



Foundation Stage News

St Francis Class

Week Beginning: 8/9/23

Welcome to our first Foundation Stage Newsletter. This will be sent out every two weeks to keep you in touch with what the children have been learning and for general news and reminders.

We are really pleased with how the children have settled into school life at St Catherine's.

So far, the children have enjoyed getting to know the staff, including visits from Mr Croghan and Miss McGonigle. We have been painting, reading, counting, playing lots of games and making new friends already!

Thank you for helping the children to develop their independence through saying goodbye at the gate in the morning. They are doing so well with this.

I hope that you will find these newsletters beneficial. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to me,

Mrs S. Barron

Our topic for this half term is 'Once Upon a Time' where we will be focussing on fairytales.

In our first few weeks we are reading the book 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We were surprised to find an enormous beanstalk has grown in our class!



Our RE for this half term focusses on Baptism. We would be very grateful for any photo's from your child's Baptism to look at in class (please name them). These will be returned to you. Thank you.



Upcoming events...

We will be having a 'Fairytale Day' on Friday 13th October.

We will be asking the children to come to school dressed as a fairytale character.



We are very excited to be working alongside you, in partnership, to provide the best education for your child.

We really value finding out about what you do at home and your child's achievements outside of school. Please upload pictures and comments onto Tapestry. Or, please could you fill in the 'Did you know....' slip (copies of these are in your child's book bag) with interesting or new developments that you discover your child can do i.e.: 'Molly swam on her own without a float today' or 'Seb enjoyed reading a book to his younger brother. He really is enjoying books at home!' etc.

Please give Mrs Barron any completed 'Did you know...' slips and these will be added to your child's Learning Journal. Thank you!

Reading books will come home with the children soon. An important part of reading is developing comprehension so we will spend some time working with the children on 'non-worded' books. These type of books are very important in developing reading skills such as predicting (what will happen next?), understanding the characters (how do they feel?) and exploring new vocabulary that can be used in discussion about the books. Please spend time reading and talking about these books with your child - children that experience 'book talk' in their younger years develop into confident readers. Also, please take the opportunity to read the same book several times as this helps to develop understanding and reading with confidence.



Reminders!

Please could every child have a **water bottle** in school. We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day.

Also, please ensure that **everything** is named (including coats, drink bottles, lunch boxes, jumpers....etc!)

Children will need to **come into school in their PE kits** on **Monday's** and **Wednesday's** please.

Thank you

This is how we write our letters at St Catherine's. We will be teaching these to your child in school. Some letters stay on the grass, some go up into the sky and some go down into the mud.

