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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is not long since our last newsletter, but there are a few important pieces of news for you...

Parents' Evening Reminder: Monday 25th



February 2019

Please remember that **Parents' Evening this term is very important** as we are now approaching to our midway point in the year. It will be essential that you attend to hear about progress and how you can continue to support at home. If you cannot attend for any reason, please speak to your son/daughter's class teacher.

EARLY BIRDKEEPERS

The classes with the best punctuality this week are **Y1** and **Y3** with **ONLY 1 late mark** in each. Well done! So many are not far behind this, so keep up the super effort everyone! Early Bird will stay in the successful classes for half of the time each.



Attendance!

We are very proud of our boys and girls who come to school every day or as often as they can.

97%	Y1	Well in line. Well done!
93%	Y2	Well below target.
98%	Y3	Well in line. Well done!
98%	Y4	Well in line. Well done!
94%	Y5	NEARLY in Line. Well done!
98%	Y6	Well in line. Well done!

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

Prayers through Art



As we begin this week with a focus on Art, please use the picture below to pray using art. On Sunday, we celebrated Jesus' first miracle. Through this painting by **Frans Fracken the Younger Painter**, talk about what happened, WHO was present on that day, what it would have felt like to be one of the people at the wedding noticing that the wine was the best tasting of all the day? Talk about how like the best wine, people did not notice Jesus, God's son. Pray together: Dear Lord, help us to remember the miracle of Jesus and what He did for us. We pray that we may recognise Jesus in others' thoughts and actions. Amen.

Jesus holds us in the palm of his hand.'





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 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.

Virtues

Please remember that we are focusing on being **ELOQUENT** and **TRUTHFUL** this term. For being **TRUTHFUL**, you could talk about how important it is to tell the truth. What can go wrong when we tell lies? How does it make us feel? Can you think of stories where characters learn to be honest?

Safeguarding

The work with PCSO Taylor began last week and the children made a great start. This will continue through the term along with assemblies about how we can stay safe when out and about as well as at home and school.

Online safety

As you know, I have been giving safety tips for how to keep your son or daughter safe online. Nationally, or we could even say worldwide, there is a major trend for people sharing vlogs and creating You Tube channels. This can be worrying as it is very easy for children to give personal details away without even realising.

We would like to know how they stay safe online and will be running a workshop for parents later in the term to address issues that you may face as a family in terms of online safety.

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS...

We have been looking at the school website recently and how we could make changes. Please look out for a questionnaire about newsletters as well as the website.

Teaching School News

The Teaching School has been at St Francis Xavier for a few years and now has sadly come to the end of its journey at our school. There is no negative reason for this in terms of our school, some of the factors include the Teaching School not having the volume of projects it ran in the initial years, along with the fact that there are 8 teaching schools in Sandwell.

Recently, the Teaching School hosted trainee teachers, who have gone on to become very successful teachers across the Midlands and beyond. Also, the school has hosted courses to help improve teachers' skills in teaching English. These will continue to run with our school acting as a host venue, which will be good for our school as the courses will help build the expertise of teachers within school and help our boys and girls in their learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Downes
Head Teacher

