

Our virtues are: **Intentional & Prophetic**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful Easter

It is the end of a busy and eventful term. Much of April is taken up with the school holidays, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Easter – the central point of our faith and the reason for our hope and joy!

We said farewell to Mr Boodell at the end of this term, I know you will join us in sending him good wishes. Also, Miss Ward has bid farewell to all at St Francis Xavier too and will hopefully visit at some point next term to say goodbye in person. We wish her good health and lots of luck for her new ventures. We are very pleased that Miss Da-Costa will become a member of our St Francis Xavier staff team and will continue with Year 6 until the end of the year.

This term we have welcomed Miss Whitehouse, who leads in Nursery with Mrs Smallman, Mrs Kari and Miss Pee who support children in Year 1 and Nursery and Mrs Sidhu, who will be with us until Mrs Arshad returns from her maternity leave. Mrs Sidhu runs Y4 Maths club and supports in Year 3 and 4 mainly. We wished Mr Chohan well as he left our school this week, he has been working in the office during Mrs Marshall's absence. You will be pleased to hear that Mrs Marshall will be back fully after Easter, we are very happy to have her back at school.

Also, we will be welcoming Miss Rashid to Reception, who will work closely with Mrs Kaminski. Mrs Kaminski will be our Interim Vice Principal, which we are all very pleased about. We look forward to a busy and challenging term to continue helping everyone to be the best that they can be.



Easter Garden Challenge!

We are inviting all children to design and (if you can) make an Easter garden. Everyone who sends a photo of their design or garden will enter a prize draw. This will be held at the end of the first week. Please encourage your son or daughter to bring their gardens or designs in to school after Easter for us to see at school.

Easter Prayer Activities

To help your child engage with this most important of celebrations beyond term time, why not consider reading together some of the events of Holy Week as listed below?

How to Use

- Follow the links, which will take you to a site where you can change the translation of the Gospel as you wish.
- Read the Gospel aloud, perhaps several times in the style of Lectio Divina, (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lectio_Divina) and discuss what stands out to you/your child.
- Finish with a refrain in the voice of Jesus, which children will be familiar with from their prayers in the final week of term:

Jesus invites us to walk with Him. He says:

'Come walk with me, Come alongside. See my love for you, As I take each stride.'

Date	Description	Gospel Passage
Sunday 10 th April, Palm Sunday	Jesus rides into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday	John 12: 12 - 15 (https://tinyurl.com/563ku44x)
Monday 11 th April	Jesus washes the disciples' feet at the Last Supper	John 13: 4 - 15 (https://tinyurl.com/5n6b9vak)
Tuesday 12 th April	Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane	Mark 14: 32 - 38 (https://tinyurl.com/54be5n63)
Wednesday 13 th April	Jesus is arrested and tried	Luke 22: 47 - 53 (https://tinyurl.com/5f3ux88y) and Luke 23: 1 - 25 (https://tinyurl.com/env6ymy3)
Thursday 14 th April, Maundy Thursday	Jesus walks the road to the cross	John 19: 17 - 19 (https://tinyurl.com/3pwvdv4d)
Friday 15 th April, Good Friday	Jesus is crucified	Matthew 27: 45 - 51 (https://tinyurl.com/52rm448t)
Saturday 16 th April, Easter Saturday	Jesus is buried	Luke 23: 50 - 56 (https://tinyurl.com/yrm3nsn8)
Sunday 17 th April, Easter Sunday	Jesus rises from the dead!	John 20: 1 - 18 (https://tinyurl.com/2ymcbhc8)

School Visits

We are pleased to say that our children will be involved in more visits after Easter, with Year 4 going to Cadbury World on the first day back after the break. Please look out for more visits as we go through the Summer term.

Merit Assembly

Well done to the superstars at the end of this term for thier fantastic efforts.

For being the best that they could be, well done to...

