

Message from Mrs Millsop:

Welcome back to a new academic year! I am delighted to be the new Headteacher at St Francis and I appreciate the kind words and messages I have received as I start my new role.

It has been a busy week with children and adults settling into their new classes and routines. They are all getting to know each other and starting exciting learning. Reception and Nursery children have been enjoying their early experiences at St Francis, familiarising themselves with their classrooms (learning areas) and building new relationships. We warmly welcome all new children and their families, too, who have joined other classes throughout our school.

This year we have a few new faces who have joined the team: Mrs McLaughlin is one of our new Assistant Headteachers, Mrs Soady is teaching in Year 5 and Mrs Tremlett is teaching in Year 4. Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Bates have joined as Teaching Assistants and Mrs Bayley as a Midday supervisor.

Upcoming Dates:

• W/C 12th September:

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W Violins begin for Y4

Th Violins begin for Y4

F 2nd Swimming session for Y4

• W/C 19th September

M Reception in full time. Clubs start this week

T Violins for Y4

W Violins for Y4

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F Swimming for Y4

• W/C 26th September

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T Violins for Y4

W Violins for Y4

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F Swimming for Y4

News :

Gardening club have won an award! Best Blooms from the Swindon Allotment and Leisure Gardens Association at their Annual Horticultural Show on 3rd September. At Friday Assembly the award was celebrated and presented to the members of gardening club. Well done Staff and Gardening Club children!

Every year we have whole school foci which are devised by the whole school team. Our developments this year are:

- Oracy
- Outside Play
- Communication
- Refining our curriculum.
- Exciting experiences and learning together

In coming weeks I will share more details about these initiatives.

Values:

During Term 1 & 2 we always focus on **Kindness**.

This year we are thinking about Kindness through the value of **Compassion**.

We started to explore this value during our whole school, year group, class and key stage collective worship this week.