

**Saint Francis Catholic  
Primary School**



**October 2006  
NEWSLETTER**



Dear parents

I am very pleased with the first half-term of the year. The children have worked hard and there is much to celebrate. The new Reception children have settled well, I daily see children from this class doing 'jobs' around the school and they are always confident and assured.

Since the beginning of the year I have given out over 100 merit cards to all year groups. I'm pleased to say the children's working routines are now well established and I can report that homework completion is definitely improving.

On the sporting front, all the clubs and practices are well attended by the children. In the football matches played so far our teams have done really well. Mr Escott is very hopeful that the school will be successful in the Rice Bowl tournament.

This month the School Council had its first meeting. I was impressed by the children on the council; they all took their duties very seriously and the first meeting was very productive. In future Newsletters I hope to include a regular feature on the School Council's work. After the meeting I followed one of the councillors, Joey Cavani, back to his class and witnessed his very detailed feedback to them - well, I had better watch my job!! He was very articulate and clear when explaining the purpose of the council and he had every child in the class listening to him. I understand from the teachers all the other councillors were the same. I am very excited about the School Council because I think it will make a great contribution to the development of the school. Finally we have started our planning for Christmas, well it is only 37 school days after half-term. I do understand for families that it is a hectic time especially if you have children at more than one school, therefore included in this Newsletter are the dates for the plays, parties and other Christmas activities. Please put them on your calendar!

Have a happy half-term holiday!

Denise Shipstone

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th October - School opens after Half Term

Wednesday 1st November - All Saints School Mass

Tuesday 7th November - Healthy Eating Evening

Saturday 25th November—Parish Christmas Fayre  
Working Mens Club 1a.m. - 3.30.p.m

Friday 1st December - Menphys Concert at  
De Montfort Hall - St Francis School Choir

3rd December Sunday—Victorian Christmas Fair  
10.30.a.m. School Choir singing.

### DINNER AND MILK MONEY FOR NEXT HALF TERM 30th OCTOBER TO 19th DECEMBER 2006

DINNERS: 37 Days @ £1.70 £62.90

MILK: 37 Days @ 16p £5.92

#### SWIMMING

Monday 8 weeks at £1.00 £8.00

Wednesday 7 weeks at £1.00 £7.00



## PREFECTS!

The new Prefects for this year for Green house prefects are Sophie Sharpe. The Blue house Sarah Danaher, Anthony Grogan and Janise Tang. The yellow house prefects are Matthew Holt, Jordan Wilson, Phillipa Coombe and Daniel Weymouth. The red house prefects are Johnny Uttley, Isabel Graham and Maria Newton. We have been helping round the school for about 3 weeks. The jobs are dinner hall Duty, gate duty, lining up duty and wet play duty. You do lining up duty by putting a sign saying queue here for lunch out side at 12:30 and I have to have my lunch at 12:10 then I go out and let a few children in at a time to have their lunch. *Matthew*

## *House Points*



Being a prefect is quite hard, doing all kinds of jobs and sometimes doing extra jobs, like at wet plays we have to go to different classes and we have to set a good example to the younger ones, also we have to make speeches to the whole school. Once the prefects had to do a presentation about the house saints. Red house is Saint Anthony and me, Isobel and Jonathon, all did a really good display. At school we have house points and this year is slightly different, we count up the house points for each house and each month the house with the most house points is the winner for the month, in September Yellow house and blue house came tied in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Before I thought being a prefect would be easy but it turned out quite hard!!!!!!!

*By Maria (Head Girl of Red House)*

## School Council

I was the girl voted on to the School Council for Year 6 [Miss Walne]. I got voted on by the members of my Class. We had to write down reasons of why we wanted or should be School Council for our year. We have all had our photos taken and they are displayed in School so that everyone knows who we are.

Every Thursday we have a meeting to say what we would like to change. We go to the Library, we call it our school council room. I am the Chair of the School Council. Sam and I go at 2.45pm. Mrs Hickey and Miss Walne are the Teacher Representatives on the School Council.

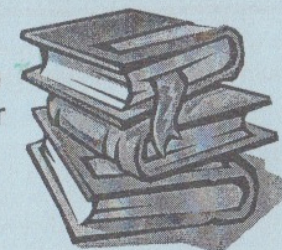
On the first meeting Mrs Shipstone helped us out. On the same day I got voted to be the Chair and Connor McGuire was voted to be the Vice Chair.

We have decided to start to change the Reception children's toilets, to put mirrors in the girls toilets. We have a class meeting on Friday.

As the Chair I have to keep people quiet and make sure that the people next-door don't hear what were saying and that only one person speaks at a time.

Sam is the Chair of the this week but I am the Chair the Book for next week.

