

## Message from Mrs Millsop:

Last week I shared the main foci of our school improvement plan. On our INSET day we spent a few hours thinking about developing all our children's skills to express their ideas verbally. We refer to this as Oracy. Teachers have been working hard to help children know how to listen, respond, formulate their ideas and consider their audience when talking. There are many different skills required to be able to be articulate. Research tells us that if we improve oracy skills then this will help children to express their ideas more easily on paper too.

Classes have developed rules for talking and listening in their classrooms and teachers are excited by the progress children have made already with their learning. This development will support our metacognition approach which is at the core of our teaching—helping children to reflect on their learning and to learn from their mistakes. We know that the more children are able to talk about their learning, the more embedded their learning becomes.

## Upcoming Dates:

### • W/C 19th September

#### M **BANK HOLIDAY**

T Reception in full time. Clubs start this week. Violins for Y4

W Violins for Y4

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F Swimming for Y4

Nominations close for Parent Governor elections

### • W/C 26th September

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T Violins for Y4

W Violins for Y4

Th Non uniform Day

F Swimming for Y4

### • W/C 3rd October

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T Violins for Y4

W Violins for Y4

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F Deadline for Circus Art Competition. Swimming for Y4.

Sunday—THE CIRCUS

## News

### Open Morning:

We are holding an Open morning on **Saturday 15th October** for prospective Reception and Nursery parents whose children will be starting in September 2023. We will be welcoming prospective parents from 10.00 am—12.00 pm.

### PTFA Events:

The Circus is coming to St Francis on **Sunday 9th October!** Tickets are available on ParentPay.

### Non-Uniform Day and Art Competition

Details have been shared on PA Connect. Please check these messages from the PTFA.

### Parent/Governor Elections:

Nominations close **Friday 23rd September**. There are two vacancies. Please read the letter shared on PA Connect.

**INSET = School closed: 21.10.22 & 16.11.22**

## Values: COMPASSION

This week we have been thinking about how being compassionate means that we can show care. We talked about the Queen's example of showing compassion to others.

We have also been thinking about the story of the Good Samaritan and how his care for the Jewish man he found made a positive difference.