



Head Teacher / Principal: Mrs J Downes

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Please be aware that measures are being taken to ensure that hygiene is of the utmost priority.

Father Joseph is also taking precautionary measures too.

Sacramental Preparation update for Year 5

Enrolment Mass to be held on Sunday 15th March at 11am, this is a Parish School Mass for all families, please join us at St Francis Xavier Church
The Year 5 children will enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Church on Sunday 15th, which all are welcome to.

Reminder for Year 3 children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation and parents/carers of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:

**For ALL children: Stations of the Cross (during the Sacrament of Reconciliation)
Monday 30th March at 3.45pm at our Church**

We will also be inviting children to take part in a service at Church, the Stations of the Cross at the same time as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We hope that you can bring your son/daughter to support our Year 3 friends.



Staffing: Single Point

At the end of this week, we are very sad to say that Sue Smithson will be leaving Single Point. I know that a lot of our children and families have worked closely with Sue and will miss her a great deal. Single Point will become a company at the end of this month and have plenty of staff to accommodate those using their services and Sue is taking time out to pursue time with her family. I am sure that you will want to join us in saying a big thank you to Sue, who has worked so hard to help so many families. We send her our best wishes and prayers for her future.

British Science Week

This week is British Science week, the children are invited to dress up as a Scientist on Friday. The cost to take part is £1.00, this is for CAFOD, for World Gifts.

Safeguarding: Online Safety – Tik Tok

We are still finding issues with children’s online activity outside of school time. We teach the children and advise you as school families about staying safe online; we have become worried by some of the behaviour we are hearing about when children are online. Often, children are using Tik Tok to socialise and are telling us that they are not always in the same room as parents/carers when online. Please remember that this site is not recommended for children under the age of 14, yet we have children as young as 7 and 8 using it.

For more information about internet safety, please go to our website pages relating to online issues: <http://www.st-francisxavier.sandwell.sch.uk/Page/Detail/safeguarding-and-well-being>

EARLY BIRDKEEPERS: Well done Year 4!

Well done, there have been **0** late marks in these classes, everyone in those classes can have a house point.



Across the whole school, there have only been **9** late marks **BEFORE** the register has closed in the week before half term. This is an increase from last week, so please make sure that you take care to arrive at school on time.

Attendance Update – WOW!!!

We are extremely proud of our boys and girls who are working hard to be in every day that they can.

Class	Y3	Y5	Y4	Y2	Reception	Y1	Y6
Attendance	92%	92%	98%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Comment	Everyone will have 1 house point for being above 95% - keep going (or coming in!)				Excellent! Everyone will have 2 house points.		

Remember:

If there is sickness or diarrhoea, your son / daughter must remain at home for 48 hours.
 Everyone is encouraged to wash hands with soap (rather than sanitizer) before and after eating as well as coughing and sneezing.
 If there is sneezing / coughing, it is important to carry tissues – catch it, kill it, bin it.
 At school, everyone is being encouraged to cough/sneeze onto arms/sleeves as opposed to hands.
 Your son/daughter’s health is important and we wish to support you with giving you as much information as we can to prevent the spread of nasty bugs that will make our boys and girls feel unwell.

Thank you for your continued support in this.



REMINDER: REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Leave of absence request meetings can take place every fortnight at 2pm. You will notice them in the dates for the diary. You will need to contact the school office should you wish to book an appointment. Please note that penalty notices **will** be enforced **FROM THIS TERM** in adherence to our school policy and government legislation. The cost of Penalty Notices are **£60** per parent, per child.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM MARCH 2020, IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY WILL BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE ONLY
 INSTEAD OF YOU RECEIVING A SEPARATE COPY VIA EMAIL.
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINTOUT OF THIS, PLEASE ASK AT THE OFFICE.
 FOR THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE CALENDAR, GO TO:

<http://www.st-francisxavier.sandwell.sch.uk/Page/Calendar>