*Hattie*



Book  
of



**St Francis Junior Choir**  
**Menphys Concert - De Montfort Hall**  
**Friday—1st December 2006 7.30.p.m.**

Once again the members of our Junior Choir will be representing St Francis School at this event. The eighteen Year 6 children will be singing an item by themselves 'Please Don't Buy me A——' and also joining the other Catholic Schools in other items. This is always a good evening and is usually sold out. Tickets will be on sale after Half Term - £7.00 each. Please send in your request for tickets in an envelope marked with your child's name, number of tickets required and correct money. (Cheques should be made payable to 'St Francis School')

**Victorian Christmas Fair**  
**Sunday 3rd December 2006 10.30.a.m.**

Members of our choir will also be singing at this event in the Market Place. Please come along and support us and do some Christmas shopping!!!



Is there anyone who would be able to help make some costumes for both children and adults. We would like to have some costumes to enrich the curriculum, during lessons.

We will be discussing Florence Nightingale after Half Term and it would be wonderful if we could have some costumes made to enable the children to feel how the daily life would have been.

**Please contact Mrs Sinclair if you think you could help in any way**



**PTA NEWS - OCTOBER 2006**

**Dates for your diary:-**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School Disco, Infants 3.30 – 4.45 pm,  
 Juniors 5.00 pm – 6.15 pm  
 £1 per child

Please use the main entrance to come in and leave/collect children by the fire exit in the hall.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm** – Joint Governors/PTA meeting focused on "Healthy Eating". Please note there will not be a PTA meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, and the next one will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm.

**Toy Sale – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – please have a clear out of any unwanted toys and bring into school the week of 20<sup>th</sup> November. The Parish Fair will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Bags2School Collection – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

**Calendars 2007** Thank you very much to those who have sponsored a month in the calendar, we have some advertising space left and if you would like to take the opportunity of advertising in the calendar, please contact Sister Valerie for further details.

**Recipe Book** – This week the children of the families who have contributed to the recipe book will bring home a small piece of paper to do their artwork on. Please return to school before the half term break, (alternatively they may have had the opportunity to complete in school time).





Also great news from Lisa Hawkins, our PTA fundraiser:-

**The St Francis Interactive Whiteboard Appeal receives a  
£250 donation from the Alliance and Leicester.**

As an additional string to the PTA's fundraising bow, several applications were made to local charitable trusts and businesses, to determine if they were able to support our interactive whiteboard and fundraising initiative. The community investment and charitable donations programme of the Alliance and Leicester Building Society is focused on five key areas, two of which cover the areas of education and local concerns.

It was great to hear that the Alliance and Leicester had decided to give a donation of £250 to help our cause. Many thanks to our contact, Lisa Hallam CSR Co-ordinator at the Alliance and Leicester.

**Protect the environment – recycle your printer cartridges  
and help raise funds for school in the process.**

Did you know that every single year in the UK alone 30 million printer and fax cartridges are thrown away? That's 375 million worldwide – what a load of rubbish!!

Now you have a chance to put your old ink cartridges to good use and support a worthy cause – St Francis School!!

Which cartridges are recyclable? Basically all EXCEPT EPSON.

So, laser toner cartridges from:

- Hewlett Packard
- Canon
- Brother
- Panasonic
- Samsung

And inkjet cartridges from :

- Hewlett Packard
- Canon
- Lexmark

Both original and recycled brands are all suitable. You can use one of the freepost envelopes enclosed with this newsletter, at least 50p is donated to the St Francis School PTA for very useable cartridge returned. Please keep an envelope by your p.c at home, ready to use when your current cartridge runs out. If you need additional envelopes please do not hesitate to ask.

## St Francis Association

### Chair Report 2005/2006

**Joint Chairs: Victoria Davies & Alison  
Cavani**

What a fantastic year the St Francis Association has had again. The constant support of some key people has been amazing and helped raise a total of £8373.05, with a profit of £5285.81.

The year started off selling spring bulbs with The Bulbman then the Calendars following in hot pursuit, creating profits of £400 and £840 respectively. A special thank you goes to Andrew Geeson for scanning all the children's drawings and designing not only the calendars but also the T-towels (£170 profit).

Christmas time is always busy with all the events running up to Christmas; plays, parties, cinema and Create Christmas. The Association were able to host the infants Christmas party, subsidise the juniors' trip to the Cinema and give £20 donations to each class for Create Christmas and we must not forget the Christmas Tree we bought for the Hall.

We had a successful Race Night due to Sheryl Wilson's hard work. Ticket sales, sponsorship, betting and competitive auctioning of horses (or was it pigs!) raised over £700.

Did we really do the Eater Eggstravaganza again? 100 children making and creating with an Easter theme. Donations of Easter Eggs went down very well with the many children who managed to win a prize. Again thank you to those who helped with this busy event raising £210.

