

St Francis' Primary and Nursery Class

Newsletter

August/September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Francis Primary and Nursery class, we missed you! We especially would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and their parents who have joined us over the last week! All of our children are settling into life within our school and Nursery Class and we would like to thank all our parents/carers for their support in this. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you over this session to help all children in St Francis' achieve their potential.

Welcome to our new Primary 1 families!



It has been an exciting start to Primary 1 and the children have all settled well into their new routines. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support in preparing them for school. We will be sharing the children's learning via Seesaw however, we understand you will be keen to see how the children are settling in. There will be a Primary 1 coffee morning soon where parents can meet with their child's class teacher for some more information. If you require more information or have a concern we ask that you contact the office.

New staff

This term we have the pleasure of welcoming some new teaching staff to our team. We look forward to working with them!



Wet Mornings



Please note that if it is raining in the mornings when you arrive at school, the front door will be open to allow P4-P7 to enter their classrooms and for P1-P3 to enter the main hall to allow children to shelter from the rain.

Entry and Exit to School

In order for your children to exit the school safely we ask for your support in leaving space at the front of the main and side gates. It can be quite difficult for our younger children to see their parents when there is a crowd at the exit. We understand that this can sometimes be difficult but we appreciate your continued support in this matter.

We would also like to remind our families that **Primary 1 and Primary 2** children will **exit** through the **side gate** and **Primary 3 - Primary 7** children will **exit through the main gate**. If you have children in both the lower and upper stages we advise that the oldest child meets their younger sibling at the side gate.

Nursery Update



We would like to welcome back our pre-school children to another year at nursery! We would like to remind our families that the children will be taking part in outdoor learning so please make you provide suitable clothing.

Our staff will be updating the children's care plan targets during the month of August, we ask that you spend some time with the staff to do this as it will help them plan relevant learning experiences.

We will soon be welcoming new children to the nursery, if anyone has misplaced their start date please contact the office for more information.

Allergies



Nut Free School

Quite a number of our children have nut allergies which can provoke a severe allergic reaction. For this reason, St Francis is a "nut free" school. Please do not provide your child with a lunch or snack containing nuts or nut spreads such as peanut butter and 'Nutella'.

Allergies/Medical conditions

We will be soon updating our medical care plans for all children who have a medical condition or allergy, we will do this by contacting parents/carers. If you require to complete a new care plan please complete the form as fully as possible so we can provide the correct care and attention for your children. **If your child has a food allergy you must request a written letter from your GP so we can process this information with our catering staff. Our staff are not permitted to serve food to children who have a food allergy without the correct notification.**

Enquiries about your child

Please note, in the first instance:

- For Nursery to P3 - Miss Lynch Depute Head Teacher
- For P4-P7 -Mrs Johnston - Depute Head Teacher

Please do not come to the school without an appointment unless there is an emergency. If you need to take your child for an appointment, please call the office in advance and we will try to have the child ready for you to collect.

PE days



Please see PE days below. We ask for your continued support in ensuring children come to school on their PE days with a yellow polo shirt or yellow t-shirt and dark coloured joggers/shorts and trainers. Hoodies and other sports wear are not suitable for these days.

1a	Tuesday & Thursday	1b	Wednesday & Thursday
1c	Tuesday & Wednesday	2a	Wednesday & Thursday
2b	Tuesday & Thursday	2c	Wednesday & Thursday
3a	Wednesday & Thursday	3b	Wednesday & Thursday
4.3	Monday & Thursday	4a	Tuesday & Friday
4b	Monday & Wednesday	5a	Monday & Friday
5b	Friday	6.5	Wednesday & Friday
6a	Wednesday & Friday	7.6	Monday & Friday
7a	Thursday &	7b	Tuesday & Thursday

Showbie and Seesaw

Class Codes session 23-24

P1a, P1b and P1c	Seesaw	2a	Y78MP
2b	PF75L	2c	C8J3B
3a	6GMGQ	3b	YZ8NW
4.3	QMZRD	4a	BMB3J
4b	H72Y3	5a	6KNAG
5b	C2UQC	6.5	MFV3D
6a	4DGR7	7.6	UWAPY
7a	J8BL3	7b	8JP2C

In St Francis' Primary we use Showbie to assist with homework. Children in P2-P7 already have an account with Showbie, however they will be required to join their new class using the new codes below. Children in Primary 1 will use Seesaw and codes to access individual accounts will be given in August.

If children have forgotten their details, please email Miss Lynch, and she will reset the password.

For all new children joining St Francis' Primary will need to set up a new Showbie account. To do this please follow the steps below:

Download the Showbie app (for apple products only) or access the website online (Google Showbie). Once you have accessed the website or app, please complete the following steps

Step 1 - Sign up for free

Step 2 - Click 'I'm a student'

Step 3 - Fill in your child's name

Step 4 - Create a username (This needs to be an original username)

Step 5 - Create a password (Please write down the username and password)

Step 6 - Join the relevant class by inserting the code from the classes above

If you are experiencing any problems making a new Showbie account, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Stage
28.8.23	9.30am - 10.30am	P2 & P3 coffee morning	P2 and P3
29.8.23	9.30am - 10.30am	P1 coffee morning	P1 only
30.8.23	9.30am - 10.30am	P4-P7 coffee morning	P4, P5, P6 and P7
1.9.23	AM	First Friday Mass	P4a
8.9.23	7pm - 10pm	Family fun night	All welcome
22.9.23 - 25.9.23	All Day	September weekend	All stages