

St Francis of Assisi Primary School



Nursery Newsletter—April 2019



Welcome back ! We hope you've enjoyed a lovely Easter break and the children are feeling rested. We'd also like to welcome the new children and families joining us this term! We're looking forward to lots of nice weather and spending lots of time outdoors.

Voluntary Contributions

Many thanks for the weekly voluntary contributions of £1 last half term. This made a huge difference to the resources we were able to provide for your child's learning in Nursery. Last half term we bought lots of resources for our topic. The moneybag and tick sheets are positioned on the parent's notice board in the nursery cloakroom for all parents / carers to use. We are grateful for any contributions.

Nice Weather

We are hopeful that this summer is going to be filled with lots of nice weather for us to enjoy. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and sunhat (named please) in school. Children should have sun cream applied before school if we are anticipating warm weather. Unfortunately school staff cannot apply sun cream to the children so applying long wearing, all day type sun cream is preferable.

Summer Uniform

As the summer term brings warmer weather, children are able to wear a different uniform to school. Girls uniform is a summer dress in either yellow or blue while boys are allowed to wear grey school shorts. Please ensure all uniform is labelled, even shoes. We have had several cases of unnamed school jumpers/cardigans and it takes staff a significant period of time to reunite the clothing with it's owners.

As we know weather at this time of year can be changeable so please ensure your child still brings a suitable coat/jacket to school.

Social Media

Several members of staff and parents contribute to a school Facebook page. Please search "St Francis of Assisi C of E Primary School" to keep up to date with events and news from around school.

The school is also on Twitter @StFrancisPSIB.



Gym World



We are planning another trip to gym world this half term as the last visit was so successful. The children loved using the range of equipment and the coaches were very impressed at our children's skill level.

Please can we ask that money and consent forms are returned to school promptly? A letter containing all details has been emailed.

Dinner Money

Your child will be given a half termly meal choice pack. Please ensure this is returned to school promptly so staff can arrange for the children to have their chosen meal. Please fill this in and return to nursery staff. Dinner money is £2.05 per day and cheques are to be made payable to Stockton Borough Council. Please send your money to school in an envelope, stating your child's name, class and amount enclosed on the front of it. If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure their lunch box is named and does not contain any nuts.



Parking

Can we take this opportunity to remind you to park considerately around school during pick up and drop off times? We do have many spaces available for parents/carers to use in front of Playhouse Day Nursery and adjacent to the Key Stage 1 playground. The staff car park should not be used for picking up or dropping off children. Ensure you do not walk through the carpark at pick up and drop off times. Please use the paths and crossing around the car park. This sets them a good example as well as helping to teach about road safety.



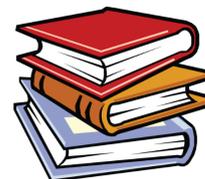
Planning for your child's learning journey

Your child will bring home a sheet a few weeks prior to their focus week. May we ask you to take a few minutes to fill this in and return it to school along with a few photographs? This would provide us with important relevant information to further your child's development and learning. During your child's focus week at nursery, we will be observing and working with them while they play to find out more about their interests, how they are progressing and also plan activities and support to ensure that we meet your child's needs and next steps. Following your child's focus week, you will receive a nursery report, informing you of their individual experiences and learning at nursery. We hope you enjoy reading this report and would welcome any further comments on the feedback sheets, which will be sent out this term, along with the reports. You will be invited into school at some point this term to discuss your child's progress in a parent consultation.



Home Loan

Please continue to use our Nursery home loan library, housed in the children's cloakroom. Remember your child can choose as many books to share with you at home as they like, but please only take one at a time and write the number from the inside cover of the book next to your child's name on the list above the book box, then simply cross out the number when you return the book and choose another one. Please encourage the children to hold the book and turn the pages themselves, talk about the pictures and the story; what do they think will happen next? Discuss the initial sounds of words and also encourage children to think of extra rhyming words when reading rhyming stories.



As always, we are looking forward to working with you in partnership this half term.. If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to come into school to discuss these with us.

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