



Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for all of your Harvest donations. We are holding our Harvest worships on Monday 18th October and will be delivering to the Thornaby food bank on Thursday 21st. Your efforts have been overwhelming so far and I am sure that the minibus will be almost full!



Children of Light Art Competition

Last term, the children took part in an art competition organised by the Diocese of York. Sophia and Milla Rose in our current Year 1 classes and Alfie in our current Year 5 class all received special mentions with Sophia winning 2nd prize. She attended Bishopthorpe Palace to receive her prize from the Arch Bishop of York. The feedback for these fantastic pieces of work was:

Milla Rose	Commended	A creative way to effectively communicate an important message.
Sophia	2nd prize	An original piece that was clearly child initiated rather than adult directed and used colour effectively to convey a great message.
Alfie	3rd prize	A lot of thought and hard work had gone into this piece and the use of the symbolism of hearts and rainbow colours was an effective communication of the message.



Staff Training Days

School finishes for half term after school on Thursday 21st October due to a staff training day on Friday 22nd October. Our other training days where school is closed for pupils are Tuesday 4th January 2022 and Monday 6th June 2022.

All the dates of holidays are on the school website—www.stfrancispri.dalesmat.org/parents/term-dates/

Wake Up Shake Up

At the start of the year, I stated that I would let you know whether Wake Up Shake Up (a dance session before the start of the school day) would re-commence after the half term holidays. Unfortunately, at this time I do not feel that have increased numbers of children in the hall together will support our reduction of pupils getting COVID. This may not be popular for many parents but I feel that it is vital to ensure that our children remain healthy and able to attend school. We have not yet started whole school Worship for this reason.

Sporting Achievements

We have had a busy half term of sporting events. All children in KS1 and KS2 are having their 2 hours of P.E. each week. We have attended or are planning to attend cluster events for tag rugby, cross-country, scavenger hunt and multi-skills.



Three of our children represented Tees Valley (the fastest children from Stockton, Darlington, Redcar, Hartlepool and Middlesbrough) and were fantastic this week.

Our children at the end of last term were invited to try out for district football. Mylo (Y6 was successful and is now part of the district squad! Well done Mylo!



Season of Creation

The children from Years 2, 5 and 6 attended St Francis of Assisi Church as part of the Season of Creation week. They had a fantastic time learning about creation and being able to return to our local church. Thank you to everyone at church for making the children so welcome.

