

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020



### Reminders

- Please could we ask that all pupils arrive in good time to start their day. There are some persistent latecomers at the moment who are arriving after the lessons have started. This not only disadvantages your child, but also can have a detrimental effect on other learners and staff who are interrupted by a late arrival. Different class start and finish times are posted on the school website or can be obtained from the school office.
- School will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There has been some speculation that schools may finish a week earlier on December 11<sup>th</sup>; this is not the case. We will return to school on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday next week. This is slightly different to the usual dinner we serve, but tasty nonetheless.
- Christmas jumpers may be worn next Friday and Christmas cards brought in to be given out the following week. This is the only day that cards will be able to be brought in.

### Parents' Feedback Phone Calls

Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage in these important calls. I am sure that it was reassuring to hear how all your children have settled back into school life. Their wellbeing is of the utmost importance at the moment and we are all working hard to ensure that the lead up to Christmas, and the focus on what it really means, is as normal as we can possible provide at the moment. We will obviously not be inviting you to share any Christmas concerts in school, but are working on our whole-school virtual nativity which will be shared with you during the last week of term.

### Enterprise Week

This will take place next week. This will also obviously look very different to normal, but as it is very much a part of our Christmas tradition here at St Francis, we are keen that it should go ahead as normal. I know that there are many of you who will miss this opportunity to visit the classrooms. We will ensure that there are lots of photos of the week's activities for you to look at on Twitter. All classes will use their 'loan' to purchase materials to create Christmas goodies which they will then sell to family and friends. This activity allows the pupils to design plans before making, set up a budget plan and then investigate profit and loss; all very worthwhile life skills!

### Crucial Crew

This term our Y6 pupils have missed the opportunity to attend this exciting and informative event delivered by the county's emergency and support services. As an alternative, they have a video to watch prepared by them outlining the work that they do and will receive their generously filled goody bags.



### Parish Links

Dosbarth Puffin attended Mass this morning and behaved impeccably; such a credit to our school. Next Friday is the last day for sending back First Holy Communion letters. We are hoping that the candidates can attend Mass to meet with Fr Paul on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Parents would be most welcome to come along and join us. Their preparation lessons will start after the Christmas break.



...this week to  
Hannah – 5 oed  
Iwan – 4 oed  
Layla-Marie – 11 oed

**Breakfast Club & Friday afternoon provision both have waiting lists. If your child no longer requires this facility, please could you let Mrs Thomas in the school office know.**



### Y Cyngor Cymraeg

This week the Cyngor Cymraeg have set our pupils in Foundation Phase the challenge of designing a Welsh Christmas card to send to Governors. Pob lwc pawb!



### Merit Certificates

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| Dosbarth Seren Y Mor | Evie Schilke<br>For always giving 100% and using 'talk partners' and word of the day so well.                             |
| Dosbarth Puffin      | Ava Rees<br>For improving her writing and gaining confidence when working independently.                                  |
| Dosbarth Dolffin     | Ruby Cole<br>For always trying her best and being the best that she can be.   |
| Dosbarth Skomer      | Aidan Freeman<br>For using the 3 <sup>rd</sup> person sentence pattern in Welsh and always trying his best to speak Welsh |
| Dosbarth Ramsey      | Jude Abeysena<br>For always trying his best, good behaviour and excellent presentation.                                   |

**DON'T FORGET!**

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Wear your Christmas jumper to school and bring £1.

Don't forget your Christmas cards!



Dear Jesus,  
Like Mary and Joseph, help us  
to remember that you are  
important, even when we are  
busy.  
Help us to remember that you  
came to earth at Christmas.  
Help us to be excited for when  
you return.  
Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **RSE and PSHE**

We currently teach Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) throughout the school as it:

- Promotes wellbeing and physical and mental health.
- Promotes independence and responsibility, preparing children for future roles.
- Contributes to the safety and protection of our children.
- Improves employability by developing personal and social skills.

Children have opportunities to learn about:

- Relationships including friendships and positive and negative relationships
- Health including healthy lifestyles, healthy eating and exercise, mental and emotional health and in Year 6 this also includes drug, alcohol and tobacco education.
- Risk including internet safety and personal safety
- Finance and Careers including charity giving, enterprise, savings and budgets

This has changed from September 2020 when Relationships and Sex Education has now become statutory. Our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) will be taught in Year 5 and 6 using the diocesan approved programme - A Fertile Heart. This will be taught in an age-appropriate way and as always, our Catholic beliefs will be at the core of everything we teach. You are invited to share your views on our new RSE policy which has been written based on the Catholic Education Service model which our diocesan schools were provided with. You can find a copy on this link -

[..\POLICIES\RSE Policy - ST FRANCIS.pdf](#)

Please feel free to complete the attached questionnaire to share your views.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kxkx-dGmN-RMvvahlk-7UGdUNExMNFEzNTM2SzdQS1A4U0UxVDVCMVdSWC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kxkx-dGmN-RMvvahlk-7UGdUNExMNFEzNTM2SzdQS1A4U0UxVDVCMVdSWC4u)

The Diocesan RE programme will continue to be followed with RSE lessons replacing one of these sessions every other week. There is a very useful website which supports this programme and has a section for parents - <https://www.fertileheart.org.uk/parents/>

This programme will commence after the Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Roberts

*And finally, we are always keen to hear your views on what we are doing here and welcome feedback from you. We are also keen to know that your children are really as happy and settled as they appear to be when they are here. Please take some time to let us know how they are getting on and what more we can do to help. Please find our latest questionnaire*

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kxkx-dGmN-RMvvahlk-7UGdUNDFCQU42WUU1UUhKSIBDTEhSSkq4SzIYVy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kxkx-dGmN-RMvvahlk-7UGdUNDFCQU42WUU1UUhKSIBDTEhSSkq4SzIYVy4u)

*Many thanks.*