

St Francis' Primary & Nursery Class



December
2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who continue to show commitment, integrity and unity every day.

We would also like to thank all our partners, families and friends for their support and of course a special thank you to all our wonderful pupils of St Francis who continue to make this school a happy and enjoyable place to be.

As Advent begins, a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus we are reminded of the importance of love and family. We continue to pray for all our families.

We hope that you have a very merry and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year!



Rights Respecting School

December

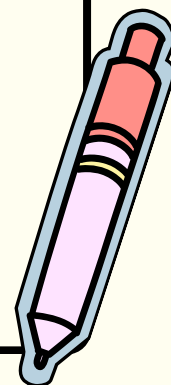
Article 19



You have the right to be protected from being badly treated.

The UNCRC considers violence to happen when someone attacks a person's mental state as well as when they attack a person's body. Because of this, verbal abuse and intimidation are both considered to be forms of violence.

Right's
Respecting
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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

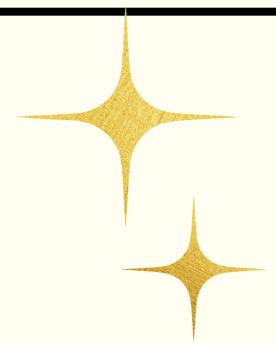
[St Francis' Primary and Nursery Class website](#)

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.

Thank you!



We would like to express our thanks to the ongoing support from our Parent Council. They have been invaluable in arranging a number of different projects over the year including the Halloween discos, Family fun night and raising money to support our Christmas activities. We wouldn't be able to provide the children with these experiences without them.

Breakfast with Santa



We have arranged for Primary 1 to go on a trip to Dobbie's garden centre to visit Santa Claus on the 4th December. The parent council have arranged to pay for this experience and we ask that parents pay £3 towards the buses.

Each child will get a chance to meet Santa and they will receive a gift.

Santa will also visit the children in Nursery, Primary 1, Primary 2 Primary 3 during their Christmas parties!



Class Blogs

Our class blogs for term 2 will be ready before the end of term. 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/>

Christmas events



Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch in Fuel Zone 7th December, children have already been asked to pick a choice so please do NOT choose an option online for this day. If you need to pay for your child's meal, please ensure your credit their account on ParentPay before this date.

Christmas Show

Our P1-3 Christmas Nativity and P4-7 take place on 13th and 14th December. On the 13th of December our Nativity will be at 9.30am and our P4-7 Christmas songs will be at 1.30pm. . On the 14th our P4-7 children will perform at 9.30am and our Nativity will be at 1.30pm.

Our Parent Council will be supporting us when the doors for the show open at 9 am. There will be a Tuck Shop with Tea/Coffee & Donuts. There will also be juice, sweets and crisps available for everyone to enjoy during the show - please remember to bring money!

Our nursery nativity will take place on the 20th December at 10am, tickets can be obtained from the staff in the nursery.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper on Friday 15th December, we welcome donations for school funds on this day too.

Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 21st December. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on this day.



School update



Clubs

St. Francis' Primary School staff run a variety of Activity Clubs for pupils across the year. Every stage is given an opportunity to attend different clubs and we include a range of activities which link to all areas of the curriculum. This Term, we welcomed our Primary 2's for Sports Club, 3's for Art Club, Primary 4 and 5 for French Club, Football for Primary 6-7 and Primary 4-7 for Choir. Our Active Schools Coordinator, also works closely with the school to provide specialist coaches for numerous sporting Activity Clubs. All children in P1 -P3 must be collected from After-School Activity Clubs by a responsible adult. However, Primary 4-7 can go home alone, if written parental consent has been given in advance.

Parental Workshops

We look for regular opportunities to engage parents of the school in the learning process at St. Francis' Primary School. We would like to thank you for your participation and attendance so far at our Primary 1-3 Phonics Workshops and Primary 4-7 Reading Workshop.

Money Raised

We would like to thank you for all of your donations during Scottish Book Week to raise money for literacy resources and your book donations to the school, as well as money donated for charitable causes through Laudato Si' initiatives. We are humbled by your generosity and thankful for your commitment to our cause. Your support makes a huge impact.

