



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Nursery Newsletter – Spring 1 (Jan 2024)

Welcome to St Francis of Assisi Nursery

Happy New Year everybody! We welcome all the children returning to Nursery in 2024! We also welcome any new starters who will be joining us as the term progresses. If you have – or know – a child who is going to turn 3 years old please get in touch with the school office as it is possible your child can start very soon after their birthday. We still offer 15 hours free provision which can be 5 mornings or 5 afternoons. You may also be entitled to 30 hours free which means 5 full days. Please speak to the office about how to apply for this. If your child is already 4 or will be 4 before the 1st September 2024 then you must **apply for your child to start school** (this school or any other). **The deadline for this is Monday 15th January.** Please come and see us if you need support in this. We aim to continue lots of fun learning in all the areas of provision. Please 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 ‘Once Upon A Time’. The children will look at several focusing books: ‘Goldilocks and The Three Bears’ and ‘The Gruffalo’s Child’ to name a couple. The themes of these books encourage us to learn about traditional tales and the repeated language that occurs in stories. In Maths we will learn about the numbers 1 to 5 and explore 2D and 3D shapes; as the term moves on we will get closer to Lent and all the preparations that go with this.

Weather and Waterproofs

As the weather is becoming wetter and colder, 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 should 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. 	



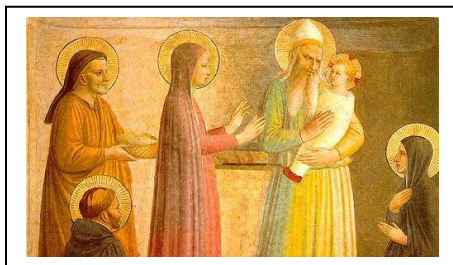
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Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents,

4th Jan – 10th Feb 2023

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 8th 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	
8 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.

