

# Y1 & 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Franciscan after what was hopefully a restful and enjoyable Easter break. This term our topic is '**Flowers And Insects**'. In this topic, the children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will also find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

This term the Year 2 children will be doing their SATs tests during May. We will be giving out extra homework each week to prepare the children for the tests. We would like to remind parents that children should be completing their homework independently with support given when necessary.

We will continue to hear your child read regularly in class and will give them a new reading book to take home every week, which they should bring into school **every day**. It would be helpful if you could set aside 10 minutes each day to hear your child read. **Please make a comment** in the reading record that reflects how your child has read. Please remember to sign and date it.

This is an exciting time in your child's education and they will need our support throughout the year. We feel that it is essential that we work together in partnership! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see us and we will do our best to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Gurdas, Mrs Farooqui-Patel and Miss Lev

**Rights and Responsibilities**  
The children will be continuing to learn about their rights as a child.

### Home time

School finishes at 3:15pm. Could you please ensure that you let the class teacher know when you collect your child. If somebody else is picking up your child you will need to inform the class teacher. If we have not been informed then we are unable to let your child go home until we call you.

### Dates for your diaries

#### May

6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday Monday – school closed  
13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATs week  
20<sup>th</sup> Science Week  
27-31<sup>st</sup> – HALF TERM

#### June

3<sup>rd</sup> School open to pupils  
5<sup>th</sup> Class photographer  
WB 11<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics screen  
20<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Speak out assembly & workshops  
24<sup>th</sup> REPORTS GO OUT TO PARENTS  
27<sup>th</sup> June Parent's Evening 4-6pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Sports Day from 9.30 @ Tooting Running Track  
28<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair 3.45-6pm

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> After School Clubs end  
8<sup>th</sup> Art Week  
19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term for pupils own clothes day – finish at 2pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Staff Training Day – School Closed

#### Autumn Term

#### September

2<sup>nd</sup> School Closed — Staff Training  
3<sup>rd</sup> School Closed - Staff Training  
4<sup>th</sup> School open to pupils @ 8.55

### Physical Education/Dance

In our school, we encourage all children to be active, fit and healthy. We have PE every week and children will not be allowed to participate without the appropriate kit.

PE kits should include:

- Plimsolls or trainers
- Red t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Navy jogging bottoms or leggings.

Children should bring their kits at the start of every half term and take them home at the end.

### How to help your child

- Read everyday.
- Practice spellings regularly.
- Visit the library.
- Write a daily diary at home
- Practice times tables (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s)
- Write a character description



### Homework

Homework will be handed out every Friday, please ensure they are returned the following Tuesday. Spellings will be set as part of the homework. Please practice these regularly (not just once) to give children the best chance of learning them for their test! following Tuesday.

