



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



Nursery Newsletter – Spring 1



Welcome Back To St Francis Nursery

We are delighted to welcome you back to school for the start of the Spring Term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and spent lots of time with your families, friends and loved ones. We will work hard to ensure your children continue learning from where they left off in December. They will remember their routines by looking at the visual timetable and we will remind them of the rules and where each learning zone is. Please remember to keep checking Tapestry as we still post pictures and videos of your child’s learning on there.

Topic

Our topic this half term is ‘Winter’. The children will look at several focusing books, including “The Gruffalo’s Child” and various non-fiction winter books. The themes of these books encourage us to learn about how the weather changes in winter, which appropriate clothing to wear and how animals adapt their behavior.

Weather

As the weather worsens please make sure your child comes in suitable clothing. It may be sunny in the morning but rain can come later, so always send them in a waterproof coat labelled with their name on. Similarly all hats, gloves and wellies should be named too. We encourage the children to play outside in all weathers so they should still be bringing a bag with spare clothes and footwear in for them to change into if they get wet.

Home and school links

We hope you’re enjoying viewing your child’s learning journey online. If anyone is having difficulty logging on or if you’ve still not returned your Tapestry form, then please see Mr Prior so we can ensure you have access. Can we please encourage you to use Tapestry as a two-way link, so we can see the learning your child does at home. Please upload any photos or videos of home learning, as this will help gather evidence of your child’s learning and development towards the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. You can also message the teachers directly via email if you have any comments or concerns to: nursery@bsf-leeds.co.uk

How you can help at home

<p><u>Phonics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child to help them increase their vocabulary. • Read a bedtime story every night, ask questions about the pictures, ask your child to predict the ending of the story. • Sing traditional British nursery rhymes such as Baa Baa Black Sheep and Humpty Dumpty 	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing songs which include counting and naming the numbers. Eg, 10 Green Bottles; 5 Fat sausages; 5 Little Ducks. • Focus on learning the value of numbers 1-5, count out everyday objects from your home and say the numbers.
<p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child to learn to put on their coat by themselves and to start the zip or buttons • Help your child practice speaking in sentences of more than 2 or 3 words. For example, ‘Help me please’. • If your child stays for lunch please cut food into small chunks, especially grapes which should be cut down the length. 	



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Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents,

4th Jan – 18th Feb 2022

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 9th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as ‘The Light of the World’. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a ‘light’, an inspiration to those around us.



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

6 th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas
9 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	31 st January	St. John Bosco
12 th January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 nd February	Presentation of the Lord
17 th January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 rd February	St. Blaise
24 th January	St Francis de Sales	8 th February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 th January	Conversion of St. Paul	11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 th January	Ss Timothy and Titus		

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

Nursery – The Holy Family

This half term, children in Nursery will be learning about the early life of Jesus with Mary and Joseph – the Holy Family. They will hear and reflect on the stories of the Presentation of Jesus and the time when Jesus was found in the Temple.