



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Nursery Newsletter – Autumn 2 (Nov 2023)

Welcome to St Francis of Assisi Nursery

What a busy first half term we had! Several new starters came and made friends quickly; we had special events like welcoming the Reading dogs and going on the Story Bus – they even gave us a book bag for every child which means we have started lending books for home. Please read these with your child and remember to return them so we can swap them every Friday; it is your child who chooses the book! We also welcomed back Mrs Hough from her maternity leave; the children were delighted to see you again! We pass on our thanks to Miss Durkan who has moved on to teach in other classes around school including reception, so we shall still see her when we play outside. Please also remember to keep checking Twitter and the school website as we post pictures and videos of your child’s learning on there.

Topic

Our topic this half term is ‘All Aboard!’ The children will look at several focusing books: ‘The Wheels On The Bus’ and ‘The Train Ride’ to name a couple. The themes of these books encourage us to learn about transport and how we move about. In Jigsaw (PSHE), we will celebrate differences between each other, and as the term moves on we will get closer to Advent and Christmas and all the preparations that go with this.

Weather and Waterproofs

As the weather is becoming wetter, please can we ask you to **send a puddle suit to school** for your child to keep in school (in their locker). Please could we also ask that your child also has **a pair of wellington boots** to ensure their feet also keep dry. Please label both items with your child’s name so that we know it is theirs. Playing outside is a crucial part of children’s development – especially as this is the most likely place where they will develop their gross motor skills (physical development) – therefore we will still use outside in most weathers.

Please see the attached picture for what a puddle suit is. These can be purchased easily through Amazon or the likes as you may find it difficult to find these in shops.



Please also note that in nursery we enjoy getting quite messy during indoor play too, so your child may need to bring spare clothes.

The Outside Area

We hope you’re enjoying seeing our new outdoor area continue to grow and develop. The children are enjoying using the resources and the school keeps adding to these as time goes on. We are hoping to create an outdoor music area and we will be asking you soon for donations to help make this area even better. For the children’s safety we kindly ask you to wait outside the gate on a morning as we will be setting up resources for the day; similarly, please do not let your child (or other siblings) play on the equipment as it can be dangerous when unsupervised. Thank you for your support.

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, Wheels on the Bus, Wind the Bobbin Up etc. • Read the book they bring home together, it was one they chose themselves. 	<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 • 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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Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

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:

1 st	November	All Saints’	30 th	Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
2 nd	November	All Souls	4 th	Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
3 rd	November	St. Winefride	6 th	Dec	St. Nicholas
11 th	November	St. Martin of Tours	8 th	Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary
20 th	November	Christ the King	11 th	Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
21 st	November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	13 th	Dec	St Lucy
22 nd	November	St Cecilia	18 th	Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent
27 th	November	First Sunday of Advent	25 th	Dec	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
		26 th	Dec		St Stephen, the first martyr

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God* especially on Bible Sunday (2nd Sunday of Advent); *Migrants and Refugees* especially on Migrant's Day (3 December); *Expectant Mothers* especially on 4th Sunday of Advent.

Nursery & Reception - God’s Family



“Creation is the first and universal revelation of God’s love ... Each human is made in God’s image ...”

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about God’s Family. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that God made all the people in the world to be part of his family and that we are part of it too.

They will learn that God made us to know and love him, as well as to show our love for him by helping one another. They will find out that God has given us gifts so that we can show his love to others.

As Christmas approaches, they will learn that God’s greatest gift to us was to send his only son Jesus and learn how to respond to that gift.



At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them that Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to us and not just about receiving presents.
- talk about your family and draw pictures of Jesus being part of your family
- take them to see baby Jesus at church during the Christmas season.