



# St Francis School Newsletter

## Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd July

Rainbow Day Early Years

Parents Evening — Appts required

Tuesday 8th July

Fire Engine visit

Wednesday 9th July

Winters Hill visit

Thursday 10th July

School Prom

Monday 14th July

Start of Lion King activity week

Tuesday 15th July

Parents Open Day

Thursday 17th July

Lion King theatre visit

Monday 21st July

Activity day to incorporate Sports

ASDAN presentation eve 1830-2000

Wednesday 23rd July

930 Infants/Juniors Assembly

1030 Leavers Assembly

1300 HALF DAY for students

Tuesday 2nd September

**INSET DAY—No children in School**

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

June 2014

We have had a busy Summer term and been taking advantage of the lovely weather. Some of the children have been visiting the rivers and seaside and learning about water.

We have also been making more use of the School grounds with a World Cup Day where students were divided into six teams to compete for a cup, which was won by Team Brazil. You may well have seen the article which appeared in The News.

Over the next few weeks there will be more events to which you will be invited, and I do hope you will be able to attend.

I am also delighted to say that following the monitoring of teaching and learning across all classes the Senior Leadership Team, with the support of an external moderator, has found that the vast majority of lessons are “*outstanding*”.

Well done everyone!

Best wishes

*Steve Hollinghurst*

Headteacher

## !! E safety- The safe use of ICT and computer equipment !!

All children are potentially at risk when using the computer, internet and other devices. Some points from the School policy are highlighted below that you should consider., and more will be added to the next newsletter. The full policy is available to view in School.

1. Keep the computer in a communal area at home and monitor what your child does on the computer at all times.
2. Make sure your child never reveals any personal details.
3. On social networking sites (Facebook, Bebo, MSN Messenger) care should be taken to protect personal details. Photographs should be added with extreme caution and 'Friends' should be added only if you know who they are.



## THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

After three flights followed by a five day hike I made it to the top of Poon Hill in the Himalayas, an ascent of about 3200 metres. It was an incredible trip and one I will remember for a long time.

We trekked for about five or six hours a day with the Nepalese sherpas who were really kind and generous and so proud that we were visiting their country. FOSF and I really appreciated your

support and are delighted that we managed to raise £2000 which will be spent on outdoor musical instruments for the students.



## Campus Pirate Week

Last month the Campus Schools took part in a Pirate Week. Pupils from Ranvilles Infant School put a story board together writing their own pirate story. Pupils from St Francis, Heathfield and Ranvilles Infant schools joined J.M Barrie in his story of Peter Pan. It was a magical day and all the pupils enjoyed taking part in the sensory story. Pupils from the schools visited Heathfield on Wednesday for "Singing and Signing" where pupils sang a variety of pirate songs. We were able to take groups of pupils to Ranvilles Infant school for the Green Screen Filming. Pupils took on a variety of roles in the story the Infant school put together and they were filmed using a green screen where the green screen scenes will be added.

In classes pupils dressed up as pirates and took part in a variety of activities including pirate drama.

The film will be available on our School website in due course.

## We're going on a journey..

Turtle class have been going on journeys. They have travelled using different types of transport and taken pictures of what they saw along the way. Alicia and James went to Portsmouth on the Gosport ferry. They went on the School bus to Gosport and then the Ferry across the water. They saw the Spinnaker Tower and a very old ship called The Warrior.



## ASDAN completed!

At JCH the Post 16 department we have been working very hard to ensure all our ASDAN modules are completed ready for external moderation. Through this academic year students have completed four different ASDAN modules.



Horticulture - students learnt how to garden safely and the equipment that is needed. Darragh visited the local garden centre to find clothing he would wear when gardening.

Creativity – students chose to base their learning around the Lion King. They made animal masks, performed a dance in assembly and made some excellent animal pictures.



Environment- students learnt how to look after the environment and how recycling is a good way to help. Nathan finishing his animal picture.

