday 18th November.

More information to follow.

This Sunday, we invite (and hope to see) you all for a very special Remembrance Service in Church at 9.30am. We will be welcoming veterans who fought in the war from our local area and the children will be singing 'Make me a Channel of your Peace' especially for them. Please do make every effort to join us on this important Family Mass.

Unfortunately, Mrs Melling is feeling unwell at the moment but I am pleased to inform you all that Mrs. Cheetham will be with us until she returns. The children are already enthused by her teaching, flare for Early Years and all things creative.

We will be welcoming staff from St. Cecilia's Catholic High School into school to teach specialist subjects in Beacon and Fairsnape Classes. Our children in Beacon Class will also be able to spend time at the school using specialist equipment for specific subjects and we continue our links with Our Lady's Catholic High School. We aim to make transition between Primary and Secondary School as strong and seamless as it can be for our children's wellbeing. Students from Stonyhurst continue to work in school on a Thursday afternoon in our constant aim to reach out to the wider community. Please be reminded that a member of staff will be on the playground from 8.45am every morning. If you bring your child earlier and you cannot stay with your child, you may use the £1 drop off at Breakfast Club from 8.15am daily.

We thank you for your continued support.

THE YEAR OF READING!

Last year, we worked very hard on improving writing opportunities for children. We focused on creativity, enjoyment, cross-curricular writing and quantity of writing across all subjects. We are now focusing on reading for pleasure, building up stamina to answer comprehension questions in detail and pace!

We have called this year our 'Year of Reading' and we want you to join in!

Our extreme reading challenge is nearly over!

Please send in any 'extreme reading' pictures. Many thanks for supporting us in this whole school initiative.



Clubs

Clubs will begin next week. There have been a couple of changes to the clubs we offer and some clubs will resume after the Christmas break due to the darker nights and lack of space in our school hall. Choir will no longer be on a Thursday after school. It will be held at lunch time in The Cottage.

Clubs for this half term are as follows:

Monday:

3.30am Table Tennis (Mr Gilmour)

Tuesday:

8.00am-8.45am: Judo

3.30-4.30pm Diddy Dribblers

Wednesday:

3.30-4.30pm: Multi Sports (Tom Bamber)

Thursday:

3.30pm Art Club (Mrs Kerr)

The children continue to run lunch time clubs and Choir and Band continue. You will receive a form to complete and return to sign your child up for clubs by the end of the week.

Coffee Morning Concert Success!

We raised £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you very much to all who donated cakes and came to the concert. It was brilliant to see so many

