

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Weekly What's

10th December 2021

Issue 14

Due to rising cases of the COVID Omicron variant and the new Government restrictions and recommendations, all the following events will be subject to amendment and adaptations.

December

Monday 13th

Reception Year 1 Christmas lunch + Mr Rose the Magic Man visiting each year group

Tuesday 14th

Year 2 and 3 Christmas lunch

Wednesday 15th

Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas lunch

Thursday 16th

TALENT SHOW

FRIDAY 17th

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT ST JONH'S CATHEDRAL IS CANCELLED DUE TO RESTRICTIONS.

We are planning for an alternative Carol opportunity, either outside or in class via Zoom, for pupils instead.

Friday 17th

Last day of term before Christmas holidays

January

Wednesday 5th

Return to School

Monday 10th

Year 5/6 Football League 3.30- 5 pm UEA SportsPark

Friday 14th

Norwich Primary Cross Country – Langley School

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Friday 21st
20th and 21st
24th and 25th

Choir to Young Voices concert at the 02
Year 5 Level 1 Pedal Power
Year 5 Level 2 Pedal Power

February

Thursday 3rd and
Friday 4th

Reception children vision and hearing tests

July

Tuesday 5th
Friday 15th

Year 6 at Notre Dame 18:00: New Parents' Evening in the Sports Hall.
Year 6 at 08:45 to 3pm: New Students' Transition Day

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



These awards were given out in our Celebration Assemblies this week:

2J – Fergus – for his determination to do his best especially with his writing
Ella – for always being engaged in her learning and for her focus and determination in all her lessons.
4HD
Josiah - for contributing some fabulous ideas to lessons and for being involved.
Elaina - for being thoroughly involved in lessons and for being a star in science lessons this half term.

5F Martha for always trying her hardest and being a helpful member of our school community.

6RL Clara : for your excellent perseverance on the Ullswater residential trip

Jacob : for your exceptional kindness and compassion towards others.

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6S Oliwia : for super resilience and perseverance - quietly having a good go at everything at Ullswater Outward Bound Centre.

Kaja : for excellent environmental awareness and general teamwork at the Ullswater Outward Bound Centre

Olaya : for generally getting stuck in and having a good go at Ullswater Outward Bound Centre.

Rylan : for great teamwork.

Ferdie: for showing great resilience and over-coming his fears.

6A: Aaron for his amazing efforts at Ullswater.

GOODBYES

Sadly, the end of 2021 is also a time to say goodbye to some key people in our St Francis family:

Lorraine Zipfel-Burke has been working for St Francis, and before that for St John's, for 24 years. Her children also attended both schools. In a school of exceptional staff, Lorraine still stands out with her generous spirit, unrelenting and tolerant support and unwavering commitment to the staff and pupils in her care. Most of the small people she has cared for over the years have now grown and many of them now have their own children who have experienced Lorraine's love and commitment. She will be so missed but we are lucky that she will stay with us a little longer in Breakfast Club each morning.

Julie Deakin has decided to take a step back from teaching to concentrate on her family after 17 years of teaching at St John's and St Francis. Julie's love of Art, and her own personal talent in the subject, has inspired many children over the years to become creative, skilled and knowledgeable artists themselves. The results of her talent to inspire children are visible throughout the school. As a class teacher, Julie has worked across many age ranges over the years, most recently in Year 3. She will be missed enormously but we hope to entice her back with her paint pots in the future!

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Michaela Riches is leaving us for a change of career after 13 years as a Teaching Assistant at St Francis and previously at St Thomas More. We are sad to lose her. When a new teaching assistant comes to our school, we always send them to watch Mrs Riches because she is the Mary Poppins of the role – practically perfect. She is a dear friend to many of us and her departure leaves an enormous hole in our school. She is one of the most conscientious members of staff in a very committed school; her 'can do' attitude, her professionalism and her humour have supported children and staff alike. We know life moves on but sometimes you just don't want it to.

Briony Knowles leaves her part-time Reception role this term but will remain in our St John the Baptist Trust family as she takes up a new full-time position as Nursery Lead at St Augustine's. Briony joined our school in 2018 and helped to redesign our EYFS setting and curriculum before taking time off for the birth of her second child. She is a passionate advocate of Early Years education and her expertise and input will have a lasting legacy.

