

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2020

Reminders

- Thursday 18th June - 'The Year of the Word' day of celebration
- Please click the link below for updates on COVID-19 and education:
<https://www.stfranciscatholicschool.co.uk/parent-zone>
- Please find the Summer Term Newsletter on the link below:
<https://spark.adobe.com/page/ctzsaUjWBgnwh/>

Check-in, catch- up and prepare

Following eleven weeks of lockdown, we are now making plans for children to be given the opportunity to return to school before the summer holidays for a 'check-in, catch-up and prepare.' The start date for this will be Monday June 29th, for four weeks. As a result, the autumn term half term has been extended by an extra week, the date of which has yet to be confirmed. This decision has been taken based on scientific advice presented to Welsh Government.

Thank you very much to those of you have filled out the recent questionnaire regarding this. It is good to see so many families engaged in supporting their children in their home learning in such a positive way. I will appreciate that there will be many of you who are anxious regarding this re-opening, but we will keep you informed as we formulate a plan to enable these opportunities to take place safely.

We have received the operational guidance from Welsh Government and we are translating that guidance to how this will look at St Francis. We are planning for the children to have at least three days for each child in a small groups of their classmates. The careful and safe re-opening of St Francis Catholic School will present a unique set of challenges which will now become the staff, governor and local authority's main priority over the next two weeks. We aim to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our learners, our staff and the wider school community in all that we plan and prepare.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide the online learning as well as the phased return to school. We will implement the return to school in line with local and national guidance and we will keep you informed of how this will look for our school. There is not going to be a quick return to how things were before lockdown. Our 'new normal' will be quite different, but all families and learners can be as confident as possible that everything is being done to facilitate a safe return for all.

If you haven't already done so, please complete last week's questionnaire here:
[Parent feedback form 5.6.20 - please click here to complete.](#)

St Francis really does have talent!

Wow - what a wonderful display of talent! I'm sure the videos throughout the day brought a smile to many faces, they definitely brought a smile to mine! As a school community we are all missing each other, therefore it was wonderful to see you all displaying your God-given talents in so many different ways. Adults, if you haven't seen the tweets, you are missing out - go to the class pages on Twitter asap! Thank you to all the parents who nurture these talents at home and for your efforts in sharing them with us. Diolch.



Parish Links

We find ourselves in an unprecedented situation where we are unable to celebrate Mass together. 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>

Sunday Liturgy for Families

Please find an alternative on the link below provided by Ten Ten resources:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

The school Twitter handle is:
@St_FrancisPembs

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

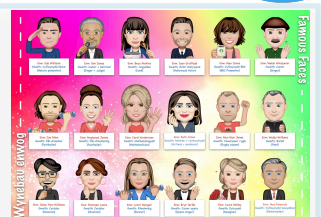
@DosbarthSerenYM
@DosbarthDolffin
@DosbarthCaldey
@DosbarthSkomer
@Dosbarth_Ramsey

The Friends' Twitter handle is:
@friendsofstfran



Y Cyngor Cymraeg

Famous people from Wales 'Guess Who' game to practise simple questions and answers in Welsh. Joining the Bitmoji craze with this activity!
<https://twitter.com/cymraegsb/status/1267433783894179846?>



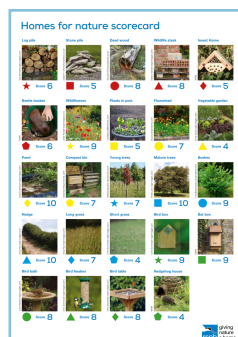
For hospital staff and medical researchers:

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be
restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

One of our Eco Schools targets is to improve the biodiversity of our school grounds. The RSPB are currently running a competition to redesign your outdoor space to encourage wildlife. You could win an Outdoor Learning Kit for our school!

[Click here to view the Eco activity](#)



Are you a creative contributor? Do you think you've got what it takes to improve our outdoor space? We need your help!

One of our Eco Schools targets is to improve the biodiversity of our school grounds. That means we want to encourage more wildlife into the school grounds.

The RSPB are currently running a competition to redesign your outdoor space to encourage wildlife. You could win an Outdoor Learning Kit for our school! These include bag pats, binoculars, magnifying glasses and Identification guides.

Use the scorecard <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ttd-yAC2FQw-cFloSK6XDeTkconZ1I2Sq/view> to rate our current outdoor space for encouraging wildlife into the school grounds and then set about redesigning the outdoor space to make it more appealing for wildlife.

Think about what wildlife you would like to see and what would attract them to the school grounds. The RSPB website has lots of information about what different wildlife like.

Pop In! We look forward to seeing your entries!

Tweet of the week!

Fairy wings @st_francispembs
@DosbarthDolffin



20:27 · 11/06/2020 · Twitter for iPhone

@st_francispembs

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



Dosbarth Seren y Môr
@DosbarthSerenYM

This week I have been blown away by the effort put in with our home learning tasks! This pupil has impressed me so much with her attitude to learning this week's special sound and working so hard to represent the Number of the Week in different ways. Da iawn!



Dosbarth Dolffin
@DosbarthDolffin

This week in Dosbarth Dolffin we've had the best week celebrating [#ExpressiveArtsWeek](#). The standard of work has been amazing, which is why choosing our Seren yr Wythnos was so difficult. The Seren yr Wythnos yw....



Dosbarth Caldey
@DosbarthCaldey

This weeks star of the week was difficult to choose but one pupil tried their best to complete as many activities as they could! Da iawn ti! [#ExpressiveArtsWeek](#) ★🏆



Dosbarth Skomer
@DosbarthSkomer

A very difficult decision this week as Dosbarth Skomer have worked incredible hard. This student has stood out for displaying a deep understanding of capacity through their confident estimating and measuring of various containers. Y Seren yr Wythnos yw ...



Dosbarth Ramsey
@dosbarth_ramsey

A difficult decision this week as everyone has worked so hard during [#ExpressiveArtsWeek](#)! But for showcasing his talents in a range of tasks this week, y Seren yr Wythnos yw...



This half-term, we will be focusing on the
Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues:

Learned and Wise

Learned in the way in which we try our best at school and learn about God and **wise** in our words, choices, decisions and the way we choose to live our lives.'

We can be **learned** in our studies and share our **wisdom** with others. Everybody has their own unique interests and talents. For this virtue, think about how you can maybe deepen your own wisdom by learning a new skill or by sharing a pre-existing talent with others. Perhaps you can teach your family members some Welsh or try learning a few simple phrases from another language!

Pob Lwc!



To *acquire*
wisdom
is to love yourself;

people who cherish understanding

will

prosper.

(Proverbs 19:8)

