



# ST. FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY

## End of the Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

*'As children of God, we care for each other and we always try to do our best'*

### HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU



We always try our best to communicate with parents and guardians effectively, we invest a lot of time and consideration to communicate in the best possible way (such as introducing the School App and Seesaw for example). Please do give school any constructive feedback, to enable us to improve in our communication further. Here are the means of communication that we use and some reasons why we use them.

**School App** – this comes directly from the school office, teachers do not have access to the database and use of the app. We have had some technical issues (from the company that maintain the app). This was put in place to cut down on text messaging, due to the enormous costs from texting out to all parents/guardians. Please ensure your app is updated and notifications are turned on.

**Text Messaging** – Used by the school office, only if needed and for personal messages (such as school closures or if we cannot get in contact via phone calls.)

**Seesaw** – used by teachers, as a way of bringing parents/guardians inside the classroom, so you can see what wonderful work is being done by your children. It is also an effective way for teachers to send out any newsletters, class messages and to get any confidential messages out there to parent/guardians.

**E-mailing** – used by the school office to send out newsletters. This has been put in place in an attempt to cut down on the use of paper, in consideration of our need to help the environment. Also used if we cannot get in contact via phone calls.

**Website** – we have recently update our website, to make it more functional. We have class pages; where you can see what the children have been learning about, as well as all policies and information about school. There is now a Kids' Zone, which we will be developing with the children next term.

**Twitter and Facebook** – Used by the school office and teachers to share the latest information and school events.

## GOLD AWARD

We have achieved a GOLD Green Tree Award from the Woodland Trust, for the work we do in the outdoors. In recognition for all the outdoor learning we do, we have very quickly achieved the Gold Award. We look forward to receiving our plaque from the Woodland Trust and we will be doing a range of activities (including planting more trees) to try and achieve the Platinum Award in the Spring Term!



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We have done so much this festive period: From the Valley Singers, Christmas Fair, Nativity, Advent Service and all the wonderful work done in classrooms, it has been as busy as ever. Thank you all for your continued support in all we do at St. Francis, it really does make it a great place to be for the children. We are all very happy to have Miss. Deakin back full time from January, after supporting another school in Lancaster for the last 6 months, welcome back Miss. Deakin! We hope you all have a very merry Christmas and happy new year! We look forward to seeing you all in January! Here are a few photographs of the last few weeks...



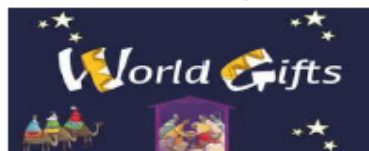


## CAFOD CLUB!

THE CAFOD CLUB RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £103! THE MONEY IS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD. THE CAFOD CLUB DECIDED TO SPEND THE MONEY AS FOLLOWS:



### CAFOD CLUB CHRISTMAS 2019



CAFOD CLUB HAVE MANAGED TO RAISE £103 TO BUY THREE WORLD GIFTS FOR PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD! THANK YOU TO PARENTS, PARISHIONERS, GOVERNORS AND STAFF FOR SUPPORTING THE CAFOD CLUB! THE CAFOD CLUB DECIDED HOW THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT, THIS IS WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING:



**£10** supports a child to learn how to read!



**£33** supports a family to access clean water for drinking and cooking!



**£60** buys a bike to support families collecting water, making the collection of water safer and quicker!



## END OF TERM HOUSE POINTS

WELL DONE TO ST.CECILIA'S (RED TEAM) FOR WINNING THE HOUSE POINTS AWARD FOR THIS TERM. ON FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, CHILDREN IN THE ST.CECILIA'S TEAM CAN COME INTO SCHOOL IN THEIR OWN CLOTHES, WEARING RED! WELL DONE EVERYONE.

## GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

A big thank you to Tabitha and her parents for coming to the Christmas Fair to raise money for school! Being selfless, kind and caring is such an important part of life and makes the world a better place! Thank you!



A huge thank you to Tracy, our PTFA Chair and all the parents who support school in the PTFA. Always giving their own time and money to support the school – you do a tremendous job - we are very grateful! Thank you.