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Dear Parents and Carers,



Well done to everyone who was at St Francis Xavier last year and to everyone who contributed to the children of Year 6. The results are phenomenal! Not only did the boys and girls achieve 90% in all subjects, which is the **BEST** out of **ALL SANDWELL** schools, but St Francis is **ALSO** in 8th place in the top 10 schools in the Black Country, it also includes my previous school, which was in 10th place! Well done to everyone who helped achieve this with those fabulously clever children. There is a lot to be proud of at St Francis Xavier.

Attendance for last week

We are very proud of our boys and girls who come to school every day or as often as they can. We know that this time of year is difficult, so please remember to make sure that you remind children of hygiene (Catch It, Bin It, Kill It when it comes to coughing and sneezing) BOTH at school as well as at home. With all of that in mind, the attendance for last week is PHENOMENAL! We are very proud of all our boys and girls and know that everyone is making sure that they come to school as often as they can.

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| 95% | YR | Well in line. Well done! |
| 95% | Y6 | Well in line. Well done! |
| 95% | Y4 | Well in line. Well done! |
| 97% | Y5 | Well in line. Well done! |
| 98% | Y1 | Well in line. Well done! |
| 98% | Y2 | Well in line. Well done! |
| 100% | Y3 | Well done Year 3!!! Fabulous attendance! |

Please note that we are ideally aiming for an ambitious, (but not impossible!) 99%-100%.



Well done to our Early Birds!

1st Place

Reception and Year 1
(NO LATE MARKS!)

2nd Place

Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
(ONLY 2 lates in each class last week)

3rd Place

Year 2 (just 3 lates last week, so keep up the good effort)

NON-UNIFORM BIRTHDAY DAY STARTS ON MONDAY

In the spirit of celebration and in keeping healthy, we will be letting our boys and girls **celebrate their birthday in a different way to what we have done in the past**. I know that for birthdays, the children often generously bring in sweets to share. For a change, as well as to promote healthy eating, **we will be allowing each birthday boy or girl to wear non-uniform (at no cost) for the day**. They may choose to wear fancy dress or wear their favourite outfit. As long as the following rules are followed, that is great:

- Non-slip, flat heeled shoes.
- No make up or hair colouring.
- Waterproof coat for playtime/lunchtime.
- No tops/blouses/jumpers/skirts that are too short.
- Wear clothes that don't restrict movement.



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REMINDER: DINNER ORDERS

Please remember that after half term, we will expect everyone to order their school meals from Dolce **BEFORE** school. From 25th February, those not ordering before they come to school will be given a jacket potato (on Fridays, it will be a wrap or fish) for their dinner. If you have problems logging in to order, please pop in to the office and one of our staff will show you how to use the order system.

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

Here is a reminder from Sandwell Council

Remember to re-new your code to ensure that you can continue to access funding for your 3 and 4 year olds. Renewal must take place every three months and can be done via the HMRC website

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

Funding will not be able to continue without the relevant code, cut off dates for funding are as follows:

- **March 31st, 2019**
- **August 31st, 2019**
- **December 31st, 2019**

All codes must be given to Nursery providers before the cut-off date to ensure continuation of funding.

Virtues

Please remember that we are focusing on being **ELOQUENT** and **TRUTHFUL** this term. For being **ELOQUENT**, think about how to explain something you know really well how to do. Next, try it with something you find hard. How does it feel? Think about what skills you need to be eloquent. It is not always easy! Jesus was eloquent in teaching us about God the Father, let him help us to be eloquent, modelling Jesus's teaching in all we say, think and do. Amen.

Safeguarding

Please look out for a separate letter regarding how we keep our boys and girls, along with our school safe.

Online safety

We have been dealing with a number of issues in school with children's behaviour outside of school, namely online. Please make sure that you are helping your children by reminding them that they should behave online as they would in front of their parents and teachers. Please also remind them that once something is written online, it can't be removed.

Worried or concerned about any issues?

Please remember that we have an open door policy at school. If you do have issues, please bring them first to the class teacher. If you are unable to come to school for work or other reasons, you can make a phone appointment with the class teacher. If this does not relate to something the class teacher can deal with, you can arrange an appointment with me to meet or speak on the telephone. We take pride in working hard to endeavour to deal with issues in a timely manner to ensure that the focus of learning is not taken away from our boys and girls.

Thank you

Thank you to parents who have spotted issues that have made them feel worried or uncomfortable. Safeguarding is always our first priority and communicating with us quickly means that we can continue to keep this as our priority. I am proud to have such vigilant parents, carers, teachers, governors along with other members of our school community who support what we are doing at St Francis Xavier.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Downes
Head Teacher

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