



Newsletter

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Ofsted Inspection

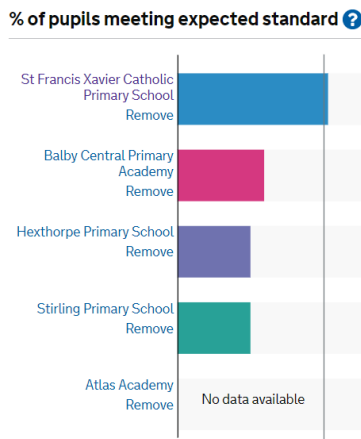
Ofsted came to inspect our school in December 2018. We are delighted to report that the inspectors were very pleased with their visit and have graded the school as **'Good'**.

"The executive headteacher, ably assisted by her team, provides effective leadership. Their strong actions have revitalised the school ethos and have led to rapid improvement."

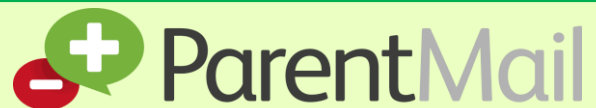
"The strong pastoral care and attention provided for pupils ensures that they are happy, safe and secure in school."

The full report is now available online.

<https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50050571>



St Francis has topped the tables of schools in the local area for the percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard.



School is now using ParentMail for all letters, messages and reminders.

If you are not signed up, you should have been sent an invitation to do so. Just follow the link.

Any problems, please contact the school office.

Training day

Please note school will be closed for staff training on Friday 1st March.

Further dates for your diary

Special dinner day – Thursday 14th February
School closes—Friday 15th February
School opens—Monday 15th February
World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parent/teacher meetings. It was lovely being able to proudly share the children's learning and progress.

Farewell and Welcome

A big thank you to Mr Bowyer for all his hard work. He will certainly be missed. We wish him every success in the future.

We also welcome Mrs Chrissie Barron into the office and Miss Rebecca McShane as the FS2 teacher and Early Years Lead.

Are you missing out?

@SFX_Balby

Did you know we are on twitter?
See what the children are doing and keep up-to-date with any news.



Polite Reminder

Please remember to pay dinner money on the Monday morning of the week your child is having dinners.

Year 1 Phonics Parents Workshop

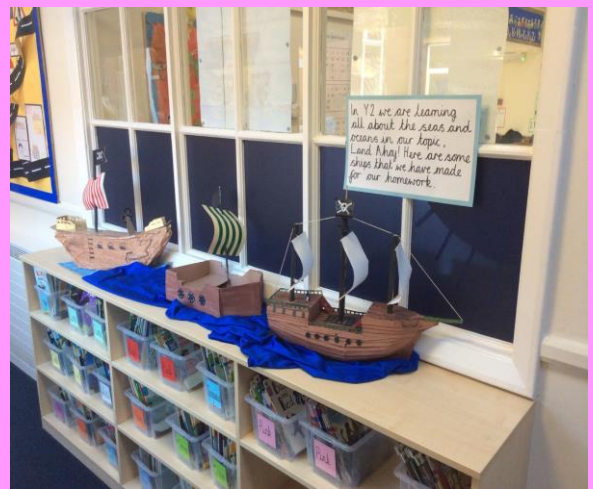
The parents' workshop has been rearranged for 3:30pm on Wednesday 13th February.

10 Top Tips for getting your child to read more

1. Make books a part of family life.
2. Join your local library.
3. Read about something they are interested in.
4. All reading is good.
5. Get comfortable.
6. Ask questions.
7. Read whenever you get the chance.
8. Read favourites again and again.
9. Enjoy bedtime stories.
10. Make the most of rhyme and repetition.



Year 2 have set sail into their new topic with some fabulous topic homework.



Postcards home

Well done to the following children on receiving a postcard home...



Zackary Marshall, Victoria Nwoko, Poppie Jaques, Oliver Frontczak, Lukene Cerkasovaite, Olivia Amos, Arthur Sharp Richardson, Joseph Hankinson, Alfie Robinson, Natalia Tyszkiewicz, Victoria Botur, Chelsea Hamedamin, Maja Stawkowska, Alfie Brookes, Owen Poole, Esme Kennovin, Itans Kaneps, Leon Dejk, Natans Kaneps, Gerrard Sadiku, Lexiann Campion, Henri Doyle-Murphy, Scarlett Godsmark, Ambrose King

