



St Francis R.C. Primary School

We believe that with God everything is within our reach!



BREAKFAST CLUB

As you will be aware, we run a free breakfast club for children from Reception to Year 6 in our school hall. The club has become very popular with often, over *** children in attendance. In order to ensure their safety, we deploy our support staff (who have set working hours) to supervise breakfast club. We have also paid some staff overtime so that we have adequate staff for the numbers of children who have been attending. Often, if a staff member is sick, a teacher will go in and cover—leaving them very little time to prepare their lessons for the day. The cost of running breakfast club is having a detrimental impact on the school budget and preventing us from purchasing resources to support teaching and learning. It is also using hours of our support staffs' time that could be used to support teaching and learning in the classrooms during the school day.

We have had several discussions with other local schools, leaders and governors and come to the conclusion that we need to make changes to the current system.

For the reasons outlined above, **from Monday 31st March, there will be a £2 per child per day charge for breakfast club that must be paid in advance.** This will go someway to covering the cost of staff and resources.

We are aware that this may be a barrier for some of our working families who need child care, especially those who have more than one child in school. If you have special circumstances that you would like to share, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs O'Dwyer or Miss Deighan in confidence and they will try to come to an arrangement for you.

Once we have our new kitchen systems in place, we are hoping to be able to offer a carbohydrate based, mid-morning snack that children can eat at playtime if they wish—more details to follow.

We hope you understand our rationale. Our staffing and resources are best utilised when they are supporting your child's education. Providing the very best Catholic education we can remains our priority and we are working hard to make St Francis the best school it can be for our community .

Friday 7th
February

Prayer for the week...

If you are ready, step out of the boat and follow Jesus.



This week's
Attendance

- ☺ Year 1:
- ☺ Year 2:
- ☺ Year 3:
- ☺ Year 4:
- ☺ Year 5:
- ☺ Year 6:

DATES FOR DIARIES

Wednesday 12th February 9am	*** Class Assembly
Friday 14th February Monday 24th February	Break for half term School re-opens

PARENT'S EVENING

We will be holding a parents' evening on Thursday 10th April. We know this may seem late but Easter is very late this year. We want to make sure we have all the information we need to share the most accurate picture of your child's progress. This is an opportunity for us to speak with you so if you can, please avoid bringing your child/ren. We will hold separate sessions where you can visit your child's class with them and look through their books. This will be arranged around the same time as parent's evening.

