

St. Francis Catholic Primary School

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Welcome back

Welcome back to all, and, to our new Reception children and their families and those who are joining St. Francis' School for the first time in other classes throughout the school. A very warm welcome!

We are fortunate to have three new teachers joining us this year, Ms Fearnley in Reception F, Ms Hayat in 3H, and Mr Kiernan in 1K. I know you will join me in wishing each of them a very warm welcome to St. Francis' School.

We hope that the year ahead will be a successful time for us all.

Autumn Fair - Trainer Days

Please support our Autumn Fair on Saturday 25th - two Saturdays time.

We are trying to raise additional money that we need to spend on a number of different projects and we need your support for this.

We're looking for items for the different stalls and tomorrow we're asking the children to bring in:
BOOKS, CDs and DVDs

Then on Friday 17th we're requesting that each child brings in a bottle for the Bottle Stall.

Wine and other bottles of drink would be especially welcome!

On Wednesday 22nd we would like you to donate any second hand toys or games that are still in good condition.

On Friday 24th please send in contributions for the cake stall and the bric a brac / nearly new stall.

As a reminder, the children can wear trainers to school on these days, if they bring in an item for the Fair.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be coming to school on Thursday 30th September to take individual and family group photos of the children.

We will send home a proof copy of the picture shortly afterwards, so that you can decide whether you would like to buy the photograph.

Papal Visit

About 24 of our older children, accompanied by a number of staff members, will be representing St Francis School at the Papal Event in Hyde Park on Saturday.

This is an historic occasion for the Catholic Church and it is great that our children and staff can be involved in the event. You might like to say the following prayer for the success of the visit:

*God of truth and love,
your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as
the light to all who seek you with a
sincere heart.*

*As we strive with your grace
to be faithful in word and deed,
may we reflect the kindly light of
Christ and offer a witness of hope
and peace to all.*

*We pray for Pope Benedict
and look forward with joy
to his forthcoming visit to our
countries.*

*May he be a witness to the unity
and hope which is your will for all
people.*

*We make our prayer through Christ
our Lord.*

Amen.

*Our Lady, Mother of the Church —
pray for us.*

St Andrew — pray for us.

St George — pray for us.

St David — pray for us.

Staff Car Park

If you are dropping children off or collecting them after school, it is important that you do not use the staff car park to do this.

We would appreciate your co-operation on this point as it is for the safety of both children and staff.

Holidays during Term Time.

It is now Government and Local Authority policy that absence during term time, apart from sickness, will count as unauthorised absence.

From the start of this term we will be following this policy and any absence except for sickness will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please continue to let us know the reason for absence in the usual ways.