

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Mrs Bowen



Hello! I am Rachel Bowen and since September 2016 I have been SENCO at St Francis. This stands for Special Needs Coordinator and means that it is my job to help children and their families when they find learning in school tricky.

After studying Theology, I started my career in Wolverhampton teaching R.E. My biggest claim to fame is that I taught R.E. A'level to J.R.R Tolkein's great granddaughter! For a few years I concentrated on looking after my son and twin daughters and when they started school I was asked to teach a small group of children at the school my son attended. This began an interest in Special Needs and I have been a SENCO at schools in Norfolk and Suffolk for 12 years.

Although I was born in Norwich I lived for a number of years in Wolverhampton and completed my teacher training at Westminster College in Oxford. But I am a Norfolk girl at heart and was very happy when, as a family, we decided to move over here. In my spare time I enjoy baking and walking our slightly crazy sprocker spaniel. My husband and I are seeing how much of the English coastal path we can walk before we get too old! Oh and there is nothing I enjoy more than putting on my yellow and green scarf and spending an afternoon at Carrow Road cheering on Norwich City!

GOVERNORS

Governors were pleased to welcome two new members to our meeting on Monday 12th November 2018. Dan McKeown was elected as our new Parent Governor and Danny Sharpe is newly appointed as a Foundation Governor.

This term we have been learning more about how the children deal with being stuck in class and were grateful to the teachers and children for allowing us to visit their classes to see Growth Mindset strategies in action.

If you have any questions for Governors, we can be contacted via the school office or at chair@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk

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PTA NEWS

Christmas Cards

The children have produced some lovely designs for their personalised Christmas cards. Samples and order forms have been sent out this week (some Year 6 pupils will receive them on Monday). The deadline for orders is next Tuesday (27th Nov) to allow for delivery in good time before Christmas. You can also order mugs, tea towels and eco bags - ideal Christmas presents!

Christmas Fair

We're excited about the Christmas Fair coming up on Friday 7th December (3.30pm-5pm). This is always such a fun event and gets us all in the Christmas mood! However, the PTFA needs your help to make it a success.

We really need helpers on the day - before, during and after the event. A volunteer request form will be sent out soon asking for your help - Grandparents, friends, and older students are welcome to help out too. Those helping to run the stalls could do this in shifts, which will allow you time to enjoy the Fair too. And if you have a talent for face painting, please let us know - this is always a popular stall so we need lots of helpers to keep up with demand!

Christmas Raffle

Every year we ask for your donations for the Christmas Hamper prizes. This year the colours for the hampers will be red, green, white, silver and gold - basically, anything Christmassy! We'll send a letter with more details regarding this soon, so watch this space. Raffle tickets will go on sale soon - again, look out for these in your child's book bag.

In the meantime, if you're part of (or know) a business that could offer a prize, do let us know. We always promote the businesses that contribute, however small that prize may be.

Christmas Sports Holiday Club

The Sports Factory (STN Church) have organised an action-packed holiday club on 19th and 20th December at Recreation Road Sports Hall 10am-3pm. This is aimed at 5-11yr olds and costs £11 per child (per day). For more details, and to make a booking, visit their website www.sportsfactory.org.uk

GARDENING CLUB

There will be no Gardening Club on Tuesday 18th December 2018. Gardening Club will re-commence on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Thank you Mrs Raworth.

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Whole School Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 12th December.

Christmas Dinner Menu: Roast Turkey, Gravy and stuffing with Pork Chipolata, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Sprouts, and Raspberry Ripple Arctic Roll.



Vegetarian option: Roasted Quorn, Stuffing & Gravy with Quorn Chipolata or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Chipolata, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Sprouts and Raspberry Ripple Arctic Roll.

There is a vegetarian option that is available however this is unable to pre-book on WisePay. If a vegetarian option is required please contact the office.