Kane

Anam

Ishmeet

Henna

Kenzo

Jakub

Brett

Mudiwa

Ebuka

Ronan

Alisha

Jamie

Amelia C

Max

Ryan



After Easter, we will be opening our doors to parents and carers for Merit Assemblies on Friday. They will be held at 2.45pm each Friday. Please look out for emails early in the week (this will usually be done on Mondays) to see if your child will be receiving an award. We do also like to celebrate other achievements for learning outside school. There is an altar in my office where children can bring any other awards they receive. These can then be brought to the hall for celebration in Merit Assembly too.

Wednesday Market

We will hold another sale of preloved uniform on Wednesday 27th April. If you have any donations of school uniform, school shoes, trainers, books and craft items. We look forward to seeing you, weather permitting, outside after school or in the hall on Wednesday.

Are you entitled to free school meals?

At any time, some may find finances challenging. You may be entitled to free school meals. Please ask Mrs Marshall at the office if you think you may be entitled. Mrs Marshall will be able to support you with this.

Attendance: Keep going!

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 our time in school, let's take care of ourselves and keep trying our best.

Reception	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 4	Year 6	Year 5
90%	93%	94%	94%	94%	94%	95%

Term Time absence

Please be reminded that if you request any absence during term time, you must make an appointment with Mrs Downes before you are given a leave of absence request form. The government guidance is as follows:

You have to get permission from the head teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission, please consider carefully before making a request.

Our Parish Links:



Father has asked me to remind you that all are welcome at Mass, especially over the Easter period. If you have been unsure and felt unsafe, hopefully you feel safer now and can go to Mass.

School Meals

Are you able to order your school meals without any problems? Please speak to Mrs Marshall at the office if you require any help with this, she help you and you can also order dinners in advance for the term.

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...

Sun 10 Apr 2022	10 April 2022 00:00 - 16 April 2022 00:00 Holy Week
Mon 25 Apr 2022	All day School opens to all pupils
Mon 25 Apr 2022	All day Year 4 Visit to Cadbury World
Wed 27 Apr 2022	15:30 - 16:30 Wednesday Market - Uniform, shoes, etc. Please join us in being more sustainable, to help our families as well as our environment. Donations and support will be welcomed. Pay as you feel you should. All are welcome.
Mon 2 May 2022	All day School closed for May Bank Holiday
Mon 9 May 2022	9 May 2022 00:00 - 12 May 2022 00:00 KS2 SATs Week for Year 6
Mon 9 May 2022	9 May 2022 00:00 - 15 May 2022 00:00 Mental Health Awareness Week

<p>Fri 13 May 2022</p>	<p>10:00 - 10:30 10am: Shaun Bailey (MP) to lead a talk with Y5/6 about politics</p>
<p>Fri 13 May 2022</p>	<p>13:15 - 14:15 PM: Year 6 Transition afternoon - visit from Hagley staff</p>
<p>Thu 26 May 2022</p>	<p>All day Break up for half term holiday</p>
<p>Fri 27 May 2022</p>	<p>All day INSET Day – School closed to pupils</p>
<p>Mon 6 Jun 2022</p>	<p>All day School opens for all pupils</p>
<p>Mon 6 Jun 2022</p>	<p>6 June 2022 00:00 - 10 June 2022 00:00 Vocations Week</p>
<p>Fri 10 Jun 2022</p>	<p>10 June 2022 00:00 - 12 June 2022 00:00 Friday 10th-Sunday 12th June: Y6 Residential Visit to Edmond Hall</p>
<p>Fri 24 Jun 2022</p>	<p>All day INSET Day – School closed to pupils</p>
<p>Wed 20 Jul 2022</p>	<p>All day Year 6 Graduation - Time to be confirmed</p>
<p>Thu 21 Jul 2022</p>	<p>All day Break up for Summer holiday - school closes at normal time <small>The term will end on Thursday 21 July 2022 rather than Friday 22 July 2022 in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday - confirmation has been agreed.]</small></p>
<p>Fri 22 Jul 2022</p>	<p>All day School closed to all pupils</p>