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St. Francis

Church of England Primary School

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Upcoming dates

Monday 13th January and Tuesday 14th January: Y4's Parents Meetings - please book using School Spider

Tuesday 14th January: Y2 and Y6 classes - Fire Safety visitor

Wednesday 15th January: EYFS – Y6 (not Y4) Parents Meetings – please book using School Spider

Wednesday 22nd January: Y2 trip to Turton Tower Y4 – Cherry Tree Library 2.00pm – 2.45pm; Y5 – Cherry Tree Library 2.45pm – 3.25pm.

Thursday 23rd January: Sportshall Athletics tournament at Witton Park for some of our Y5 and Y6 children, 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

Tuesday 28th January: Y4 – trip to Liverpool Museum

Happy New Year!

What a first week back! Well done and thank you to all our families and staff who have battled snowy and icy conditions to come to school this week. I am hoping that next week's weather will be far less 'interesting'.

In worship this week we have been thinking about 'Epiphany'. Children have learned that it is a Christian feast day which falls on 6 January.

It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three Kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.

We learned that the gifts brought by the wise men: gold, frankincense and myrrh, were symbolic of Jesus being a king, God and a sacrifice for the world.



Mrs. Foster



Star Writers

As of next Friday, we will be introducing a new award in our celebration worship.

Children who have produced an excellent piece of writing will be awarded the Star Writer certificate and will have a gold pen or pencil to write with for the coming week.

We will be sharing their names on our school newsletter and showing their work on our Facebook page, along with other award winners, so that all our families and friends can celebrate their achievements together!

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School Uniform reminders

By children wearing the same uniform we believe this helps to create a more inclusive environment. Uniforms can enhance a sense of belonging and school pride. They create a shared identity among children, which can strengthen community ties and encourage school spirit. It is because of this that we expect all children to wear the correct uniform at school every day, whether this is the active uniform or the traditional uniform. It also reminds them that in life, there are some rules we simply need to follow whether or not we agree with them!

Please make sure your child is wearing plain, black trainers or school shoes, and is not wearing any jewellery.

Please also remember to send your child with a change of clothes and footwear to change into, following OPAL playtimes, in case they get dirty or wet.

Option One: Active Uniform - can be worn everyday.



Option Two: 'Traditional' Uniform can be worn on non-PE days; Active Uniform on PE days.





Celebration Worship/Out of School Achievements

We love to see the awards, trophies and certificates that our talented children receive from their clubs and groups outside of school. Please send these in to be shared during our Celebration Worship every Friday at 9.00am – 9.25am. Please make sure the awards and trophies are in a named bag or envelope so we can give them back after worship.

Do join us if you can each Friday morning to celebrate with your children.









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