



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

Newsletter - 26/03/2021

Headteacher update

It has been fantastic to welcome students back to school and to get back to learning and routines as a whole community. Staff and students alike are working hard to identify knowledge gaps and to accelerate and elevate learning with real focus. It would be remiss of me to say that things are 'normal', they still are not but Lateral Flow Testing has now concluded in school, and we can all hone in on what really matters, Faith, Culture and Learning.

I want to say thank you to students and parents for their willingness and support in wearing face coverings. Quite simply, they are not comfortable but we all know that they reduce aerosol transmission and we 'Wear to show we Care'.

There has been some slippage in uniform standards, mainly footwear, since returning after lockdown. I appreciate that shops have not been open and shoes will not have been a priority however, do expect that as we return after Easter the correct, black school shoes are worn and we maintain our high standards.

End of term

We break up for Easter on Thursday 1st April 2021. The calendar set in July 2020 stated that we would finish at 13:20, but with everything that has gone on we will finish school at the normal time of 15:30 to maintain routines and learning to the end.

Holy week and Easter

As we begin holy week with Palm Sunday we are reminder of Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem before the humility of Maundy Thursday and his suffering on Good Friday. This all precedes the joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday. I ask everyone to reflect on how clearly God was fully invested in our human life, in its cruelty and tragedy, but also how nothing could be more clear that God's love and offer of freedom to us all.

Happy Easter

It is with great pleasure that during this last week we drive an easter egg collection to donate to Walsall Outreach, who support families in need. I look forward to being able to share photos of a lorry full of donations!

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EASTER EGG COLLECTION 2021

Please take all eggs to the Chapel

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All eggs will be donated to Walsall Outreach, who will give them to families in need throughout Walsall.

Site works

During the March to June and the January to March lockdowns, many improvements were made to the school site. With students not present we took the opportunity to refurbish toilets, decorate entire areas of the school, and replace all of the windows in the science classrooms over two floors.

We are passionate about giving staff and students the very best conditions to work in and the next projects are already being planned. The Chapel renovation is nearing completion and we are excited to share how that looks.

In the near future we will be making improvements to the driveway to ensure safety, the next phase of window replacements will start soon and we will be investing in the canteen facilities.

We also want to increase our energy efficiency across the whole school so will launch and Environment Initiative and involve students in this.

Huge thanks to the Site Team for their hard work.

Literacy Words of the week

Formula

Definition:

- A mathematical relationship or rule expressed in symbols
- A list of ingredients with which something is made

In a sentence:

Use the appropriate formula to calculate the area of a triangle

Justify

Definition:

To show or prove to be right or reasonable.

In a sentence:

You could justify your argument by using evidence

Calendar and Up coming events...

- Thursday 25th March– Covid Home Testing kits distributed to students
- Thursday 1st April– Break up for Easter at 15:30
- Monday 19th April– Return to school after the Easter holiday
- Tuesday 27th April– Year 7 Remote Parents Evening
- Monday 3rd May– School closed for May Bank Holiday
- Thursday 6th May– Year 8 Remote Parents Evening