

# St Francis' Newsletter



October and November 2024

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

Term One was a great success and Term Two is already underway. Children had a super day on Halloween, sharing in a range of fun activities with their peers. Our staff dress up theme of Vampires was a great success; our staff made a super effort for our children!

This term we look forward to welcoming you to Parents Night to discuss your child's progress.

We also have our Christmas events- preparation is well underway.

Joanne Martin

Head Teacher



Parents/carers are not permitted to enter the playground in the morning or at the end of the school day.

Children should be left at the school gate and they will make their own way to their line. Staff and P7 buddies are on hand to support our younger children.

If you wish to speak to a member of our office staff please call us on 429 3687 unless the matter is urgent.

Please do not enter via the car park; this is dangerous and not suitable for pedestrians.



Our P7 children will be treated to a wonderful evening at Theatre Royal for a performance of Aladdin on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. The tickets for this show have been fully funded by PEF, this will be a wonderful experience for our P7 children.



Parents Evening will take place on 14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> November. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's overall progress. Appointment times will be issued and sent home with children on 5<sup>th</sup> November.



This year's Catholic Education Week theme, "*Pilgrims of Hope*," aligns with a significant event in the Church—the Holy Father has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year, celebrated every 25 years as a time of renewal and reflection. The Jubilee theme speaks to the heart of our times: a call to embody hope and compassion in a world facing challenges from war, the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the urgent need for climate action.

During Catholic Education Week, we will journey together as *Pilgrims of Hope*, exploring how our faith can inspire courage, resilience, and unity in our school community and beyond. Through this focus, we aim to deepen our understanding of hope as an active force, empowering us to be a light for others and contributing to a more compassionate, just, and sustainable world.



We have a range of Christmas Events planned. Dates/times are included at the end of the newsletter. Our P1 & P4-7 children will perform two Festive songs at our shows and our P2 & 3 children will be involved in the nativity. P2 will be our choir and P3 will have acting/musical roles. Christmas Parties take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December, children can wear party clothes/dress down. Christmas Jumper day is on 20<sup>th</sup> December. P1 will attend Breakfast with Santa on 13<sup>th</sup> December. We would welcome donations for our Christmas tombola and raffle. Please send any items into school. We are unable to accept donations of alcohol.



Laudato Si' Week will begin 4<sup>th</sup> November. This week will be dedicated to helping our children grow as caretakers of God's creation by continuing to learn about environmental stewardship, compassion, and responsibility.



During Advent, we would welcome donations for our school foodbank. We are accepting donations from 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you would like a parcel, please get in touch with Ms Johnston.



UNCRC going for Gold: Right of the month

#Article 2 Non- discrimination

**All children have rights no matter what their differences are.**

**"I am not allowed to be treated any differently from you!"**

## Parent Council Update



Working with  
**St Francis Primary**  
fundraising for activities & experiences

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](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order)

Order portals  
open NOW until the  
31st December

**EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT  
FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY**

Use code **StFrancis65X24**  
during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.

Username   
Access Code

NB: Username and Access Code are case and space sensitive, so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.



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### **Christmas Artwork = 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 receives 20% of all money spent which will be used towards Discos, Trips and other fun experiences for children across all primaries.

There is a 10% discount on all orders until the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. To save on deliver costs families can order together!



### **Developing Outdoor Spaces; Pathway**

To support the independence of our pupils, the parent council is planning to build a short path from the playground to the picnic area. We have the manual labour and budget from the co-op funding, but we are looking for someone who can guide the volunteers in building the path, how to construct it and what materials to use.

If you can help, please email [stfrancisprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com)



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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'



**Parent Council Financial Support 2024/25**

Since the start of the new term in August, we have raised £1,196:

Family Fun Night                      £1,156

Tuck Shop                                £ 40.00\*

During Term 2 we have agreed to fund the following events:

P1 Santa Trip Experience        circa £1,200

P4 Music Broth                         £240

Christmas Disco                        circa £200

We have also agreed to fully fund during the 2024/25 term

P7 ties(August 25)                      circa £460

## Tuck Shop

The income from the first 2 tucks of the session have raised more than this but

September - P7s ran the tuck shop on our behalf and money raised is being used to buy new footballs for playground activities.

October - Profit of £40 but we have plenty of leftover stock and this will generate profit next month again.

## P1 Santa Experience

The Family Fun night was held to raise funds specifically for the P1 Santa Experience, given the financial pressures on school the Parent Council would like to spread the monies raised across other year groups in school, and therefore have proposed to ask P1 parents for a donation towards the trip, with no pressure on families to donate.

The PC will fund the difference between what is raised and what is needed, with any remaining monies used across the school.



There will be a Christmas Disco after school for Children on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, the Parent Council will pay for the DJ and run a small tuck shop - look out for more details!

The Parent Council are planning a small event in late December, for parents to get together, get crafting and raise funds for school. Keep an eye out on Twitter for more information.



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Stage
1 <sup>st</sup> November	All day	All Saints Day	-
7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 or 5.00	P1 Information Session and Bookbug Launch	P1
W/b 4 <sup>th</sup> November	All Week	Laudato Si Week	Whole school
12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15	P2/3 Bookbug Pack Launch event	P2 and 3
14 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Diabetes Awareness Day	Whole school
14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> November	3.30-6pm	Parents' Night	Whole school
W/b 18 <sup>th</sup> November	All Week	Catholic Education Week	Whole school
27 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	P1 Dental Inspection	P1
28 <sup>th</sup> November	6pm	P7 Theatre Trip to Aladdin at Theatre Royal	P7
29 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	St Andrew's Day Celebration; Children can dress down/ wear Scottish themed.	Whole school
27 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	P7 Dental Inspection	P7
6 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Flu Vaccine Day	Whole school
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am 1.30pm	Nativity & P1 Christmas songs P4-7 Christmas Concert	P1-3 P4-7
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am 1.30pm	P4-7 Christmas Concert Nativity & P1 Christmas songs	P1-3 P4-7
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	P1 Breakfast with Santa at Dobbies	P1
19 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Party Day; Children can come dressed in party clothes	Whole school
20 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day donations welcome	Whole School
31 <sup>st</sup> January	All day	Monthly Dress down day donations welcome	Whole School
4 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30pm	P7 Confirmation @ Holy Cross	P7
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Feb mid-term break and in- service day	Whole School
28 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Monthly Dress down day donations welcome	Whole School