St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

Newsletter ~ Term 3, Week 4

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christingle Mass this week which was beautifully led by children from year 2. And for the generosity shown by every one in raising £430 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal – many children emptied their penny pots and gave their pocket money to help children and their families re-build their lives in this tiny country. We have put up a small display in the front corridor that include children's prayers, drawings and thoughts. If you would like to add a prayer or reflection to the display, please do so.

Well Done
Certificates are awarded this week for co-operation with others, good questioning and contributions during class and positive attitudes. So a well done goes to Daniel W, Jessica W and Alice (Y2), Rachel, Emil and Jack (Y3), Eleanor, Ellen and Scott (Y4), Rosie, Charlie and Sonia (Y5) and Seb, Ellie and Lily-Rose (Y6)

Movies and Munchies
Key Stage 2 pupils have their Movies and Munchies film tomorrow, Friday 5 February.

Parents Evenings – Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 February
Could parent' evening slips be returned to the school office by **9am tomorrow morning, Friday 5 February** so that appointments can be allocated and sent out in sufficient time. Should you have mislaid the original letter, a copy can be obtained from the school's web site – "letters from the office".

As part of the school's 'open door policy', teachers are usually available to address queries or concerns. This is best done at the end of the school day or at a mutually convenient time to both parties, rather than at the start of the day when teachers are setting up for lessons and children are coming in.

Curriculum Activities for next week
There is still plenty going on as we come to the end of term. Next Thursday Reception children will be having a Pirates Day and will be asked to come to school dressed as a pirate – please look out for a letter from Miss Beaumont. Year 2 will be visiting Nowhere Woods with the Ranger, and Year 4 will be having a visit from Waste Watch on Friday.

Healthy Mid-morning Snacks
Key Stage 2 pupils have been reminded this week that they may bring in a mid-morning snack should they wish and that as we are a healthy school, the snack should be a healthy piece of fruit. Some children seem to have forgotten this and are bringing in chocolate bars and other sugary snacks. Key Stage 1 pupils all receive a daily piece of fruit as part of the government's Healthy School's Initiative which helps towards setting up healthy eating habits and which we would like to maintain as children become older. I would be grateful if you could help us reinforce this important message to our children.

School Dinners
Dinner monies for next term will be £56.55 for 29 days. (£1.95 per day). Cheques should be made payable to North Somerset Council and if money is sent in, could the exact amount be enclosed where possible as change is sometimes difficult to find.

Italian Club 2010 – 2011
While 2010 -11 may still seem a long way off, parents wishing to enrol their child for Italian lessons from September will need to complete a registration form, available from the notice board outside the school office. Forms must be completed and returned by **12 February** in order that we have an idea of numbers. Italian lessons are funded by the Italian Consulate and are therefore free; however there is an annual administration fee of £30 payable in September.

Stock Clearance
We are holding a stock clearance of the last of the old style fleeces which are smart, warm and ideal for spring. 30"-32" and 34" available. There will be no charge, instead we ask for a donation that will go towards the Haiti Appeal. If interested call in at the office.

Nailsea Parish Lenten Project
The Avon and Somerset Constabulary Male Voice Choir will be performing at St Francis Church **Saturday 20 February at 7.30pm** in aid of the Parish Project. Funds raised will help replace the livestock that has been destroyed in the recent conflict in a parish in Liberia that Father Sam knows. Tickets are £8.00, available from the Nailsea Music Shop or Carol Brown 858744.

Holiday Activities
With the half term holiday coming up, we have spotted that there are some history activity days at the North Somerset Museum in Weston-super-Mare, that children may be interested in as they link with class topics. There will be hands on activities and a chance to meet characters from this past, eg: the Romans on Monday, the Greeks on Tuesday and the Tudors on Thursday, from 10am – 4pm.

And Finally…

Lauren's (Y5) Prayer for Haiti

Dear Lord
Please protect the people of Haiti,
Care for them in your loving hands.
Bring peace to their hearts and make sadness become joy.
Please bring the separated and injured to their families and friends.
Bring them warmth and food.
May everyone who has lost their lives be in the Kingdom of Heaven.
May everyone be happy as we wait in hope for the lost to be found.

Amen