Totals raised

Laudato Si' - £65.20

Sponsored Readathon - £1535

Parent Council update

Christmas Art Work = Christmas Gifts

The children have created some Christmas Masterpieces that you can now use to create amazing gifts for friends and family from Christmas Cards to Tea Towels.

Prices range from a couple of £ss and there is something to suit everyone's taste and budget.

School receive 20% of all money spent which will be used towards Discos, Trips and other fun experiences for children across all primaries.

Order by the 8th of December for delivery by Christmas!



Working with
mychildsart **St Francis Primary**

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!
VIEW NOW
by logging into the parent order portal at www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Order portals open NOW until the 31st December

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY

Use code **StFrancis** during checkout for 10% off your order!

Offer not valid. Excludes all gift cards. Offer valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this notice. The automatically applied code cannot be added to an order that has been confirmed.

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We use cookies and Access Code can also only apply to orders. It cannot be used when entering the details into the portal.

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(Aug 23 to Date)

With your support we raised:

- £1058 Family Fun Night
- £236 Tuck Shop at Discos
- £295 from the Bonus Ball - this should have been 50% but the winner donated the winnings to the PC.

• Total: £1,589

We have funded:

- £100 for Halloween Disco DJ
- £400 for Buses to P7 Theatre Trip
- £909.35 for P1 Santa Experience

• Total: £1,409.35



Easy Fundraising

Raise funds for school whilst you do your normal online shopping!!

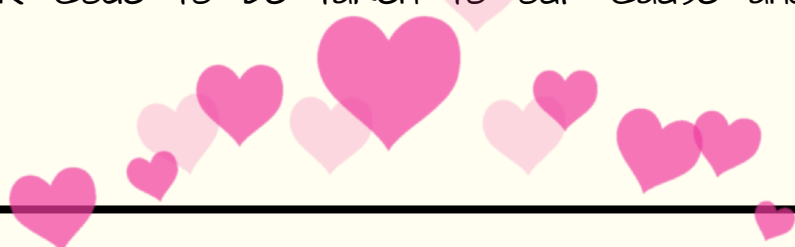
How it Works:

We turn your daily shopping into donations for school!

Easy fundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra - the cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us commission because when you start to shop from the easy fundraising website or app, they see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase and we turn the commission into a donation for your cause 'St Francis Primary School Parent Council'

Just scan the QR code to be taken to our cause and register your support!!!



Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for our school



easyfundraising You shop, brands donate to us



easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site

Launched in 2005, our community of over 2 million supporters have raised over £42 million for thousands of causes across the U.K.





Nursery update



Clothing

A gentle reminder for all our nursery families to make sure that children are dressed for the weather as we do outdoor learning outside every day.

We also ask that you provide a change of clothing which will be kept in your child's bag in the cloakroom, please ensure this is labelled.

Toy Fund

Thank you to all our families for the upkeep of the toy fund, this money helps to pay for new toys, learning experiences, parties and resources. The toy fund is collected on the first Tuesday of every month, envelopes will be provided.



Dates for your Diary



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Date	Time	Event	Stage
4 th December 23	AM	Breakfast with Santa – Dobbie’s garden centre	P1
7 th December 23	Lunchtime	Christmas lunches	All stages
8 th December 23	9.30am (assembly)	Dress rehearsal for P4-P7 Christmas songs	All stages
11 th December 23	2..00pm (assembly)	Dress rehearsal for P1-P3 Nativity	All stages
12 th December 23	AM	Visit to Scottish Ballet	P4a
13 th December 23	9.30am 1.30pm	P1-P3 Nativity P4-P7 Christmas songs	P1-P3 P4-P7
14 th December 23	1.30pm 9.30am	P4-P7 Christmas songs P1-P3 Nativity	P4-P7 P1-P3
15 th December 23	All day	Christmas jumper day	All stages
20 th December 23	10am	Nursery Nativity	Nursery Class
21 st December 23	PM	Christmas parties	All stages
22 nd December 23	2.30pm	School and nursery close for the Christmas holiday	All stages

