



Weekly What's On!

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SAYING OUR GOODBYES....and HELLOS!

This week we said a huge thank you and sad goodbye to Mrs Wilds. We send her our very best wishes for the future and retirement.

We also say farewell and happy retirement to Bob Maynard the guitar teacher. We would like to thank Bob for his time and patience and wish Bob all the best for the future.

We will be welcoming Phil Starling from Music Services who will be our new guitar teacher. Guitar lessons will re-commence Tuesday 23rd April 2019. Lessons start from 12.30pm, in the Music Room.



Preparing for Easter

This week in school, we have been thinking about the true meaning of Easter. On Tuesday the whole school watched the children of 3S beautifully act out the events of the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. We were reminded of how the words Jesus spoke to his apostles at the Last Supper are the words that we still hear during Mass today, over 2000 years later. It was lovely to see so many 3S families join us for this special occasion – we really do appreciate you taking the time to come in to school for these events.

Also this week, children have been reflecting on the last journey Jesus made, by following in his footsteps as we walked and explored the 14 Stations of the Cross. We sang or prayed as we encountered the Stations, and the children thought deeply about what each one meant. Next year, it would be lovely if families could join their child's class for this moving event.

On Wednesday, in preparation for their First Holy Communion, Year 3 travelled to Walsingham where they were joined by the Diocesan Ignite Team. Starting first at the Slipper Chapel, the two classes completed a scavenger hunt in teams around the shrine gardens, as well as learning more about what takes place during the Eucharist, and why. We then visited the Abbey gardens to pray at the site of Mary's house with Fr Luke, before having a good run around the grounds. As always, the children behaved perfectly, singing hymns from the Easter Liturgy on the coach, there and back.

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May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter, and to thank you all for your continued support, which is highly valued and very much appreciated! FH

Our Ofsted Report was sent to you all in an e-mail earlier this week. However, it can also now be found on our school website, under 'Key Information'. Once again, many thanks for working with us as part of our St Francis school family we strive to achieve even greater things for the children in our care.

Dinner Menu Week 1 on Tuesday 23rd April.

Due to delivery difficulties after the Easter break Week, the kitchen will be serving burger/veggie burgers and not as stated on the original menu. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



On Monday 25th April, students from Norwich School came back to do a second Singing Workshop with Year 2. We learned more new songs and had lots of fun. We had to face each other and 'throw and catch' our singing like a ball! We sang in rounds and even learned a song about a volcano in Mexico! We thought that was funny because we have been learning all about Mexico and volcanoes this term in school.



READ MY HEIGHT COMPETITION



Well done to Tianna in 3S for reading 1330 pages, Finlay-Rae in 3B for reading 1370 pages, Weronika in 5M for reading 1,440 pages and Angelica in 5M for reading 1430 pages. Super effort. Perhaps now these people could actually read their height in numbers of books like the photo here.

RECEPTION REQUEST

If you have any spare knickers, pants or socks that would fit Reception children we would be enormously grateful for donations. Many thanks.



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OSCARS for the SPRING TERM



The children below have been nominated as standing out as examples for each of the categories. Well done to all of them. Alas, there can only be one winner and a special congratulations to them.

