

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

8th October 2012

Staff Training Day (School closed)

Please remember that the school and the nursery will be closed for Staff Training on **Monday 22nd October**.

Parents' Evening

You are invited to come to school to meet your child's teacher on

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October.

There will be an opportunity to look at the children's workbooks and hear about their progress.

Appointments are for 10 minutes and you will be able to look through your child's books while you wait.

Please make arrangements for your child while you meet with their teacher as they are not allowed in the halls with you, or outside in the playground.

If you have to bring your child to Parents Evening with you, a crèche is provided in class 4D where children can stay while you have your meeting. The charge is £1 per child.

Other Dates:

School Photographer:
Friday 26th October.

Half-term:
29th Oct - 2nd Nov.

Feast of St Francis

We celebrated the feast day of St Francis of Assisi last Thursday 4th October.

Fr Anthony celebrated Mass with the children in church and afterwards, in keeping with their

tradition, the Friars distributed ice creams and lollies back at school!

Instead of our usual timetable we had an Art Activity day on Thursday.



Harvest Fast Day

Thank you for supporting our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day on Friday and sending the children in with a small tin of food for the homeless and also a donation for CAFOD.

Our donations are sent to CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) to help feed the hungry in the world, and giving families in poor communities the support they need. We'll be counting the donations this week and tell you what the total is.

We'll be passing the tins and packets of food to a local community project for the homeless.

If they didn't make a donation on Friday, children can still bring in items this week.

Great Ormond Street – Lung capacity project

We have been asked to take part again in a project that looks at how children and their lungs grow.

This research will collect information from healthy Primary School children about lung function and capacity.

The aim of the project is to provide more effective help for children with breathing problems.

The team will be telling the children about the project this week in an assembly and then they will invite pupils in Year 2, 4 and 6 to bring a recruitment pack home.

Children will need their parents' permission to take part in the project.

Phone System

To make it easier for you to leave a message about when your child is unwell, there is now an option system on the phone voicemail.

Option 1 allows you to leave a message for us explaining why your child is absent.

If you need to talk to someone on the Reception desk, then please wait for a member of staff to answer your call.

Lunchtime Assistants

St. Francis' School has a vacancy for a **Midday Supervisor** to work as part of the team responsible for supervising children and ensuring their safety during the lunchtime break.

Duties include organisation in the dining hall, supervising safety in the playground, and leading playground games and activities.

Experience of working with children would be an advantage. For further details, please contact the School Office.