

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd April 2020

Reminders

Please click the link below for updates on COVID-19 and education:

<https://www.stfranciscatholicschool.co.uk/parent-zone>

The home learning booklet can be found on the link below:

https://bbecad97-b607-4cc9-9823-a5153e92222a.filesusr.com/ugd/8f6dcc_be4a283027334a04af7cc059bbeef5f4.pdf

Stay safe

On what would've been our last day in school before the Easter holidays I'd like to let all the children know that we are thinking of them and hope all our families are well. It is very strange in school without the children there, no one has stopped me to tell me a funny fact they'd learnt that morning or that their tooth has fallen out! It is important to stay home, stay safe and remember that we are all in this together, we are here if you need us.

It is great to see how many children are engaging online, already completing some of the tasks available as well as the activities provided in the Home Learning Packs. It is important for everyone to take some time to rest over the Easter holidays as from the 20th April our distance learning will look a little different. The teachers are working really hard, as always, to make sure the learning is as beneficial and as fun as possible. There will be a questionnaire coming home asking parents for feedback and how best we can support you moving forward. There will also be a children's questionnaire for them to feedback and, just like how they shape our curriculum in school, we'd like them to have an input from home too.

The teachers will be phoning home over the next two weeks to catch up with how the children are and if we can support in anyway. Your child's teacher will also explain how the children will engage in distant learning from the 20th April.

Social Media

Now more than ever it is important to stay in touch. If you haven't already, please create a Twitter account, this will enable you to find out the most up to date information about our school and a great way to engage with us during this time.

Estyn Inspection Report

In other news, our Estyn report will be published and available on the Estyn website <http://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6683314> on Monday 6 April 2020.

Birthdays

If you would like us to send your child a birthday wish during this time, please let us know via Twitter and they will appear on future newsletters.



Parish Links

Next week is Holy Week. We find ourselves in an unprecedented situation where we are to celebrate this, the most important celebration in the Church year, in isolation. For your information the link below shows the churches in our diocese who are celebrating and live streaming Mass: <http://www.menevia.org/live-streamed-sunday-mass/>

Our nearest Parish that is live streaming Mass is Haverfordwest and Narberth.

They live stream on YouTube. this link is: <http://m.youtube.com/user/LIFBB>

The school Twitter handle is: [@St_FrancisPembs](https://twitter.com/St_FrancisPembs)

To find out what's happening in each class please follow:

[@DosbarthSerenYM](https://twitter.com/DosbarthSerenYM)
[@DosbarthDolffin](https://twitter.com/DosbarthDolffin)
[@DosbarthCaldey](https://twitter.com/DosbarthCaldey)
[@DosbarthSkomer](https://twitter.com/DosbarthSkomer)
[@Dosbarth_Ramsey](https://twitter.com/Dosbarth_Ramsey)

The Friends' Twitter handle is: [@friendsofstfran](https://twitter.com/friendsofstfran)



Y Cyngor Cymraeg

YCC, your shopping list following your successful pitch at Den y Dreigiau has arrived! They'll be here ready for your Welsh music project. Start researching some Welsh music so that we can have an epic playlist when we return to school!



A prayer for when a friend is ill:

Dear God,
(Name of friend) is ill.
I'm sad because I miss them.
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.
Please be close to them.
Please be with the people
who are looking after them.
Please help them to get better
and to know that you love them.
Amen.

Dosbarth Ramsey have been exploring what it means to be 'Enterprising, Creative Contributors'. They decided upon and created the images to match the statements. To find out up to date information about the new curriculum for Wales please find information on our website.

I can be the leader and let other lead.



Lead and play different roles in teams effectively and responsibly.

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Dear parents/carers

As you are aware, due to the recent school closures, we will be moving towards online distance learning in the near future. For our younger learners, pupils in Dosbarth Seren Y Mor, Dosbarth Dolffin and Dosbarth Caldey, this will mean engaging with the J2e platform which is accessed via HWB by use of their HWB login details. These were provided in their Home Learning packs before closure. Once logged in on J2e, they will find a variety of home learning tasks in a folder set by their class teacher. Please see the video links below for guidance on accessing the digital learning platform and how to share work completed by the children.

Video 1

This video starts from an empty browser and takes you through logging in to Hwb with your children and then into j2e. This video briefly shows the use of JiT, J2blast etc and highlights my files.

<https://youtu.be/FifpAgXUJq8>

Video 2

This video looks specifically at how you can help your child/ren to access a tile the teacher has created.

<https://youtu.be/PY9BycdzD9A>

Video 3

This video explains how you can support our youngest learners by uploading images of their 'non digital' work into j2e. An iPad is used in the example but it works in the same way with a mobile phone.

<https://youtu.be/ObUSGB0UCuc>

We hope that you find these useful. Even though this platform will be used by the youngest of our learners, J2E is great for our older learners too and they really enjoy using it.

Diolch to Mr Benbow for creating these videos to support us!

