



ST.FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Dates for Diaries

9th September 2016

12th-23rd September:

New school year parent
information meetings with
class teachers

13th September:

Furness Building Society in
school

15th September: Life

Education Bus

16th September: School photographs

26th September: 9.10am

Welcome assembly for
new starters

4th October: 9.15am

Feast of St.Francis' Mass
in Church

15th October: 2.30pm

Harvest Service in Church

17th-20th October:

Parent meetings

19th October:

Open afternoon

28th October: Break up for the half term holidays

7th November: Return to school

Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming you all back to another exciting school year. Our children have settled quickly into their new classes and we are pleased to see some new faces and families around school. Your child's class teacher will be informing you when your 'start of year' information meeting will be. The meetings will be after school and will last for no longer than half an hour. You will be given topic maps to inform you about your child's learning for this half term. You will be able to ask your child's class teacher any questions you may have and you can have a look around the classroom. At the end of the term, you will be able to have 20 minute meetings with your child's class teacher to discuss progress and targets.

With God's love and guidance, we look forward to working together for another wonderful school year.

Please do not hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or queries.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have an opening for a Parent Governor position to sit on St.Francis' Governing Body. All parents/carers of registered pupils at a school are entitled to stand or nominate candidates for election.

If you feel you may be interested in applying for this, you would have to return a completed nomination form to school.

These are available from the school office. If more than one candidate is nominated then school will hold a ballot for the position.

Nominations must be received by Monday 10th October.

HARVEST

Let us not become weary in
doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.
GALATIANS 6:9



ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM...

We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff team, who are willing to run after school clubs for the children. We have many skills and interests as a staff team and we give thanks to all staff who work tirelessly on delivering an exciting curriculum. You recently received a letter highlighting the before and after school clubs we have on offer this half term.

Please be reminded that these forms need to be sent into school on Monday. It takes time to organise children from all year groups into clubs. Registers must be created in order for us to safeguard children and staff need a briefing before clubs begin.

We are proud to offer a selection of sporting, musical and creative clubs to engage a variety of children's interests. Art club was very successful last half term and we look forward to afternoon clubs beginning. These will be Eco-Warriors (any children can join), Colouring club and Chess club.



We have given careful consideration to the problem of getting changed for PE in school. The time that has previously been wasted (and taken from the PE lesson) has been a concern as we want to deliver quality PE lessons to our children. Items of clothing are frequently lost and areas around school have been untidy.

PE KIT

The infant lessons have, in the past, been much shorter than required due to the adult support needed when getting changed to and from the PE lesson. This has led Governors and myself to the solution of coming into school dressed in PE kit. We have bought every child a smart 'St. Francis' jogging suit, which is to be worn on PE days over the green shorts and white polo shirt. If it is a hot day, children can remove the jogging suit. We certainly would not want any child to become over heated. KS1 will have PE on a Monday afternoon and KS2 will have PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. If your child attends a before or after school club, you can send in home PE clothes for him/her to wear, as they will get changed into their school uniform. PE kit must only be worn on PE days.

Keeping safe

The new end of day routine is working well. Please be reminded that KS2 children leave from the front of school entrance and KS1 children will be called from the hall door when we see a parent/ carer on the playground.

Snack

If efforts to reduce the high amount of fruit waste, we will provide children with their snack at break time. Monday and Wednesdays: free toast and every day a variety of fruit. Fairtrade Friday continues as normal.

Parent mentors and walking group

Each Friday, parents can meet on our school car park at 9.30am for a walk (or a jog!) around the local area. It is a great opportunity to have some adult social time with friends of the school. You are all welcome to join the group.

Mrs. Brice has kindly offered to be a parent mentor. This is particularly helpful for new families who may have questions they would like a quick reassurance with. We welcome other parents to be mentors. Please see Mrs Brice. No question is too small!