

## Lest We Forget



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the month of Remembrance in November. This week, we will celebrate Harvest Mass and next Thursday on 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating Remembrance Day. Please remember that you can add names to our Remembrance book which can be found on our website. Just send your family member's name to the office and we can add them to our prayers.

This week, we celebrated All Saints Day on 1<sup>st</sup> November and All Souls Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We pray that God holds our loved ones and those who have died in other ways, close in His arms in Heaven...



Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord.  
May perpetual light shine on them,  
May they rest in peace, Amen.

Best wishes,

Mrs Downes  
Principal

### Farewell

**We are very sad to say that two of our wonderful staff are leaving us next Friday. Mrs Dark and Miss Jordan will leave us on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.** Mrs Dark joined us in January 2016. She has worked with all of the classes through the school and has worked with so many children supporting them when they find their learning or being at school hard. Mrs Dark is always ready for action with a smile for everyone.

Miss Jordan has worked all through the school since joining in September 2012 and has recently been leading learning with children in Nursery. She has helped many children in their learning and has used her fantastic skills to help so many.

Both will be starting work in other schools in Sandwell completing different roles in their new school and we will really miss them both. We will let you know in due course who will be taking their roles in school.

**We also said goodbye to Mrs Arshad** before half term, who is due to have her baby anytime now. Mrs Arshad will be returning to us next year. We wish her the very best for her new arrival and look forward to hearing news from her.

## Our Parish Links:



Harvest Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Remembrance Mass: 11<sup>th</sup> November

Father is looking forward to celebrating Mass with the whole school this and next week.

We would also like to let you know that Father Joseph will be celebrating 15 years as a Priest this year. The parishioners have arranged a celebration Mass for him this Sunday on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. This will be followed on by a celebration reception at English Martyrs Social Club, if you would like to attend, please let us know and we will pass your names on.

Also, we would like to raise some money for him as thanks for all he does for us. Please send any amount of cash you wish to give, which will be used towards gifting Father Joseph.

### Holy Communion and Confirmation

Father will be starting Sacramental classes with children after this week. You will have received a letter via School Comms as well as during this week.

### Parent/Carer Survey

We would very much appreciate your views in our survey to help us know what we can do to improve. Please complete the survey via this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedyW0hsousp34iGmq67W94GUptOfI\\_JDcCQRu7lb7rf9eb8w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedyW0hsousp34iGmq67W94GUptOfI_JDcCQRu7lb7rf9eb8w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

### Are eligible for Free School Meals?

For some times in our lives, circumstances can change. If you feel at this time that you may be eligible for free school meals, please ask for help with the form at the office, where we will be happy to help you.

### Attendance for this week

Y3	YR	Y2	Y1	Y4	Y5	Y6
89%	91%	95%	96%	97%	97%	99%

We know that for some of our children, it has been difficult with Covid and other illnesses. We are really pleased with the attendance of those who are able to come and hope that our children who have been unwell are well very soon. We look forward to seeing you back at school after half term.

**TERM TIME ABSENCE – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU WISH TO TAKE YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME, YOU MUST ARRANGE A MEETING WITH ME AND COMPLETE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM.**

### Punctuality – Well done Year Reception and Year 6!

It is great that **these classes have NO LATE MARKS for this week**, well done! They will all received 2 house points.

There have been 11 late marks recorded this week (which is the last 3 days), for some children, this is more than once this week. This is very disappointing and is disruptive to learning. With time missed last year, we do not have the luxury of time to spend making up for lost minutes when some children arrive late.

**Arriving late is not only disruptive for your child, but disrupts the whole class' learning.**



## Merit for those taking part in activities outside of school

We are interested to hear about wider learning outside of school and your child's achievements. Please send them in with their awards on their given Merit Assembly day. Merit assemblies will take place every two weeks for Years 1-3 and Years 4-6, this is to maintain safety. **You are welcome to join us for these assemblies, but please make sure that only one or two family members attend.**

This young man's parents are extremely proud to have achieved his first badge at Beavers. This was the Disability Badge which he was awarded having learnt and written about disabilities and Paralympians.

The badge was presented to him by Paralympian Elliott Stewart (winner of Silver Medal in Judo at 2020). Elliott kindly let him wear his medal as shown in the photo. We are very proud too.

## Events for the year

Please go to our website for updates on dates of events. On the next page 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>

## Calendar

Thu <b>4</b> Nov 2021	14:45 - 15:15 <b>Merit Assembly for Years 4, 5 and 6</b>
Fri <b>5</b> Nov 2021	14:45 - 15:15 <b>Merit Assembly for Years 1, 2 and 3</b>
Tue <b>9</b> Nov 2021	All day <b>4 OR 6pm: Open Evening for Reception and Nursery Places 2022</b> Please come along at 4.00pm OR 6pm to the EYFS building
Fri <b>12</b> Nov 2021	14:45 - 15:15 <b>Merit Assembly for Years 4, 5 and 6</b>
Sat <b>13</b> Nov 2021	12:00 - 14:00 <b>12 - 2pm: Open Day for Reception and Nursery Places 2022</b> Parents interested in places for Nursery or Reception in 2022 are welcome to come along with your child in fancy dress
Mon <b>15</b> Nov 2021	All day <b>Odd Socks Day</b> Wear your odd socks today in support of anti-bullying week
Mon <b>15</b> Nov 2021	15 November 2021 00:00 - 19 November 2021 00:00 <b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
Fri <b>19</b> Nov 2021	14:45 - 15:15 <b>Merit Assembly for Years 1, 2 and 3</b>
Fri <b>26</b> Nov 2021	14:45 - 15:15 <b>Merit Assembly for Years 4, 5 and 6</b>

<p>Fri</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Dec 2021</p>	<p>3 December 2021 00:00 - 1 December 2021 00:00</p> <p><b>Our School Values Day - St Francis Xavier</b></p>
<p>Fri</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Dec 2021</p>	<p>14:45 - 15:15</p> <p><b>Merit Assembly for Years 1, 2 and 3</b></p>
<p>Fri</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Dec 2021</p>	<p>14:45 - 15:15</p> <p><b>Merit Assembly for Years 4, 5 and 6</b></p>
<p>Wed</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Dec 2021</p>	<p>All day</p> <p><b>Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day</b></p> <p>Please pay £1 to wear your Christmas jumper, money raised will be used to prepare packages for those unwell and/or housebound in our Parish</p>
<p>Mon</p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Feb 2022</p>	<p>7 February 2022 00:00 - 13 February 2022 00:00</p> <p><b>Children's Mental Health Week</b></p>
<p>Mon</p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Feb 2022</p>	<p>7 February 2022 00:00 - 18 February 2022 00:00</p> <p><b>Many Paths (Other Faiths) Fortnight</b></p>
<p>Tue</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Feb 2022</p>	<p>All day</p> <p><b>Internet Safety Day</b></p>
<p>Mon</p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Feb 2022</p>	<p>21 February 2022 00:00 - 6 March 2022 00:00</p> <p><b>Fair Trade Fortnight</b></p>
<p>Thu</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Mar 2022</p>	<p>All day</p> <p><b>World Book Day</b></p>
<p>Sat</p> <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Mar 2022</p>	<p>5 March 2022 00:00 - 12 March 2022 00:00</p> <p><b>British Science Week</b></p> <p>Innovating for the Future</p>