Please order your child's Christmas Dinner on **WisePay by FRIDAY 30th November 2018.**

If your child is not having a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 12th December 2018 parents please provide your child with a home packed lunch as no other option will be available. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents who have already booked a paid meal for their child on Wednesday 12th December on WisePay will receive a credit.

GYMNASTICS AND TAG RUGBY AT SFA



On Wednesday some year 1 and 2 children represented the school at the Gymnastic festival held at Easton Gymnastic Centre. They were wonderful and hopefully really



enjoyed the afternoon.

Last week a year 5/6 tag rugby squad played in a tournament against a number of other schools. One team finished third and the other team won the plate competition. Superb sportsmanship was exhibited by all. To have a look at the photos or reports please go to www.norwichssp.co.uk

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Year 2 Singing with Norwich High School for Girls



On Monday, Year 2 were lucky to have some students from Norwich High School for Girls visit for a singing workshop. We learned some new songs and sang in a round, first of all in twos and then in fours! We sang a song called 'Algie met a Bear' and 'My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean' - we jumped each time we sang the letter b! We finished with a fun song about Thrigby Hall which had actions for the different animals! We had a great time!



Children in Need and Cambodia

Last Friday, as you know, we all came to school in pyjamas fundraising to support two charities. Children in Need and Cambodia for Mrs Ludden. The generous donations have been divided between the two causes,

We are very pleased to mention a FANTASTIC amount of £610.45 was raised. Thank you, for your support.

Children in Need £258.10 Cambodia £352.35

PARKING

From next week staff will be outside the school on Jessop Road and Gould Road monitoring parking. We have had serious parking incidents every day this week.



Two reports from parents are below:

- On Tuesday (Number Plate AY10 AFN) was parked outside reception on the double yellow lines. The parent/carer/grandparent took time to shepherd the child in the car towards the gate. However, she completely ignored another parent

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when they pointed out that she had parked on a double yellow dangerously and when they reminded her of the school's concerns about this.

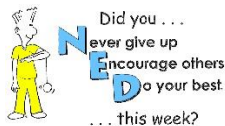
- Another parents has written this. ...
"A polite notice to all parents, grandparents and carers who drive to school. Please can you take extra care when parking near the school and be mindful of the children who may be walking near to you. Especially the smaller ones, who might be less visible to those driving.

My four year old daughter was nearly hit by a car Wednesday morning. I was walking with my three children along Gould Road towards the school when an oncoming car mounted the pavement in front of us at some speed, proceeding to park half on the road, half on the pavement. Luckily I was able to pull my daughter out of the way in time. I was in shock but the driver was seemingly unaware of any problems with the way they had parked."



Best Class Attendance

The best attendance this week goes to 4B. Very well done.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

In celebration assemblies this week well done to:

- 1F Precious for fantastic effort in her learning and trying her best.
- 1L Olivia for always trying hard to solve problems in Maths.
- 2J George for working really hard on feedback to produce some excellent writing.
- 2D Jayden for working so hard in Maths and not giving up.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please remember to keep checking the list of dates. New dates are always being added and sometimes we have to re-arrange events.

November

Thursday 29th Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 The Snail and the Whale Theatre trip 9.00 to 12.00 pm

December

Monday 3rd Girls' Football (selected children – year 5-6)

Wednesday 5th Girls' Football (selected children – year 3-4)

Wednesday 5th Advent Service at Norwich Cathedral with Year 1 children

Wednesday 12th School Christmas Dinner – please order on WisePay

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Friday 7th
Friday 14th
Tuesday 18th

Christmas Fayre and Save the Children "Wear a Christmas Jumper Day"
Farewell to June Walker our MSA (Dinner Lady) 2.00 pm
Carol Service at SJB Cathedral 10.30 (all welcome)
Last Day of Term

January
Thursday 3rd
Monday 7th
Tuesday 29th

Back to School
Epiphany Mass 9.15 am – parents welcome.
The Choir goes to Young Voices at the O2 in London.

