

Message from Mrs Millsop:

We hope you had a lovely half term break and is good to see signs of Spring peeking through! Children have settled back into their learning and I know teachers are looking forward to discussing progress with you next week.

Swindon Borough have recently released a document regarding Attendance as part of their Borough-wide initiative. This has meant that we are reviewing our processes and procedures in line with the guidance from the DFE and Swindon. I will write to you shortly with more of this information. Research suggests that below 95% or 9 days of absence can impact children's learning.

Thank you for ensuring children have wellies in school. It is wonderful to see that the hard work staff have put in to adopting our new play strategy is leading to some rich and exciting play opportunities for your children, which they are thoroughly enjoying!

W/C 27th February	W/C 6th March	W/C 13th March
M	M	M
T Parent Consultations	T	T
W Parent Consultations	W Football Sessions	W
T	T	T
F World Book Day	F	F Comic Relief Day

News

Staff News: Mrs Silano, who has been a TA at St Francis for 12 years, will be leaving on 8th March to pursue an exciting new role in IT. We are very sad to see her go and thank her for contribution to children and families at St Francis over the years and we wish her every success in her new venture.

PTFA: Children enjoyed a fabulous disco event on the last Friday of term. Thank you to the team and volunteers for a great event for the children.

Values: COURAGE

On Wednesday we gathered as a whole school to reflect on the symbolism and meaning of Ash Wednesday as Christians mark the start of the Lent season. We thought about the idea of repentance and saying sorry. We thought about different scenarios and that sometimes its difficult to say sorry and mean it. On Ash Wednesday Christians are asked to think about all the things that they might not have said sorry for, and are reminded of God's forgiveness with a symbol that is painted on their forehead.