## STAFF NEWS

### Starters

Rosie Robinson joined earlier this term as an NQT.

Sue Tattersall is a new Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (LTSA)

Linda Clarke who joined us earlier this year as an LTSA has also joined the cleaning team

We are also delighted to welcome Zoe Plowman, a new teacher, who will be joining us in September.

### Leavers

Pam Day will be leaving us at the end of term after 27 years as an LSA Helen Borrett left to have a baby and will not be returning after her maternity leave Liz Pulman will also be leaving as she is moving to Plymouth.

### Promotions

Congratulations to the fourteen Learning Support Assistants who moved from LSA1 to LSA2 recently. Well done!!

Please see our website site for a full list of our school staff

<http://stfrancisschool.co.uk/index.php/about-us/staff>

## GENERAL NEWS

### Don't forget, we're collecting used stamps!



Please save your used postage stamps. Naomi House collects all types of used British and Foreign stamps to raise much needed funds.

Please ensure that the stamps are complete, and place them in the collection box near the office, or send them into School in an envelope marked "used stamps". *Thank you*

Lucas modelling his new Bibbles available from [www.bibbleplus.co.uk](http://www.bibbleplus.co.uk).

Enquiries to [Enquiries@bandana-bibs.co.uk](mailto:Enquiries@bandana-bibs.co.uk)



**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** The police have asked us to remind parents of the need for considerate parking, particularly at drop off and pick up. Whilst they appreciate the needs of the children they ask that access to the road is kept clear to allow free-flowing traffic, as well as footpaths, junctions and driveways.

## Message from the Chair of Governors...

Dear Parents,

Following some feedback received (thank you!) I thought it would be nice if the Governors provided an update on a regular basis, both about ourselves and the roles we have for what I think, is a truly wonderful School.

So here is our first article and as Chair, the honour has fallen to me!

My name is Deb Saxby and I have been involved in the St Francis Governing Body (FGB) for over 8 years now. I initially started as a Local Authority appointed Governor (LA) and moved to Chair of Finance and am now Chair of the Governing Body and work closely with Steve Hollinghurst and his team. I am in School most Fridays and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you if you would like to have a chat!

My personal background is in business and finance and I have worked for a major international bank for over 36 years.....and I am still working out what I want to do as a career!! I am a working Mum with 2 children, one of whom is now a teacher in a primary school and another a student at Cams Hill School in Fareham. I have lived in the Portsmouth/Fareham area for nearly 30 years.

*So what about the role and responsibilities of being a Governor.....*

The role of a school governor is demanding but very rewarding and is a great way to "give back" to our local community. The School governing body is responsible for working with the School to ensure that it delivers the best possible education and support to all students and their families and I believe that St Francis really does live by its motto of "*every child matters and every moment counts*".

Together with the Headteacher, who is responsible for day-to-day management, governors help set the School's aims and policies and have 3 main roles:-

- To provide strategic direction for the School
- To act as a critical friend to the Headteacher
- To ensure accountability

But we also carry out a number of other important duties, which include:-

- Determining how the school's budget is spent
- The appointing and dismissing of staff
- Hearing appeals and grievances
- Forming policy on the school's curriculum and collective worship
- Setting standards for pupils' behaviour and discipline
- Making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe
- Setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies

*Who can be a school governor? ...*

- You don't have to have children at the School to be a governor. However, you do have to be over 18, and pass a formal check for your suitability to be within our School. No specific qualifications are required but there are certain expectations. What's really important is that you have energy, enthusiasm, time and a real desire to help provide children with the best possible education.

Governors come from all sections of the community (as you will see over coming updates), and all walks of life. They can be parents, staff at the School, residents in the locality or representatives of local churches or businesses. It is important that you can work as part of a team, and can give commitment to the School..

Over the coming months my colleagues on the Governing Board will each be providing an update about themselves and the important role they play at St Francis.

I hope you found this update useful but, as always, if you would like to meet me or have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask at Reception and we can set something up.

I look forward to meeting you.