

**Friends AGM Meeting on
Wednesday 12th January 2022 @ 7pm.**

7pm	Opening and prayer Mrs Walsh Welcome all members of the Friends to the meeting our first inaugural meeting of the friends within the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust. Thank you for your support. Total 39 attendees
7:05pm	Chairperson report – Mrs Bridgeman (Mrs Spalding) As you can appreciate in these current times, we have had to adapt and change the way that many things had to be done, this being one of them. However, it has opened our eyes up to how we can manage and still move forward. Whilst we have had to postpone or cancel many events this year, we have had cake sales, bags to school, raffles, hampers and Christmas decorations and hot chocolate purchases. Monies have been used to purchase: Bibles for Year 6 leavers for the next two years, 4 Nativity sets for the RE tables for Advent, and chocolate selection packs for Father Christmas to deliver on Christmas Dinner Day. At the heart of everything that we do as members of the PTA are the children. We do it for them and for all the little extras that do not come under the remit of the school financial budget, we still want to fund the workshops that they enjoy and provide class resources that enhance their learning and I think together with some creative thinking, inventive methods and sheer determination we'll be able to continue to raise funds for them this year. There are many ways in which to help and if there are any new parents that wish to get involved in any which way please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your rep for more information. Help is help in whatever form it comes and we appreciate it all.
7:10pm	Charity Update - Miss Kilduff Becoming a charity basically means it gives us more scope and support with funds, taxes etc (lots of funds are restricted to religious related charities but not education) A charity status makes us more accountable but also gives us more say and authority Being a charity gives us tax benefits, capital gains tax, can claim gift aid and save on stamp duty if needed. Charities also pay no more than 20% business rates on buildings we occupy, and rates relief is given As a charity we can give assurance to parents and governors because we are monitored by the charity commissions board
7:15pm	Treasurer update – Mr Lydon The bank balance as of 14th December 2021 £9027.00 The following money has been raised: October Half Term Raffle £233.90

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	Christmas Raffle and Activities £1009.00 Less expenses £472.16 This gives a balance of £9797.74
7:20pm	Wish list and Fundraising Wish list for school: Laptops for Key Stage 2 -cost £4000,00 laptops are nearly 12-year-old. Forest School wooden open building - £1000,00 (A Teacher is being trained in Forest School) Books for Key Stage 2 - £2000,00 Eco – Council - £500.00 for Gardening Club Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday Fundraising Ideas: Bags to School Easter Hunt Easter Hop/ Bonnets to make Queens Platinum Jubilee
	Nomination and Election of Officers • Vice Chair – Clare Kilduff • Class Ambassadors: • Reception: Claire Lydon • Year 1: Silvana Morreale • Year 2: Kara Scozzaro • Year 3: (myself and Jenna currently) • Year 4: Claire Lydon • Year 5: Suzi Schillaci • Year 6: Jenna Bunting
7:25pm	Next Friends Meeting February 2022