



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I
give you my heart and my
soul.

Our virtues are: Curious and Active

This year is the month of the Holy Family

Let us pray for our school family as well as those at home.
May God teach us how to love and serve one another in our
school family as well as our family at home.
Amen.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at half term and our children are making some really super progress. Despite there being some illness in places and Covid still looming for some, it has not dampened anyone's spirits at SFX. The behaviour policy is regularly reviewed and this time around, we adapted the rules together in school. We now have Special F X Rules, with one simple, main rule: Be the Best that You Can Be. Please ask your child about this, so that they can explain the high expectations we always have.

I wanted to thank you all for your patience and support as we moved to meeting in the playground in the mornings. It is making the start of the day run smoothly for our children. We are working on meeting in playground, so we will keep in touch with you about this. We have recently sent survey results out and are really pleased with comments that help us strive to improve what we do at SFX. If you feel that there any issues, please remember that we have an open door policy and are always keen to address issues swiftly so that we can help our children be the best that they can be. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Downes
Principal

Chairs for sale - £3 or more – donations to go towards books for school

Please ask at the front office if you would like to
purchase one or more.



Fundraising at St Francis Xavier

I mentioned to you before Christmas about finding different ways of raising money for school. There are a number of parents and carers who have mentioned that they have uniform that has barely been worn that could easily go to a good home. To help raise money, we would like to run a mini 'market' after school perhaps once per half term. **If you are a parent or carer who could help run this for around half an hour after school a few times across the year, please let the office staff know.**

Pyramid Concert

Year 5 have also been rehearsing for their performance at the Town Hall in Birmingham, where they will be performing songs with our other Emmaus MAC schools. Look out for news about their performance.

Please support our playtimes



Different items are being bought gradually for the playground. We are working together to help the children understand that they must look after the equipment as well as have fun with it. We have bought some elastic for Elastics, or you may know it as French Skipping. It is easy to set up and can be tried at home too. Please watch one or all of the videos on

the links below to see examples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxrgxDh8s-A> – For some basics

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idrr_a3Esel – For some more as you learn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJuELrFOyXU> – For when you are more confident?



We need your help as we are aiming to set up a mud kitchen in Key

Stage 1. This is important to our children as during the pandemic, they may have missed out on the wonderful experiences that being in EYFS brings for Nursery and Reception. If you have metal or plastic utensils to donate to school, please leave at the office.

Also, many children of ALL ages love role play. **If you have costumes from fancy dress that you could donate, please bring them to the office.**

We have not left Key Stage 2 out, we are using Sports Premium money to ensure that there are coaches during lunch time each day to teach the children alternatives to football. Sometimes, issues arise from football, where some children are made to feel that they cannot play if their skills are not as good as others or if there are only boys playing. **We believe at SFX that ALL boys and girls are entitled to be treated equally, so we expect children with a range of skills to join in and want to ensure that our children know that there are not separate activities for boys or girls. In living out the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of dignity and peace, means that we treat others with respect and equality in ALL ways is important to us.** Please discuss this with your child at home, we need your support in making sure that playtimes are a time when children are free to play safely and fairly with one another and that they will have fun.

Attendance

Well done to everyone who is really trying hard to be in every day they are well. We know that Covid and other illnesses have affected playtimes, but that has not

stopped us being at **93%** as a whole school so far this year.

Stay calm and keep on, SFX!

Reception	Year 6	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
89%	92%	94%	94%	94%	95%	95%

Our Parish Links:

Father is looking forward to returning and seeing everyone and with continuing with the Sacramental groups.



Events for the year

Please go to our website for updates on dates of events. On the next section is a printout of what is currently on the calendar. Please go to the website for events, as they will be added throughout the year. For the calendar, go to: <http://www.st-francisxavier.sandwell.sch.uk/Page/Calendar>

Please see below...

Mon
7
Feb 2022

7 February 2022 00:00 - 13 February 2022 00:00

Children's Mental Health Week

Mon
7
Feb 2022

7 February 2022 00:00 - 18 February 2022 00:00

Many Paths (Other Faiths) Fortnight

Thu
17
Feb 2022

18:30 - 20:45

Y5 Pyramid Concert at the Town Hall

Fri
18
Feb 2022

All day

Break up for half term holiday today

Mon
21
Feb 2022

21 February 2022 00:00 - 6 March 2022 00:00

Fair Trade Fortnight

Mon
28
Feb 2022

All day

School opens to all pupils

Wed
2
Mar 2022

15:30 - 16:00

Meet the Teacher Evening for Y6 with SATs information

Thu
3
Mar 2022

All day

World Book Day

Sat
5
Mar 2022

5 March 2022 00:00 - 12 March 2022 00:00

British Science Week

Innovating for the Future