KS1 NOMINEES ARE:-

Good Friend

Carley 1L, Olivia 1F, Andrea 2J, Fleur 2D

AND THE WINNER IS CARLEY 1L

Improver

Mpasso 1L, Hania 1F, Mia 2J, Jayden 2D

AND THE WINNER IS JAYDEN 2D

Community Spirited

Olivia 1L, Tabatha 1F, Machaela 2J, Diana 2D

AND THE WINNER IS MACHAELA 2J

Hard Worker

Jacob 1L, Rui 1F, George 2J, Kacper 2D

AND THE WINNER IS RUI 1F

Good Sport

Niko 1F, Zuzanna 2J,

AND THE WINNERS ARE NIKO AND ZUZANNA

KS2 NOMINEES ARE:-

Perseverance

Adam 6W, Orla 6HW, Maja 5W, Joseph 5M, Martha 4B, Hector 4M, Billy 3S, Joseph 3B

AND THE WINNER IS JOSEPH 3B

Community Spirited

Henry 6W, Thomas 5M, Felix 4B, Sophia 4M, Eli 3B, Grace 3S

AND THE WINNER IS FELIX 4B

Learning from mistakes

Edward A 6W, Daniel 5W, Imogen 5M, Benedict 4B, Tristan 4M, Klara 3B, Ellen 3S

AND THE WINNER IS DANIEL 5W

'I can' attitude

Olivia 6W, Summer 6HW, Karina 5W, Eva 5M, Sienna 4B, Tymek 4M, Ayda 3B, Nathalie 3S

AND THE WINNER IS OLIVIA 6W

Encouraging others

Beth 6W, Julia D, Holly 5W, Bea 5M, Freya 4B, Isabel 4M, Finlay-Rae 3B, Eva 3S

AND THE WINNER IS EVA 3S

KS2 HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to St Stephen's House (Red) who won the Housepoints for this Term. They will receive their reward on the first week back.

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PARENT COMMUNICATION SURVEY

Thank you to all those of you who participated in this survey. It really does help us improve.

Firstly, you ask that we send you email reminders above events the night before. We will do this as much as possible.

Secondly, you state that you really like MarvellousMe as a platform to find out what your child is doing in class but you don't get regular updates from some classes. After Easter, these classes will also send you regular updates.

Thirdly, you state you like the opportunity to come into school and watch lessons but like considerable notice about these events. We will give you more notice about these opportunities in the summer term.

Fourthly, you state that you like the open-door policy of teachers and you know that if you have something important you need to speak to the teacher about before school starts or indeed, after school, you are able to do that. You also know that you can send emails to the deputy or the office and that these emails will be forwarded to the relevant teacher quickly so you can get a prompt reply.

Finally, you were very positive about the Stay and Play in Reception and the use of Tapestry as a tool to assess your children's learning.

Of course, if you have any further suggestions on how we can improve as a school then please do either come and see me (Mrs Furness) or email deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk

EASTER TOMBOLA

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for the PTFA Easter Tombola. It was our BIGGEST EVER and raised over £400 for the school! The classes that donated the most Easter goodie bags were Mrs Knowles's (RK) and Mrs Little's (RL), so congratulations to the Reception children! They get to share a little treat for their efforts.

PTFA MEETING

The next meeting will be held the week we get back from the Easter break. This will be on Wednesday 24th April, 9am-10am in the Staff Room. It would be lovely to see you and discuss our plans for the year, including where the money raised could be spent. This meeting is open to all parents and carers, so everyone's welcome.

QUIZ & CHIPS NIGHT - Friday 10th May

Please keep this date free - we'll be sending out entry forms after the Easter break. This is open to everyone (not just parents), so invite your family and friends along too. Apparently the Teachers think they're going to win, so we need as much competition as possible! The cost is only £5 per head which includes a chip supper, with all profits going to the PTFA fund.

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SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 8th June

More details to follow, but this is the planned date for the School Fair. Please keep your diaries free!

EASTER HOLIDAY STN SPORTS CAMP

Who?

All Primary Schools aged children 5-11yrs

Where?

Recreation Road Sports Centre, NR2 3JA

When?

Mon 8th (multi-sports), Tues 9th (multi-sports) & Weds 10th April (football/netball) - 10am-3pm

How much?

£11 per day (bring packed lunch and water bottle)

With a multi-sports session on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th, children will get the chance to play a wide range of games, including football.

However, on Wednesday, for those who are football mad, they'll have the option to spend the day playing football. Alternatively, on the Wednesday, experienced netball coaches will be delivering a full day of coaching for those boys and girls who have been captivated by the ever-increasing profile of the game here in the UK.

You don't have to book all three dates, so can pick and choose the ones your child wants. Numbers are limited though, so visit www.sportsfactory.org.uk to book a place.

OTHER HOLIDAY EVENTS



Easter Holidays at Norfolk Museums

For more details and lots more events visit
www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk



The Field after school.