The Art Exhibition was a wonderful joint project for Mrs Mazur and Mrs Wright. How nice it was to see the children's work displayed so well in the hall and to hear Mr Coleman's talk. Also on display were the work of Mr Coleman, Mrs Wright and Andrew Geeson. For such a well-received event it was a delight to be able to take in £253.



The 'What not to Wear Evening' was a great success. The talk was inspiring (at least to review your wardrobe!) and the raffle prizes were amazing. Thank you to Donna Dryell for organizing this event and giving over £550 to the Association.

What would the children do without their ice creams during the warmer weather? Thank you to all those who continually help (and get pinned against the wall in the rush) to raise over £780. A big thank you to Sheryl Wilson for keeping the freezer stocked up each week.

There is £800 over the year attributable to donations (mainly refreshments), Bags2School, Yellow Moon sales and own clothes days.

This added together makes a huge impact.

Over the year because of commitment and hard work of certain individuals we have been able to: -

- Buy 2 interactive Whiteboards, £5055
- Donate £1383 towards the Air Conditioning in the Computer Suite, and
- Give £2100 towards restocking the library.

Lisa Hawkins has worked very hard contacting corporations who make charitable donations. Due to her fundraising knowledge we have been given £250 from Alliance & Leicester. We have heard that Masterfoods are donating £2500 towards the cost of an Interactive Whiteboard. This is an amazing achievement and we would like to say thank you to Lisa.

This success is due to the commitment and hard work of those who have helped in the past year, especially Sr Valerie (who has kept us all in check) and Sheryl Wilson who has very kindly taken the role of acting treasurer. Without these two people the year would have been very different. We still need help and the more who help the easier it is, many hands make less work. So please continue to help us raise money for the school which ultimately makes your child's school days more enjoyable.

Finally we would like to wish Helen Reed every success during this school year and to all those who will be assisting her.

Victoria Davies & Alison Cavani

St Francis Association

200 Club

New Members always Welcome!

Monthly Prize Draw

Annual Membership: £60

(can be paid by standing order-□5 monthly)

Winners:

St Francis School

Monies raised so far have helped towards the following:

Computer Suite

Toilets Refurbishment

Decoration

Inter Active Whiteboards

To date we have given in excess of £15,000 to school

July Draw-£50

Jenny Hefford, Dorice Howe, Linda Uttley,

Mrs H Day

August Draw-£50

Ewa Loj, David Hall, Linda Grindey, Lisa Wright

September Draw-£100

Sharon Kinsella, Anthoula Sinclair, Carol Gunby

November's Draw of £1,000 is getting closer -



## ZAWIADOMIENIE

Jeżeli rodzice mają jakikolwiek pytanie o sprawach szkolnych są Pani Woch I Pani Machowska w szkole które mogą pomóc w tłumaczeniu.

Także szkoła by chciała zwrócić uwagę rodzicom ze wejście przy Dalby Road jest tylko na szkolne taksówki I prosi ażeby rodzice używali parking z tyłu szkoły na Blythe Avenue.

If your child travels by Coach, Taxi or Mini Bus from School at the end of the day. Please can you let us know either by telephone or in writing if they are not to travel at any time.



## Christmas Arrangements

Thursday 7th December	Advent Mass
Friday 8th December	Create Christmas funded by PTA

### Plays/Concerts

Tuesday 12th December 7pm	Miss Walne & Mrs Hacking
Wednesday 13th December 1.45pm	Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Wade & Mrs Hickey
Wednesday 13th December 7pm	Mrs Cummins & Mr Escott
Thursday 14th December 7pm	Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Wade & Mrs Hickey
Friday 15th December 1.45pm	Sr Valerie & Mrs Willder/Mrs Piskowyj

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Thursday 14th December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 18th December	KSI party PTA KSII trip to cinema
Tuesday 19th December	Break up for Christmas!



## The Library Scheme

A few weeks before the summer holidays a lady came from the Library to tell us about a Scheme that they were doing called The Reading Mission. We had to read six books and if we read them all before the end of the summer holidays.

If we did we would get a pen which you would write with one end and reveal with the other end.

Both me and my brother Adam did the scheme. We took our first two books on our holiday to Morocco when we came back we changed our books and got our other two books after reading our second lot of books we to the library to chose our last set. About a week later we went back and got a certificate and our pen.

Also we had to stick some stickers in a book and do the activities.

Also a lady came after the holidays she was called Mrs Gilchrist and presented 4 people with some gift vouchers. Everyone in our school got a pencil and a balloon that said libraries are free.

**By Kimberley Day**



## R.E. NEWSLETTER

This month our topic is

### **INITIATION**

*(9<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November)*

In this topic we look at the many ways we are welcomed (initiated) into the communities in which we live. These include the communities of family, school and church.