Roisin Stanley, Jane Bell and Chloe Parke have all been working at St Francis during the last year supporting specific pupils in different year groups. Their professionalism and friendliness mean that they will be greatly missed. Roisin has been appointed as a general Teaching Assistant closer to home, Chloe is completing her Master's degree in Art and Jane is moving to Scotland to run a B & B. We wish them all luck

Clubs at St Francis – Spring 2022

Club		Who can attend?	Day	Start Time	Finish Time	Cost
Breakfast	Emily Palmer	Anyone who has paid	Every day	7.40am	8.50pm	£4 all £2.50 1/2 hour
After School	Julia McClarnon	Anyone who has paid	Every day	3.30pm	6.00pm	£2.50 until 4pm £8 all

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Library Open After School for parents and children	Mrs Furness	All children and parents	Monday	3.30 pm	4.00 pm	Free
Premier Sports Gymnastics (SCHOOL HALL)	Premier Sports	All years	Monday	3.25pm	4.25pm	£23.75 (see poster)
Sports - Come and Join in	Mr Jahi Bingham - PE Instructor	Years 1/2	Monday	12.00pm	12.30pm	Free
Sports - Come and Join in	Mr Jahi Bingham - PE Instructor	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Monday	12.30 pm	1.00 pm	Free
FILM CLUB	Mrs Sarah McDade	Years 2, 3,4,5 and 6	Tuesday fortnightly	3.25pm	5.00 pm	£2 a film first (20 places only)
ART CLUB (2J)	Juli Mobbs	Years 2,3,4,5 and 6	Tuesday	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	£25 then £30
Rosary Club	Rotation by the Adult Chaplaincy Team	Years 2, 3,4,5 and 6	Tuesday fortnightly	12.30pm	12.50 pm	Free
Musical Theatre (School Hall)	Mr Ryan Nicholson	Years 4,5 and 6	Tuesday	3.25 pm	4.15 pm	£30 10 weeks (10 places only)
Sports - Come and Join in	Mr Jahi Bingham - PE Instructor	Years 1/2	Tuesday	12.00pm	12.30pm	Free

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Competition Preparation	Mr Jahi Bingham - PE Instructor	Years 3/4	Wednesday	1.00pm	1.25pm	Free
Creative Writing	Mr Ryan Nicholson	Year 3/4/5/6	Wednesday	3.30pm	4.15 pm	10 weeks = £30
Spanish (1M)	Mrs Angela Lloret Blackburn	Years R/1	Wednesday	3.30pm	4.15 pm	10 weeks = £30
CAFOD CLUB	Adult Chaplaincy Team	Years 5 and 6	Wednesday fortnightly	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	Free
School Council	Kate Hinings	School council representatives	Wednesday fortnightly	12.30 pm	1.00 pm	Free
Parent Support Worker	Mrs Cove	All parents	Wednesday	Drop in 8.40 to 10 am COFFEE AND BISCUITS	Appointments can be made via the office	Free
Art Club – Act too (2H) (FULL)	Juli Mobi	Years 2,3,4,5and 6	Thursday	3.30 pm	4.30 pm	£25 and £30
Competition Preparation	Jahi Bingham - PE Instructor	Years 5/6	Thursday	1.00pm	1.25pm	Free
Spanish (6R)	Mrs Angela Lloret Blackburn	Years 2/ 3/4/5 and 6	Thursday	3.30 pm	4.15 pm	10 weeks = £30
Choir (The Hall)	Mrs Claire Furness	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday	8.20 am	8.55am	Free
Running Club	Mrs Watt and Mrs Furness	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Friday	12.30 pm	1.10 pm	Free

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Library Open After School for parents and children	Mr Brackenbury	All years	Friday	3.30 pm	4.00 pm	Free

Gymnastics At: St Francis of Assisi

Date: W/c 10th January – W/e 11th February 2022

Day: Monday

Times: 15.25-16.25

Price: £23.75 -just £4.75 per person

Class: All year groups

How to Book...

Go to www.premier-education.com/parents and search for your child's school using our handy school activities finder.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Children are invited to wear their jumpers for the whole of the last week of term.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Children will be having a special Christmas lunch with some very special guests. If it is a child's Christmas lunch day, they must either choose the meal or bring in a home packed lunch as the kitchen cannot cater for other meals on that day. Other year groups will have a choice of the meal on the menu or the vegetarian option only.

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The Big Christmas Give



Socially Distanced DROP OFF

Saturday 18th December
10am - 2pm
Avenue Junior School
Avenue Rd, Norwich NR2

BADLY NEEDED ITEMS:

FOODBANKS	LEEWAY & LOCAL HOSTELS
Crisps, Nuts, Dried Fruits	<i>New Items Only Please:</i>
Tinned Meat	<u>Womens' and Childrens'</u>
Tinned Stew/casserole	Tights
Tinned Fish	Socks
Pasta Sauce	Pants
UHT Fruit Juice	Pyjamas
Cereal	Nightshirts
Custard	T shirts
Instant Mash	Leggings
Sponge Puddings	Toiletries
Tinned Fruit	Art Materials
Rice Pudding	Toys (no guns)
Christmas Pudding	
Mince Pies	
Part Baked Bread- Long Life	
Chocolate, Selection Boxes, Bars	

Proud to be collecting for:

Please no fresh or short-date items



ARCHWAY HOSTEL NR2
And young refugees resettled within our community

Leeway

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