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Dear Parent/Carer,

Classics Week - 28th November and 5th December

To enrich our English curriculum we are celebrating a "Classics fortnight" where each class will produce work based on a classic text of their choice. To support their learning and making it more fun, classes will have workshops where they will explore the language, the journey of the characters, the setting etc. We have chosen to do this to expose children to classic children's books and hopefully develop their taste for these books we all agree are fantastic examples of children's literature.

Nursery and Reception - *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen

Year 1 - *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr Seuss

Year 2 - *Matilda* by Roald Dahl

Year 3 - *Wind in the Willow* by Kenneth Grahame

Year 4 - *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

Year 5 - *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

Year 6 - *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

We will have copies of these books in school, however due to time restrictions on the curriculum some classes will not finish reading the entire book; however you may want to have a copy of the book at home for your child to continue reading. If you would like to know more about what St Francis' is doing to develop children's love of reading please visit the Learning section of the school website and have a look at *Reading is a Priority*.

Christmas Raffle

The letter regarding this year's Christmas raffle has been sent out to all classes; please support this fundraising event by purchasing one strip of tickets for one pound (£1). There are some fantastic prizes on offer!

Christmas Events

As we draw closer to the end of term there are a number of school events to celebrate Christmas. We look forward to celebrating with you, please make note of the dates and times below:

Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 9:45 - Year 2 nativity performance

Wednesday, 14th December 2016 - Christmas lunch (**unfortunately parents are not able to attend**)

Friday 16th December at 9:45 am - EYFS nativity performance

Friday 16th December 2016 at 6:00 pm - Carol service at St. Francis Church

Monday 19th December 2016 - Christmas class party celebrations



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Friday 20th December 2016 9:30 -End of term Mass at St Francis Church

Phonics Workshop - Reception

There is a phonics workshop for Reception parents on Tuesday 22nd November at 9:30 or 2:30. Please complete the reply slip if you will be attending. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme that we use to teach reading at St Francis'.

Parents' Conference Meetings

The parents' conference meetings for this term are as follows:

Wednesday 23rd November and Thursday 24th November for years 1-6

Friday 9th December for Nursery and Reception

It is important that all parents attend to get an early indication of how your child is settling into their new class and how he/she is coping with the demands of being in a new year group. The partnership between parents and school is essential in order for each child to reach their full potential. A letter has already been sent out for parents to book a time slot to see the teacher.

Pantomime

It's that time of year again when the nights draw closer, we have to wrap up to stay warm and we begin the expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour. As we begin the festive season we have booked our annual trip to the pantomime for years 1-6. The children will visit Theatre Royal, Stratford East to see *Sinbad the Sailor*. The cost of the visit is £9.45 which includes the entrance fee and an ice cream. The classes will be visiting on the following dates:

Years 1-3 Friday, 2nd December

Years 4-6 Tuesday 6th December

Please log-on to parentpay in order to make your contribution for this visit by Friday 25th November 2016. We expect the children to arrive back at school at about 5:30 pm so please make arrangements for someone to be at the school ready to collect your child.

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **5K on Friday, 25th November 2016** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Supervision of children before school

The school gate opens at about 8:40 in the morning to let the children on to the playground, the children are invited to into their classrooms from 8:45 in the morning. However, there are a few children who are being left in front of the school unsupervised very early in the morning. Please do remember that the school operates a breakfast club provision each morning from 7:30 in the morning; leaving children unsupervised at the front of the school early in the morning is unsafe for children.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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