

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2018

Reminders

- Please note that we break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29th. We return to school on Tuesday April 17th for the summer term.
- Caldey Class concert takes place on Wednesday at 6pm. Tickets are on sale in the office at the price of £3 each.

Visits and Visitors

- St Francis and Holy Name are working towards the next award in the Welsh Language Charter, both silver and gold award require the children to take part in ICT based activities to enhance learning and enjoyment. We have devised a project where Welsh and ICT have been brought together; we ensured that all staff and pupils had the opportunity to become competent and confident Welsh, digital learners. Throughout the project we have proved that new technologies enhance collaboration opportunities. The aim of our project was for pupils to become independent bilingual learners who are able to communicate confidently using new technologies. On Wednesday of this week we held an open morning for pupils and teachers from all over Pembrokeshire, along with advisers from the County Council, to share what we have achieved. The pupils from both schools took on lead roles during the morning as Y Cyngor Cymraeg and Digital Leaders. We are all very proud of the children's achievements. The pupils' manners and behaviour were yet again commented on positively. We are now working towards the resource becoming available on the app store. Cyffrous iawn – very exciting!
- Last Friday Mrs Arnopp-Rees and I made a presentation to teachers and school leaders at the regional Wellbeing Conference. We were able to share with others the work that we do in St Francis on ELSA, emotion coaching and Lego Therapy, as well as getting ideas from other schools about what they do well. We continue to work very closely with the other schools in the Milford Haven cluster.



Parish Links

Our Easter Mass will take place in the parish church next Thursday at 9.30am. After the Mass you are invited to join the pupils and staff for a coffee morning back in school.

Donations of cakes would be much appreciated.



Friends' News

The Friends are organising a big Easter raffle to take place at next week's coffee morning. As usual any raffle prizes will be very gratefully received. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Attendance

Attendance last week was below our target with a whole school figure of only 92%. The class with the best attendance was Dolphin Class with 96.96% - the only class over 95%.

Happy Birthday this week to – Ewan Larsen, Max Walters, Ethan Dawes, Holly Armstrong & Kenny Smith

From after the Easter holidays St Francis School will be entering into a closer and more formalised association with St Mary's School in Pembroke Dock. I will officially take over as headteacher of both schools from April 16th. I have been in St Mary's for the equivalent of two days a week since September and spend the remaining three in St Francis; this will not change. There will be some exciting opportunities for both staff and pupils in both schools as we share our best practice and expertise.

Details of a very exciting competition have been sent home for completion over the Easter holidays. The prizes are excellent with the winning school receiving £2,500 and the individual winners' prizes also being very generous. Please could all entries be returned after the holidays.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Starfish – Freya Hughes

Dolphins – Adrina Mathan

Caldey – Joshua Mantripp

Skomer – Chloe Phillips

Ramsey – Ethan Dawes

Please could I remind you that cars are not allowed to be driven up to the school after 8.40am and at the end of the school day unless you have been issued with a permit. There was yet another very near miss this week involving a member of staff. Next time it might be your child. Please could I ask you to be very careful when reversing your cars in the morning and check that there is no-one behind you beforehand. There is plenty of parking space available at the Meads Leisure Centre.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Howell on the birth of Baby Idris who was born on Wednesday. Mother and baby both doing well!

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