

St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

27th April 2012

Annual Reports

The children will receive their Annual Report to bring home to you on Tuesday 8th May.

Parents' Evenings

These are being held on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th May**. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss the targets we have set for your child, and also their progress.

Birthdays – healthy options

We enjoy celebrating children's birthdays with them – in class and in Assembly.

Please make sure to talk with class teachers before you send in food and 'party bags' for staff to distribute in school. It can be an overwhelming task with a birthday every week of term on average in a class of 30 children. We also have to consider food allergies and the time taken out of lessons.

We are happy to give out items that are in keeping with our 'Healthy Schools' policy.

For example, alternatives to sweets, crisps, chocolate and cake are mini boxes of raisins, strawberries, mini tomatoes, grapes, bananas and apples.

Dates

Letters offering new nursery places will be posted in the week beginning Tuesday 8th June.

The meeting for parents of children who are joining the Nursery in September will be at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 12th June – in the Nursery.

New Reception pupils: The meeting for parents of the **September Reception intake** is on Wednesday 20th June at 10.30 am in the school hall.

Diamond Jubilee – as there is an additional Bank Holiday during half term for the Queen's Jubilee, there will be an additional closure day on the Friday before half-term.

School will therefore be closed **on Friday 1st June** and from Monday 4th – Friday 8th June

The **last day** of the Summer term is Friday 13th July 2012.

School ends at 2 p.m.

Autumn Term begins for pupils on Wednesday 5th September 2012.

Autumn Half-term is Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2012.

Attendance /Absence

When your child is unwell, please remember to let us know the reason for the absence with a **phone message** on the first day. When they return to school please would you send in a **note** to their class teacher for our records, confirming why they were absent.

We appreciate your co-operation on this point.

Donate-a-Plant! Please help! Again!

Once again this year we're trying to make the school look more attractive for the children outdoors.

When it stops raining and the sun begins to shine it will be the time of year when bedding plants will appear on sale. The children really enjoy planting them and they make our school look more attractive.



So - when you are out shopping PLEASE would you buy a tray of bedding plants for school! Any type!

Your help is most appreciated.

Coffee Morning

There will be coffee and tea available after our Assembly next Friday, 4th May, for parents who can stay.

We want to seek your views and ideas on the Vision for our school – what should be the priorities and the direction for the future, in order to best serve our children.

Mrs Ikwueke and Suzy De Freitas will be at the Coffee Morning to listen to your views.

The present Vision Statement says:

“At St Francis School we work together as a community to:

Provide a safe nurturing environment in which each child is recognised as unique, special and loved by God.

Create a community in which Christ's love permeates all that occurs in school and where the gospel values of praying, sharing, forgiving and truthfulness are a living reality.

Provide an orderly, stimulating environment in which effort, talent and personal success are rewarded, special needs are met and cultural diversity is celebrated.

Strive for excellence in every aspect of the education process.

Prepare all our children to be confident, feel valued and respected members of our school community and society as a whole.”