



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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## Year 5 NEWSLETTER – Autumn II

### Homework

**Spelling:** Spelling Shed at least 4 times a week along with spelling activity sheet. Spelling books will be sent home every Friday, bring in on Tuesday. Test each Thursday!

**Maths:** Times Tables Rockstars to be used regularly.

**Reading:** Every Friday we will send home Reading books. Encourage your child to read and bring them in on Mondays.

**Reading for PLEASURE** is just as important! At least 15 minutes of reading every day – whatever text you choose.

### Important Diary Dates

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov** Elf Day (dress as an elf!)  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** Y5/6 Advent Assembly at **2.30pm**  
**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** Whole school Mass at St Anthony's  
**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Jumper Day  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** Greenmount Singing Trip  
**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** Planet Ice Trip  
**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** Y5/6 disco  
**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** Wizard of Oz at Planet Ice  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** Carol Service at **2pm**  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Break up for Christmas at **2pm**

### Year 5 staff

**Teacher:** Miss Holder  
**Teaching Support:** Mrs Fawcett

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term. We're preparing for Advent now, and we will be learning lots of new and fun things this half term including taking part in a variety of Christmas fun.

Please make note of the class email address which you can use to contact myself: [year5@bsf-leeds.co.uk](mailto:year5@bsf-leeds.co.uk). If you would like to speak to me in person about anything concerning your child, please do come and find me at the beginning or end of the day. Alternatively, a face to face appointment can be arranged upon request. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am enjoying teaching your children this year and ensuring they reach their full potential.

Miss Holder

**RE:** Covenants: In RE sessions the children will: Understand the meaning of covenant and reflect on God's covenant with Noah, know about the covenant God made with Abraham and reflect on Abraham's trust in God. They will understand that God guides and challenges his people and be aware of our need to grow in faith and trust in God, know that God made a covenant with Moses and be aware this covenant is also made with us, know that God sent prophets to remind His people of His covenant and reflect on the prophet's message for us.

**English:** 'Farther' Grahame Baker Smith: Setting narrative & letter writing.

**Reading:** Reading Breadth: Modern Fiction & Poetry – Wider Range.

**Maths:** Fractions, Multiplication and Division

**Science:** Forces: Explain why objects fall to Earth, tell you about the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction & tell you how mechanisms allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

**PSHE:** Celebrating difference: the children explore culture and cultural differences. They link this to racism, debating what it is and how to be aware of their own feelings towards people from different cultures. They revisit the topic of bullying and discuss rumour spreading and name calling.

**Geography:** United Kingdom: Year 5 will learn all about how the UK is organised into countries, counties and cities, as well as learning about the human and physical features of Great Britain, such as population, life expectancy, tallest mountains, longest rivers, coastlines and more.

**Design Technology:** Great British Dishes: explore some sweet and savoury national dishes of England, Scotland and Wales, before moving on to developing an understanding of how cuisines from other countries have influenced what is eaten in Britain today. Finally, children will practise the important life skill of how to plan and shop for a meal.

**PE:** Inspire, Create, Perform. Perform dances using a range of movement patterns. PE is now on a **TUESDAY**.

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## Catholic Primary School

### RE Newsletter 2



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.

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.

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

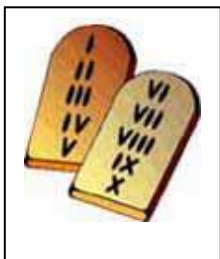
In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

1 <sup>st</sup>	November	All Saints'	30 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	All Souls	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	First Sunday of Advent
3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	St. Winefride	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	St. Nicholas
11 <sup>th</sup>	November	St. Martin of Tours	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary
21 <sup>st</sup>	November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
			17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
22 <sup>nd</sup>	November	St Cecilia	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Eve
26 <sup>th</sup>	November	Christ the King	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Nativity of the Lord Jesus

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.*

### Year 5 - The Commandments/God's Covenants



The children will understand that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God to help us. They will learn how Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments (Matthew 22: 36-40) and begin to understand how we can show our love for God by keeping his commandments with his help.

The children will also learn that God sent his Son Jesus into the world because he loves us, and that we celebrate this gift at Christmas.

At home:

You could help your children by: talking to them about how we try to live by the Ten Commandments.

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