



St Francis Primary October Newsletter 2022



Dear Parent,

Welcome to the October newsletter. There is a change in the weather and a definite autumn 'nip' in the air! Let's hope the weather will stay dry during the October holiday. Can you ensure that your child wears a coat to school as the weather can now be very changeable.

Please remember to contact the school before 9.00am if your child is going to be absent. If your child is attending an appointment and will be coming to school in time for lunch, please remember to contact us before 9:30am to tell us their meal choice.

Please ensure we have your most up to date contact details.

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Please visit our website which is updated regularly.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/stfrancisprimary/>

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



Sincere thanks to everyone who helped make our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon a huge success. The donations of cakes and biscuits were simply wonderful as was the number of parents and family members who came along to the Coffee Afternoon despite the weather!!

There were many happy winners for both the children's and adult raffles. As always, the school community has been extremely generous and has shown a great willingness to help others. We have raised an amazing £611.33

Thank you again, for your continued generosity!!



Parent Council

Our Parent Council will be holding their AGM on **Thursday 27th October 2021 at 6.30pm**. This will **take place in the school**. We are looking to recruit new members and would love to see more parents join this forum. We welcome and encourage all new parents to join. If you would like to be part of this meeting, please come along. An important part of the agenda will also be around fundraising. We are needing to bolster our School Funds as the cost of buses and trips are increasing and we want all the children to benefit from these. Any ideas and helping hands would be most welcome!!!!



Parents' Evening – October 2022

We are delighted to be able to resume our face to face Parent's Evenings. These meetings give the teachers the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. The meetings will take place in the gym hall. If your child is attending with you, please ensure that he/she remains with you. A selection of your child's work will be available for you to view. This can be collected in the foyer as you enter the school.

Appointment times have been sent home in your child's bag and some have been posted out if your child has been absent from school. If you have not received your appointment, please contact the school office.

Please note that a written report **is not issued** before Parents' Evening. **These will be issued in June 2022.**

Your opinion is greatly valued and I welcome all feedback. On the night you will be asked a few questions to gather your views and hope you will give us a few moments of your time. Thank you.

Hallowe'en Afternoon – Friday 28th October 2022

On Friday 28th October, the children will have a Hallowe'en Fun Afternoon. The children may wear their costume to school. Please ensure that whatever they wear, allows them to be comfortable at their desk during the school day and safe when playing in the playground. Children can wear leggings and a t-shirt under their costume in case they wish to take it off during the day. They can wear face paints or a mask but we ask that these are not too scary!!!

We will gather in the hall in the afternoon for our class parade followed by a variety of Hallowe'en activities which will take place in each classroom. The school will provide a snack for each child.



After School Clubs

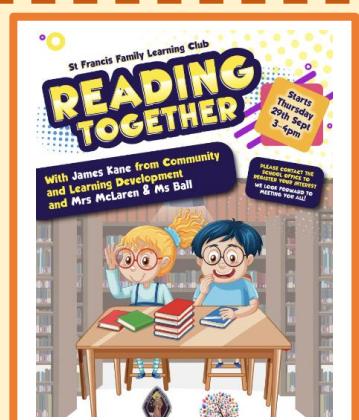
After School Clubs have started for football, athletics, netball and cross country. We are delighted that numbers are high! It is important that your child has their kit with them on the day they are attending. Thank you to our Health and Wellbeing Sports Coach, Mr O'Neill along with Brad from Active Schools for organising and delivering these sessions. We are also lucky to have senior pupils from St Stephen's High school supporting the netball club.



Family Learning Homework Club

We are delighted to have our Family Learning Homework Club start again. This is a great opportunity for you to support your child with their homework as well as an added focus on reading for pleasure. The club is being run by James Kane from CLD as well as two teachers!! So no questions are too hard. There will also be refreshments.

The club runs every Thursday afternoon from 3pm-4pm. No need to book.



Health and Wellbeing

Developing our children's **health and wellbeing** is a very important part of our work here at St. Francis. Please help us to show the children that by "living the values," the whole school community can work together to value and respect each other.



As a Health Promoting School we ask you to support us by encouraging the children to make healthy choices when choosing snacks for breaks. I would ask that children **do not bring fizzy or energy drinks to school**. Children should bring a **CLEAR PLASTIC** bottle of water to drink in class. This can be refilled during the day.

PE

Children should only wear jewellery if they are able to remove this themselves on their PE day. Children are required to take part in 2 hours of PE each week as per Inverclyde Policy and will be unable to take part if they are wearing earrings. **This also applies to the wearing of false/long nails.** We take the safety of your children very seriously.

Parking restrictions/carpark/disabled spaces

Please be aware of the parking restrictions and layout at the entrance to the school. This is for the safety of our children but also to ease congestion.



Please do not drive into the car park.



1. **The disabled spaces in the staff car park are for staff and visitors to the school who have a Blue Badge.**
2. **A driver with a Blue Badge.**
3. **A driver picking up a child with a Blue Badge.**

Please note that there are only two disabled spaces available in the car park and there is no guarantee that these will always be available.



We are here to do our best for you and your child and I appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please remember to tell us about your child's achievements out of school so we can celebrate their success as a school community. It is always lovely to hear good news. You can send any information including pictures to,

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With kindest regards,

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