

# Autumn

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is going to be a busy one, with lots of fun and exciting whole school events. We have listed all the dates from now until Christmas. Please note, that class assemblies and class masses are not listed. You are always welcome to attend when it's your child's mass /assembly.

## September:

Whole School Mass: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September - we will commence our new school year with a Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows at 9:30am. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Roald Dahl Day: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September - we will spend the day celebrating the great children's author Roald Dahl. Your child is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

Meet the teaching team evening: Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> September starting at 3:45pm. This is a vital opportunity for you to meet the teaching team, see the classroom and agree of the expectations of the year.

Year 6 School Journey: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The Year 6 children will be going to Swanage for a week. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers this week.

European Day of Languages: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - we will be learning about different European languages and celebrating Spanish books.

## October:

St Francis Day: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - we will be celebrating a whole school mass for our patronal saint. Please attend and send your children to school dressed as animals, as he was the patron saint of animals too.

National Poetry Day: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - a whole day dedicated to poetry. This year's theme is Change. Ask your child about the poem they learnt about in class.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - in honour of Fr Peter, we will be hosting a coffee afternoon for parents and carers in the KS2 hall at 2:30pm. Please donate cakes and come along, buy a drink, buy a cake - all money raised will go to Macmillan Nurses. The children will also be able to attend after school.

Judaism Week: Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October - this week the children in their RE lessons will be learning about Judaism.

Black History Week: Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October - To mark the end of Black History month, we will be learning about different aspects of black history. The children will also be participating in different workshops.

Parents Evenings: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please attend. If you are unable to make the appointment given, contact the class teacher or office to rearrange.

### Half Term

Individual / Sibling photos: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Cheese! The children will be having their pictures taken.

### November:

Anti-bullying Week: Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November - An action packed week! This week the children will be learning about how to maintain healthy relationships both inside and outside of school, we will also be fundraising for Children in Need.

Children in Need Cinema Nights: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3:45pm - 5:15pm. Both of these nights are to fundraise for Children in Need. It will cost £1 to attend. More details will follow nearer the time.

Friendship Fun afternoon: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We ask that the children bring a non-electronic game to share with their friends. It is also 'Children in Need' on the same day. As yet, we do not know this year's theme, but the children will be invited to dress up to support the cause. We will also ask for a £1 donation.

### December:

EYs & KS1 Nativity: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm- Please come along to watch your child perform.

Yr 3 & 4 Nativity: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm- Please come along to watch your child perform.

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - if your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day we ask for a £1 donation.

Christmas Disco: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - we ask that the children come to school dressed in their best disco clothes.

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - The children will celebrate by having their Christmas lunch together. If your child is normally packed lunch, you will be able to opt in to the cooked lunch on that day.

Christmas Fair: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - During this afternoon the children will attend the Christmas fair and participate in many different activities. We ask that children in EYs and KS1 be given £3 and those in KS2 be given £5.

Christmas Mass: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - we will end our term with a whole school mass. Please join us.

Remember that you will be able to follow all of these events on our Facebook page.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**St Francis School**