



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

Newsletter - 4 (23/10/2020)

Mr Salkeld update

I would like to thank everyone, staff, students, and families for your support this half term. It has been a long 8 weeks with many adaptations and challenges but collectively our focus remains on Faith, Culture and Learning. Within this we prioritise safeguarding and welfare because we want everyone to feel safe and secure. Our faith helps us navigate the difficult times and recognise that God has a plan, even when times are hard and I feel blessed for this guidance.

I desire greatly for all students to be in school learning. We have embraced the necessary changes the pandemic has brought and we do all that we can to mitigate against it. We have had confirmed cases in school and working with Public Health Walsall and England you will be aware that some student bubbles have had to learn remotely. This is not our preferred situation but our online learning does offer some balance to the difficult decision of keeping everyone safe and I am acutely aware of the fears many have at this time.

I pray for all during this difficult time. All who have to balance these priorities and consider the wider implications for their families.

Can I remind everyone that masks are to continue to be worn in communal areas, namely the corridors, canteens and Quad area when we return on Monday 2nd November. Please find the time to stock up with appropriate face coverings. We have given out several hundred since Wednesday 14th but urge students to take responsibility.

In the midst of the pandemic I want to highlight why our school is so fabulous.

After 8 weeks, with 1143 students, the average number of achievement and behaviour points awarded, per student, are:

Achievement	Behaviour
46	2

This is incredibly positive and highlights our push for rewards and how students really do step up to our high expectations.

I wish you all a restful and happy half term break and look forward to starting Term 2 on Monday 2nd November.

God Bless

Aldridge War Memorial

On Wednesday 14th Maxwell Ajayi (Y8), Lucas Ballett (Y8) and Omar Cham (Y7) represented SFA in laying a wreath at the Aldridge war memorial.

Unfortunately the Remembrance Parade and Service is not possible this year and the live Service has been cancelled so we were happy to be part of the preparations for the on-line delivery. Below is the facebook link so that people can watch the local Remembrance Service

<https://www.facebook.com/AldridgeRemembrance/>



Literacy Words of the week

Challenge

Definition:

A challenge is something new and difficult which requires great effort and determination.

In a sentence:

Although this year may produce challenges, we will overcome them.

Establish (new half term, new beginnings)

Definition:

To create or set up.

In a sentence:

Let's establish a caring atmosphere in school.

Calendar and Up coming events...

- Friday 23rd October—Half term begins at 15:30
- Monday 2nd November—All return to school after half term
- Wednesday 4th November—Feast of All Saints
- Friday 6th November—Year 9 Retreat morning
- Week beginning 16th November—Uniform Focus week