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Please join in with worldwide prayer with Pope Francis. The staff already take part in the Way of the Heart each month for focussed prayer, thinking and praying different people worldwide. I would like to invite families to take part too. You can download the app to take part too.

**Holy Communion update for Year 3**Saturday 27th June 2020 at 11am at our Church

The children will make their Sacrament at Church, it will be followed by a Communion breakfast for the children which will be held at school on the day. **Further details will be given at the next meeting.**

Friday 7th February – Next Friday is Year 6's Assembly – it is one with a difference, as they will teach the school about anti-bullying. They will then hold a very special Year 6 assembly later in the year.

Parent/Carer Views

Thank you to those who have completed the parent/carers survey. The survey has closed and you will be receiving a copy of the results and our response shortly as well as being able to access it on the website.

******* Prize Draw - £50 M & S Gift Vouchers*******

Please remember that you will be helping the school by downloading the app to your phone. **If we reach our target of ALL parents/carers (at least one for each family), we will run a prize draw for M & S vouchers, worth £50.**

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For a compassionate heart we pray: *God in heaven, we offer our deepest appreciation for the many blessings you shower upon us every day. We are truly humbled by the bounty of your graces. Through this prayer, we ask for the compassion to follow the inspiring example of the good Samaritan. Help us to embrace and bring comfort to those suffering immensely overseas. Amen.*

**St Francis Xavier love their dinners!**

Our School Council have been reviewing the dinners on a term by term basis and have found that there has been a massive improvement in the quality of meals, especially in that they get seconds. One of our children, with a beaming smile said, **"I love seconds!"** and another said, **"The cooks are really friendly and they give us big portions."** Thank you to our team of cooks: Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Tonkaboni and Miss Henry.

Parent / Carers' Meeting Day: Wednesday 12th February 2020 9-11am and 1.30-5pm

As you will know from the calendar, we have parent/carer meeting day soon. I will be available during the morning if you would like to speak with me regarding anything and will be sharing information about how we teach spellings in school. But please remember that we have an open-door policy, so you can speak to your son/daughter's class teacher or arrange an appointment with me if there are any issues.

Safeguarding: Online Safety

We have had some issues with some of our boys and girls experiencing problems online. This sometimes has been when other people, who the children have not met, join a game or group. Please help your son or daughter be vigilant and **ONLY** socialise online with people they have met in person. Also, if anything happens or said that makes them feel in any way uncomfortable, please remind them of what to do. If it is an issue between children within our school, we will work with you to support and advise in raising awareness. But also, please remember the important part you play. Whilst your children are under your supervision at home, it is beholden to you to report any undesirable online behaviour to the providers. We will be working with our PCSOs so that we can give you more guidance and advice throughout the year.

EARLY BIRDKEEPERS: Well done Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 Year 6!



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 **6** late marks **BEFORE** the register has closed. Thank you for your support in being so aware of the difference being early makes.

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	Y1	Y5	Reception	Y2	Y4	Y3	Y6
Attendance	96%	96%	97%	99%	99%	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>