

St Francis' Primary & Nursery Class

November
2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

I can't quite believe we have reached November already. The children have had a very settled start back after the October break and I look forward to sharing the learning for this academic session.

We will continue to post updates on our school website and if necessary send a Group-call to communicate key messages to individual year groups.

Ms Martin
Head Teacher

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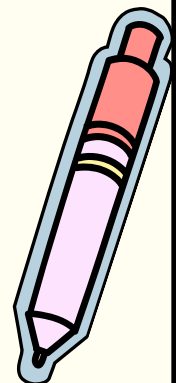


Refugee Children

Children who move from their home country to another country, because it was not safe for them to stay there, should get help and protection **and** have the same rights as children born in that country.

In St Francis we are all one family.

Talking time with your child
What makes us unique?



Attendance and Late Coming

Number of days missed	Attendance Percentage
0	100%
10	95%
19	90%
29	85%
38	80%
47	75%

As I am sure you will agree, your child's regular attendance at school is extremely important. Above is an indication of the correlation between the number of days missed and attendance percentages for each child. Target attendance for each child is 96%.

We understand that personal circumstances can result in poor attendance or regular latecoming and we are sympathetic to this. If this is the case, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will work together with you in the best interest of your child.

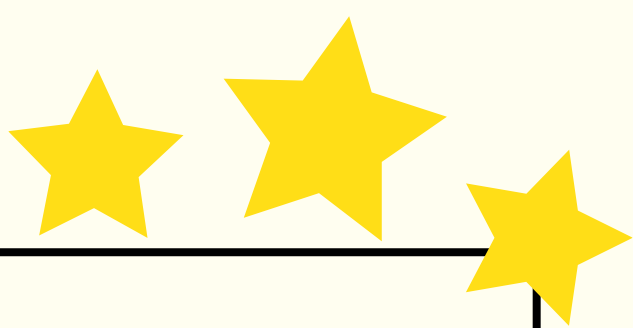
Attendance Protocols

If your child will not be attending school, it is imperative that you notify the school office at the beginning of the day. If we do not hear from you, and cannot make contact with you, it may be necessary to conduct a home visit to check that your child is safe.

Monthly analysis of attendance data leads to the identification of any child(ren) whose attendance falls below 90%. In this instance, Attendance **Letter 1** will be issued. This letter requests that contact is made with the school in order to discuss the reasons for absence and any supports that can be put in place for attendance to increase.

If there is no improvement, Attendance **Letter 2** will be issued. This includes a request for a face-to-face meeting to discuss measures that can be put in place. Failing any progress following Steps 1 and 2, an individual support plan may need to be put in place. At every step, your child's wellbeing and education are at the heart of all dialogue and subsequent actions.

Learning Zone



To support learning at home, we have added some links to our school website.

This may be helpful to extend learning at home, or for additional learning during times when children cannot access school eg strike days, school closures etc

[St Francis' Primary and Nursery Class website](#)

Our school website has a tab titled 'Remote Learning' and has a drop down menu that may be useful.

[Remote Learning Website](#)

This part of our website contains links to literacy and numeracy websites.

Parents' evening and Performance for Learning



This year, parent's evening will take place on the 16th and 23rd November. An appointment date and time will be sent home soon so please check school bags!

Our Nursery class will have their Performance for Learning week on the week beginning 13th November. Please check Seesaw for your child's day to meet with their key worker.

Winter emergency school closure



During severe winter weather, schools and services can be affected for a variety of reasons, such as those noted below:

- The access road is not on a priority or severe weather route and is therefore untreated
- Insufficient staff are able to reach their place of work to maintain minimum ratios
- Pupils are unable to reach school safely
- Problems with the heating supply
- Water supply is compromised resulting in disruption to sanitation services and
- Access routes around the establishment are considered hazardous or are blocked by snow and ice

Whilst every effort is made to keep schools open, there may be occasions when emergencies make it necessary for pupils to be sent home prematurely. The decision to close a school rests with the Director of Education and parents will be notified through our school website and via email and text message. Please ensure all contact details are up to date. For those of you who live or work some distance away it would be beneficial, where possible, to have a contact close to the school for situations such as heavy snow fall.

Laudato Si



Having renewed our commitment last term as a Laudato Si School we will be having a focus week on 6th - 10th November. Our learning during this week will be centred around The Laudato Si; a letter from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet urging all of us to protect the earth; our common home. Each stage will be learning about a different aspect of sustainability, we look forward to showcasing our children's learning on X (formerly known as Twitter).

Fundraising

As a Laudato Si school some of the senior children will be leading fundraising initiatives. This will involve the children establishing enterprise projects to raise funds for charities of their choosing. This includes things like the sale of bookmarks, origami animals and bracelets. Children will be kept up to date as to what weeks this will be happening during assembly time.



Class Blogs

Our class blogs are now on the school website for you to view. The blogs share the learning that has taken place over the last term including some pictures of the work the children have completed. To view the blogs, please click on the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/stfrancisprimaryandnurseryclass/class-blogs/>

A Guide for Non-Catholic parents

If you are a non-Catholic parent who has chosen to send your child to a Catholic primary school, you may have some questions about what to expect. Catholic schools are not just places where children learn academic subjects, but also where they are nurtured in their faith and moral development. Catholic schools aim to provide an education that is based on the teachings and values of the Catholic Church, and that respects the diversity of beliefs and backgrounds of all pupils.

To find out more about practices in a Catholic school, please click on the following link: [A Guide for Non-Catholic parents](#)

Dates for your Diary



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Date	Time	Event	Stage
1 st November 23	TBC	All Saints Day Mass	All stages
6 th – 10 th November 23	All week	P1 enrolment week	Nursery Class
9 th November 23	9.15am-10am and 5.00pm-5.45pm	P4-P7 Reflective Reading Workshop	P4-P7
9 th November 23	AM	Everywhere Bear (a Seesaw post will be sent explaining the event)	P1 families
13 th – 17 th November 23	All week	Performance for Learning week	Nursery Class
16 th November 23		Parent's Evening	All stages
16 th November 23		whole school sponsored readathon to raise money for literacy resources	All stages
20 th November 23	9.15am-10am and 5.00-5.45pm	P2-3 Phonics/Reading Workshop	P2-P3
20 th – 24 th November 23	All week	Catholic Education Week	All stages
21 st November 23	9.15-10am and 5.00-5.45pm	P1 Phonics workshop	P1
23 rd November 23		Parent's Evening	All stages
26 th November 23	10am	Catholic Education week Mass at BJDS Church	All welcome
30 th November 23		St Andrew's Day	All stages