

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

26th November 2012

Parental Questionnaire

We're grateful to all of you for taking the time to tell us your views about St. Francis School and the service we provide.

I'm pleased to tell you that the large majority of your responses are very positive indeed with almost all the respondents confirming that their children enjoy school and are making good progress.

Schools meals seem to be an area where you tell us we can make improvements and also the efficiency of communication between home and school.

The staff and governors will be considering carefully the details of your views and considering carefully about how we can improve the service we provide.

Harvest Fast Day

Thank you for supporting our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - you generously contributed a magnificent total of £469-57 to CAFOD through the different classes and also through individual donations. This is a wonderful total, so many thanks for such a great response!

We also received lots of tins and packets of food which were displayed during an assembly and collected by the Community Links team for a local community project for the homeless.

Many thanks for all your support.

New Parent Governor

I'm delighted to welcome Omolola Fashola, mum of Angel and Divine, as a newly elected Parent Governor.

Thank you to each of the parents who put themselves forward for election. We appreciate your generosity in offering to serve the school in this way.

Year of Faith

In his apostolic letter of 11 October 2011, Pope Benedict XVI invited the universal church to enter into the observance of a Year of Faith



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Pope Benedict says in his letter:

'The "door of faith" is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime.'

During the year ahead your child will be bringing "The Wednesday Word" leaflet home from school.

The leaflet has a 'word' inspired by the coming Sunday gospel for you and your family to talk about at home, to focus on matters of Faith and gospel values.

Coffee Morning

I hope you'll be able to stay for our Coffee Morning tomorrow.

The speaker will be Anne Coveney who is an Oral Health Practitioner and she will be offering advice and information about helping children to look after their teeth.

There will also be the opportunity for questions, of course, and discussion.

Advent

It is the first Sunday of Advent next weekend and the beginning of our preparations for celebrating the birth of Our Lord.

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing.

Dates

Last day of term - Thursday 20th December.

Please remember that school finishes at the earlier time of 2 pm on that day.

First day of Spring term - Monday 7th January 2013

Workshops for parents

Parents often ask teachers where their child is placed in class and how they are progressing, and we have arranged a workshop for Year Six parents, first, to help you know more about how we assess children and make a judgement about their progress.

Parents can, and should make a huge difference to their children's learning in some very simple ways, and we would like to share some of these details with you on **Thursday 6th December at 9.05 a.m.**