

# Newsletter

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This week Year 4 performed an assembly teaching us all about the life of St. Francis. The prayer below is one that he taught us.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



This week staff will be taking part in some training delivered by Mr Lee Parkinson, who is highly regarded within both ICT and the world of education. We are excited to learn some new and creative ways in which to enhance the curriculum through ICT.

A big thank you to the PTFA whose fundraising has enabled us to pay for this. We know the children will both enjoy and benefit from these new initiatives.

Thank  
You!

## Message from the Headteacher

On Monday the NSPCC visited the school. They talked to KS1 and 2 children about their campaign 'Speak out, Stay safe'. They led separate workshops for Year 5 and 6 children. The teachers and I felt that it was very age appropriate and an excellent message to send to the children. If you would like to learn more they have left some leaflets at the school office, or you can visit their website.

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Staff attended Asthma training this week given by the school nurse. Parents of children who suffer from this condition must fill in a medication form, which can be obtained at the school office. This training was as a result of suggestions at the KS1 and EYFS coffee morning and it was lovely to meet our KS2 parents on Thursday afternoon. We are still looking for parent class reps. This was also suggested at the coffee morning so if you are interested please let the office know. We are trying to change the date of our KS2 carol concert as a few parents have said it clashes with BGN's. As soon as I have a new date I will let you know.

Our next whole Mass will be our Harvest Festival on **12<sup>th</sup> October at 13.45pm**, which will be held in the school hall. On Wednesday we celebrate St Francis and this year following on from his great work with the poor we will be collecting food for our local community food bank. We have been in contact with the food bank and the items they would like donated are: **tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned fruit, milk (UHT), fruit juice, tinned puddings and grain rice. Also, packets of noodles, (but no pasta) breakfast cereals, biscuits, sugar and tea. They would also welcome: washing up liquid, toothpaste and toilet paper.** All items must be non-perishable and preferably have a best before date of at least six months in advance. Items can be left in school from Monday. As I am sure you are aware that many more people are having to use local food banks in order to feed their families and we feel that donating to them reflects our Catholic Values.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

**'WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received special awards this week:**

**Early Years-Hannah G**

**Early Years-Ivy S**

**Year 1-Ava C**

**Year 1/2 -Ollie C**

**Year 2 - Darcy H**

**Year 3 -Lenny C**

**Year 3/4-Oliver H**

**Year 4 -Humberto**

**Year 5 -Dana K**

**Year 5/6-Leane T**

**Year 6- Grace L**

### **Lunchtime Supervisors Vacancies**

We have 2 lunchtime supervisor vacancies.

This is for 1 hour per day 12.10pm-13.10pm.

If you are interested in this position please pop in to the school office for an application form.

*Just a friendly reminder...*

Dinner money must be paid on a Monday to the class teacher, if your child is absent on a Monday it can be paid the following week.

### **PTFA News**

Thank you for everyone who attended Wednesday's meeting. It was lovely to see you all.

For our Christmas fundraiser we will be making personalised Thank you cards throughout the school for you to order and send to family and friends.

We are currently finalising dates for an adult bingo evening and a Christmas disco for the children.

We are holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October with a donation of £1.00.

The children were excited this week to see a new addition to our fish tank and also some new accessories for our school tank

All items were brought with funds from PTFA. Thank you for your support.



## **Dates for Autumn Term**

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Football Festival Year 3/4 at BGN School Harvest Mass in school 13.45 <b>All Welcome</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination (nasal spray) for Years 1,2,3,4
	Scholastic book fair opens Run by Year 6 children
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Mrs Pittman's class to St John's Church for Class Mass 10.00am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school Parents Evening Year 5 Rugby Festival at Banbury Rugby Club
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-School Uniform £1.00 donation
	Scholastic book fair closes
<b>HALF</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	New term starts