



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 1

### Year 2 Staff

**Mrs Shaw** – Class Teacher Mon – Thursday  
**Mrs Moreton** – Class Teacher Tues am and Friday am  
**Mrs Ali & Mrs Phillips** – Learning Support Assistants

### Diary dates

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan** - School opens for Spring 1  
**6<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Epiphany Celebrations  
**18<sup>th</sup> Feb** - School closes for Half term

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, I do hope you have had a truly magical Christmas break and have enjoyed celebrating the New Year together. I cannot believe that 2022 is upon us already. I know that it is going to be a year of success, exploration and creativity.

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Moreton, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Ali

**RE:** The Good News - We will learn important stories from the bible. Why did God choose Mary and Joseph to do such a special job?

**English:** Writing – The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis. We will be learning about narrative writing and instructions

**Maths:** In Maths, we will be focusing on money! Can you help with your weekly shopping? Can you add two items together to make a total which equals less than £1? How many different ways can you make that total? E.g. 84p = 20p, 20p, 20p, 20p, 2p, 2p or 50p, 20p, 10p, 2p, 1p, 1p

**PSHE:** Dreams and Goals. Learning that we all have dreams and goals that we can achieve. Learning how we feel and how we express ourselves.

**Science:** Plants. We will be learning about plants and the different parts of the plant and also how they grow and why they are so important.

**Geography:** Who lives here? Children will learn and compare different hoes around the world, the Inuit people, Yanomami people of the Amazon. Nomadic life, Maasai people and underground homes.

**Design Technology:** Homes: we will learn how to design our own home and use the plan to create our home using different materials and techniques.

**Computing:** Digital Photography. We will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.

**PE:** Movement Skills every **Tuesday**– please come to school in your PE Kit on this day

### Homework

- Spellings will continue to be placed on Google Classroom weekly, with tests starting in week 2, please practise these with your child, complete the small task and upload your child's work so I can see it has been completed. Spellings will be tested on a Monday, Thank you!
- Reading diaries will be being sent home in Week 1 – Please write in these books to show your child has read their book, it is expected that they read EVERY DAY and this will be monitored through the reading diary.
- Book bags need to be brought to school every day as reading books are changed on different days depending on which group your child is in.

Warmest Wishes and may God bless you all.

Mrs Shaw

### School Golden Rules

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2. **Listen**
3. **Try your best**
4. **Be Positive**



## RE Newsletter Spring 1

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas
9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
12 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 <sup>th</sup> 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.**

### Year 2 – The Good News

*“Jesus is sent to preach good news to the poor. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.” Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God’s love and that this changed people’s lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events. They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

### At home

You could help your children by:

- highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- read stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. The feeding of the 5000

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