

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

3rd December 2012

Mass of Thanksgiving

There will be a Mass of thanksgiving and celebration for Mr Peter Coleman our Headteacher on the occasion of his retirement, in St Francis Church on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at 6.30pm. Well wishers and past pupils are welcome. Light refreshments will also be available in the hall afterwards. Please let the school know if you intend on coming.

If you would like to contribute to Mr Coleman's leaving gift, please place your contribution in an envelope addressed to Mrs H. Kempster and hand it in to the School Office. Messages of thanks and good wishes can be



made in the special farewell book also available in the School Office.

Panto – Children are expected to return to school at around 4.30pm after Jack and the Beanstalk

'Switch-off Fortnight'

Thank-you for taking part in the national 'Switch-off Fortnight'. The St Francis Eco-team will be looking at your pledges on the student take home sheets to come up with a few community commitments to save energy.

After School Sports Clubs

This is the last week of After Schools Sports Clubs. Due to Year 4 to Year 6 going to the panto on Thursday there will no clubs on Thursday. However there will be a Karate grading on Thursday 13th December from 3.15pm to 4.30pm for the children who normally attend the Thursday Karate Club.

After school sports clubs will start again after Christmas from the 14th January 2012.

Carol Concerts

If you are a parent or carer of a child in KS1 you are welcome to come to their Nativity performance on Monday 17th

December at 9.45am.

KS2 parents are welcome to the KS2 Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December at 2.15pm.



Class Parties

Class parties will take place on Monday 17th December. Your child's class teacher will let you know if there is anything they wish you to donate for the party.

Year 6 Curriculum Meeting – Help your child get the most out of Year 6

Year 6 parents are invited to an information meeting about the SATS tests their child will be doing next May and how National Curriculum assessment system works.

There are many ways in which parents can support their children to achieve their potential and we would like to help you to help them to make the best progress they can over the next few months.

Research shows that close links between schools and parents can improve their enjoyment and chances of doing well. The more you know about what your child is learning, the more you can offer support, and as our children move through their last primary year we would like you to know how schools set targets for your child to progress through the assessment stages.

We would also like to tell you about how and what your child is

learning – ie the curriculum, teaching methods, SATS tests and exams, and changes to the education system.

We are offering two times for this meeting so that as many parents as possible may attend. The first will be Wednesday 12th December at 6.30 pm for an hour, and the alternative time is Thursday 13th December at 9.05 am.

Applying for a place in Reception 2013

Children born between September 2008 and August 2009 should apply to the Local Authority for a place in Reception by 15th January 2013. If you would like your child to come to St Francis School you will also need to fill in a school application form by this date.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 19th December



Any child is welcome to have a Christmas lunch, and **if children who usually bring a packed lunch** would like to change that day, they just need to tell their teacher, please, by next Wednesday.

Tea Time Club

Tea Time Club will run on the last day of school until 6pm

Dates

Last day of term - Thursday 20th December. School finishes at 2pm.

First day of Spring term – Monday 7th January 2013

Year 3 will be going swimming on Thursdays from 17th January 2013.

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 28th January 2013 for staff training.