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Dear Parent/Carer,

This is our last week in school for this term. School closes on Thursday, 20th December at 2:00 for the Christmas holidays; there will be no afterschool clubs or Tea Time Club on Thursday. The school will re-open on Monday, 7th January 2019 as normal.

I would like to thank all of our parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles for their support this term. The children have given some amazing performances in the last week in their Christmas plays and Carol Concert. They have truly helped me to get into the Christmas spirit and I hope they have done the same for you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2019!

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Mass

We will have our end of term Mass on **Thursday, 20th December 2018 at 9:30** in **St Francis Church**. Year 3 will lead this Mass; parents are warmly invited to attend.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday, 19th December the Mini Vinnies (Mini Vincent de Paul Society) are inviting all pupils to take part in St Francis' Catholic Primary School Christmas Jumper Day. The whole school will be taking part by wearing a festive Christmas jumper and donating £1 for the day. **The children are expected to wear their normal school uniform with the Christmas jumper in place of their grey jumpers.**

Inset Days – Teacher Training Days

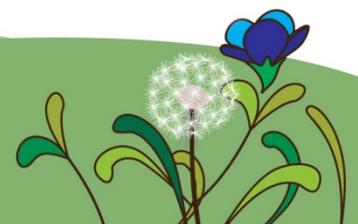
We have had a change in our school calendar to our teacher training days; therefore, Monday, 7th January 2019 will be a normal school day where the school will be open to all pupils. However, on Tuesday, 23rd April 2019 the school will be closed to pupils and will re-open on Wednesday, 24th April 2019 from the Easter break.

Christmas Raffle

The unclaimed prizes from the Christmas raffle that took place on Friday, 14th December during the Carol Concert can be claimed at the school office. We raised a total of £ from the raffle.



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Term Time Holiday

Any absence affects your child's learning, and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up. Research has shown that for every percentage point of absence, attainment is significantly lower. Even the brightest and most enthusiastic learner will find it hard to keep up with their work with these levels of absence. We will become concerned if your child's attendance drops below 95%.

95% attendance equates to half a day off every two weeks

90% attendance equates to a day off every two weeks

85% attendance equates to one and a half days off every two weeks

80% attendance equates to one whole day off every week

That is why we encourage the highest attendance possible. As a result, this school's policy is not to authorize holidays during term time.

Parental Contributions

Thanks to your parental contributions for the last academic year, we raised a total of £3,620. Your contributions are vital in ensuring that building works and improvements to the school premises take place. Please ensure that you pay your parental contribution of £40 through ParentPay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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