Now that the weather is warming up and the sun is out, we know parents are drawn to stay on the field while their children play. We request that all children and parents leave the field by 4pm as the After School Club like to go outside from this time onwards and having parents and other children out causes safeguarding concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

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School Uniform

I would like to remind all families about our school uniform now that summer is hopefully here!! Uniform is worn at St Francis of Assisi to develop a sense of pride in being a member of the school community. It is expected that all children will wear the school uniform.

R-Y2 Boys

black/dark grey trousers (or shorts in summer)

white shirt/ polo shirt

school sweatshirt

Y3-Y6 Boys

black/dark grey trousers (or shorts in summer)

white shirt and school tie (winter)

white shirt/ polo shirt (summer)

school sweatshirt

R-Y2 Girls

black/dark grey trousers/skirt/pinafore

white shirt/polo shirt

purple gingham dress (summer)

school sweatshirt/cardigan

Y3-Y6 Girls

black/dark grey trousers/skirt/pinafore

white shirt and school tie (winter)

white shirt/ polo shirt (summer)

purple gingham dress (summer)

school sweatshirt/cardigan

Shoes should be **black** and appropriate for school i.e. not trainers, high heels, flip flops etc.

PE kits can be any plain t-shirt and shorts. Every child will need a pair of jogging/track suit trousers, and a pair of trainers for PE on the field or playground.

Jewellery should not be worn (including earrings)

Nail varnish should not be worn.

Socks or Tights should be grey, black or white please.

All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

You may have noticed unclaimed uniform out on the tables this week. Please ensure every piece is named as it makes it so easy to return to the child it belonged to.

Plea for plastic bottle tops!



Please could you start saving any plastic bottle tops from milk or juice cartons etc. We would like to do a whole school art project using them in the Summer Term. Please could you hand your collection into the office, or directly to me in Year 2. Many thanks
Mrs Deakin

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Art Work Exhibited in Anteros

Matilda 1L, Pierre 2D, Ann-Leigh 4B will all be having a piece of artwork exhibited in Anteros in a few weeks. Anteros is a shop and Arts Foundation at 11-15 Fye Bridge, Norwich. Well done .



CAFOD BOXES

To mark off Lent, the children came home with little boxes that they could put their pennies into. Could these boxes be returned to School at the beginning of the new term. With the recent Mozambique disaster, the money is much needed to support families in crisis.

Family Friendly Event

Fundraising in aid of Solving Kids' Cancer.

Superheroes & Star Wars Characters City Centre Walk. Saturday 6th April
We have been asked to mention Harry's Solving Kids' Cancer appeal.
City Centre Walk will start at the Woolpack Inn Norwich, at 11am. Finish at the Woolpack Inn.
Dress up as your favourite superhero or princess, £5 per child including goodie bag.
Book your place email: harryswalk@hotmail.com Thank you.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Well done to 1F who have the very best attendance this week. Enjoy your holidays.

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.

April

Tuesday 23rd Back to School
Wednesday 24th Parent Drop-in Year 2 – Maths 9.00 am-9.50 am
CASMA concert for Year 3,4 and 5 of Choir

May

Wednesday 1st Year 1 Assembly 9.30 am
Thursday 2nd Year 1 Multi Skills Festival at Easton and Otley College
Year 2 Multi Skills Festival at Easton and Otley College
Tuesday 7th 3S Class Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 8th Indian Dance Workshops
Thursday 9th Indian Dance Workshops
Monday 13th - 16th YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
Tuesday 14th Year 5 Talking Statues Trip
Friday 17th Year 6 post SATs Cinema Treat
Year 5 Talking Statues Trip
Indian Dance Workshops
Monday 20th Samba workshops all day
Optional Theatre Royal Trip Year 3 and 4 – Puss in Boots by Northern Ballet
Tuesday 21st Samba workshops all day
Wednesday 22nd Samba workshops all morning
Thursday 23rd Optional Theatre Trip for Year 4,5 and 6. The Terrible Tudors Horrible Histories

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