The children learn about the Sacrament of Baptism which enables the family to both welcome a new baby into the 'Domestic Church' community of the family and also into the parish community. Children explore the ways in which they welcome new people, other children, new staff and parents into the community of the school. They are also helped to grow in awareness of their own initiation into the church.

#### **Suggestions for home activities:**

- Discuss with your children how you, as a family welcome visitors to your home.
- Make a list – e.g. invite them to come in, take their coats and invite them to sit down; Switch off the TV; offer some refreshment; ask how they are; then talk about what else the family might do.
- Show photographs, Baptismal candle, certificate, shawl etc. relating to their own welcome into the family of the church.
- As well as celebrating their birthday, celebrate their Baptism Day by inviting their Godparents for a special meal.



### "LOVE IN A BOX" CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

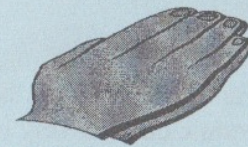
I can hardly believe another year has passed, and it is time again to ask for your help in supporting the "Love in a box" Christmas appeal. Last year's collection of boxes was of superb quality. Thank you.

For new parents -during the lead up to Christmas, we ask the children to think of those children less fortunate than themselves. If you wish, you can fill a shoebox with gifts for children who will not be receiving gifts. We ask this to be done over the half-term, since if the boxes are to get to their destinations by Christmas; they have to be on their way in November.

You will be receiving a letter detailing what to put in the boxes and how to pack them on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. There is a further copy of this letter on the website



funds to send these boxes. It costs £2.00 per box to get it to its destination. A donation of 50p is suggested.



There will also be a collection of some of the formal prayers we use in school on the website, so that you can know which formal prayers we all use in school, and at what year, we teach them.

Jan Hickey R.E. Co-coordinator

Please visit our Website, where you can see lots more of the children's work. This Term - Mrs Cummins Class will be working on and contributing articles and information on the site.

[www.st-francis.leics.sch.uk](http://www.st-francis.leics.sch.uk)





**Parish Christmas Fair,**  
**Saturday 25th November 2006**  
**Melton Working Mens Club**  
**10.a.m. To 3.30.p.m.**

***This is all set to be bigger and better!***

We have LIVE ENTERTAINMENT on stage, more than 20 stalls plus games and competitions, face painting, an auction including ceramic dolls, lovely HOT FOOD, and new this year -PRIZE BINGO! Santa Claus parades through town in a pony and trap to open the Fair. What do we need from you??

1. Donations of all kinds, bottle, gifts, any Christmas things, candles, craft work, books cakes, sweets, jams and preserves, groceries, CD's, bric-a-brac, good clothes, jewellery, toys. BINGO prizes and items for AUCTION. Especially TOOLS, which will be donated to poor communities in Africa if unsold.
2. Help on the day. This is a big Fair and its success depends on everyone doing their bit. We need more people with the stalls and games, and strong men to assist with the lifting and moving
3. Sell Grand Draw tickets. - Ring Martin on 859094
4. Men, enter the cake baking contest. Judging will be at 12 Noon.
5. Children - com in fancy dress. Parade and judging will be at 2p.m.

More details can be obtained from Frances Levett on  
 565781 or 07790 631635



**PARISH CHRISTMAS**  
**FAIR**



**Melton Mowbray Working Men's Club,**  
**Norman Way, Melton Mowbray**

**Saturday 2th November 2006 10.a.m. to 3.30.p.m.**  
**Entrance 75p per person - Children Free**

**Santa Parades through the town!**

**Santas Grotto!**

**Stalls**

**Auctions!**

**Tombola!**

**Refreshments!**

**Cakes!**

**Fancy Dress!**

**Irish Dancisng!**

**Live Music!**

**Bingo!**

**Grand Draw!**

**Competitions and fun for all the family!**



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LICENSING ACT 2003  
PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION/VARIATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an application was made to Melton Borough Council for a Premises Licence/to vary a Premises Licence under the above Act on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006

**Applicant(s)** Mrs. Denise Shipstone

**Address of Premises** St. Francis Catholic Primary School  
Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray.

**Proposed Changes** Daily Dance Facilities

**Proposed Licensable Activities** Facilities for Dancing

**Proposed Days of Opening** Daily

**Proposed Opening Hours** 09.00 - 23.00

The postal address of the Licensing Authority where the register is kept and the application may be inspected is:  
The Council Offices, Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 0UL

Any person wishing to make representations on this matter shall give notice, in writing, stating the precise nature of such representations to the Licensing Officer, Melton Borough Council, The Council Offices, Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 0UL within 28 days of the application being served on the Licensing Authority; the last day for representations to be received therefore being 6/11/2006. Further details on how to make a valid representation are on the Licensing Authorities website [www.melton.gov.uk](http://www.melton.gov.uk) or from the Licensing Team on 01664 502412.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is **£5000.00**