



St. Francis of Assisi Church of England Primary School

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Welcome Back!

It is great to see all the children settled into school following the start of term. Forms have gone home for parents/carers to update records and allow internet access, use of the trim trail, minibus use and the school to act in loco parentis. Please return these as soon as possible. If you have misplaced them, please contact the school office for new copies. If your child's medical issues have changed, please ensure that you notify the school of these changes on the form. Thank you.

School Discos

The Friends organised a week of very successful discos for pupils from Reception-Year 6. The children had a super time and £560 was raised to go towards leasing iPads for use in school. If you would like to know more about The Friends of St Francis, there is an AGM on Friday 29th September in the staffroom after drop off or you can contact Katy Tait or Sarah Griffiths via the school office. Thank you to all those who organised, helped on the night or supported the events.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 27th September—Individual photographs for pupils in school.

Monday 9th October—Staff training day. School closed for pupils.

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October—Half Term holiday.

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November—Parent Consultations

Saturday 25th November—Christmas Fayre from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December. Staff training day. School closed for pupils.



We are collecting for Thornaby Food Bank and our Harvest Festival is on Tuesday 10th October. We would be grateful for any non-perishable items that can be used by people and families in our local area. The food bank is very grateful for all donations but have asked specifically for items such as individual pasta or rice pots/sachets, tins with pasta and meat or anything that can be used as a full meal. Some people who attend the food bank do not have access to a cooker, electricity or gas. Packets of individual raw pasta or rice are much more difficult for people to use. Please also look for tins that have ring pulls on rather than rely on a tin opener. The peer mentors are continuing to collect all items for the food bank too so if you would like to donate basic toiletries as well as food items, please bring in at any point over the year and put in the tubs provided. Thank you.



After School Use of the Playground

I would like to request to parents that, when waiting for pupils at the end of the school day or once pupils have been collected, pupils and siblings do not use the trim trail or climb over the storytelling chair and seats or gazebo benches. A number of items are being broken and we do not wish for pupils to get hurt after the school day has ended. Thank you for your support.

Parking Around School

We would like to request again, that parents/carers take care and are mindful of where they park during drop-off or collection times. We have had a number of complaints from parents who have noticed dangerous parking or stopping where pedestrians are not able to walk along pavements or cross the roads safely. Some cars have made turning around or driving two cars on the roads an impossibility due to where cars are. A number of our older children walk to school and their safety is being put at risk by people parking inconsiderately or without awareness of our pupils and families.

We have been in touch with the local police who will be visiting the school grounds and parking areas at different points over the term. If you are concerned by the parking, please contact the local police too.

Our progress has slowed down — please help us!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for our school?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, Next, Tesco Direct, M&S and AO.com – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfrancisofassisips/> and join for free or download the app and search for our school.
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