

*We love and grow in Christ, we live and learn in partnership, we build and share together*

# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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6<sup>th</sup> January 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas.

## **St Francis of Assisi SEN Unit**

We began the process of applying for our school to host an SEN unit two years ago. Following informal and formal consultation, the unit has opened this week and is being led by Miss Proffitt. The unit is specifically for children in KS2 with communication and language needs who will be allocated places by Lancashire County Council as part of their EHCP reviews. Our unit will serve the community of West Lancs and we are really excited to be hosting it. It's fantastic news for our school and our wider SHARES family.

## **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will resume next week as follows:

Tuesdays – Invasion Games WLSP 3.15-4.15 Y3&Y4

Wednesdays – Knitting 12.15pm

Thursdays – Mini Vinnie's 12.15pm

Striking and Fielding WLSP 3.15-4.15 Y5&Y6

## **Attendance**

Attendance for this week is as follows –

Reception – 88.2%

Y1/2 – 89.7%

Y3 – 86.4%

Y4 – 84.6%

Y5 – 91.7%

Y6 – 84.8%

In May the Department for Education published a document called *Working together to improve school attendance* a summary of which can be found [here](#). This document has been produced to help schools and local authorities maintain high levels of school attendance and sets out the responsibilities of parents, schools, governing bodies and local authorities in order to ensure this.



Full attendance is more important than ever before given the effects of the pandemic and the gaps in learning caused by this. As usual we will publish our attendance data every week on the school newsletter.

### **A Warm Place**

St Francis of Assisi Church meeting room is open every Tuesday from 10.15am -1.15pm for anyone to go in, have a cup of tea, coffee, toast and biscuits and a warm place to sit. There is no charge for this and all are welcome.

### **Closing date for Primary School Applications 15<sup>th</sup> January**

If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2023 and you have not already applied for a school place, apply for a place [here](#). The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **The Household Support Fund**

The Household Support Fund is now available... Please spread the word and click the link below for further details:

[Household Support Fund - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

### **Directory of Support Services**

The Financial Inclusion Team at West Lancs Borough Council have generated a directory of resources that's easily accessible for anyone and everyone.

Please click the link below to have a look as it's a great resource to have to hand.

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### **Help and Assistance in Difficult Times**

Times are hard at the moment for many. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) can provide practical assistance if you need it and we have a local branch in Skelmersdale. You can ring them on 07470351042. They are really approachable and non-judgemental and they help us a lot as a school. There is a foodbank available behind St Francis of Assisi Church near the entrance to the adjoining house. This is open every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1pm.

### **Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers**

Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire on the [Cost of living support website](#). This website summarises some of the most useful information from Lancashire County Council and they have asked that we share it with you.

Have a good weekend!

Ann Naylor (Headteacher)