



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Our final week of this half term has been a busy one!

Well done to our **Year 2** children who have now all completed their **SATs tests**. They were all sensible, worked hard and did their very best, which is all we ask of the children.

The **Year 6s** attended a fun filled day of activities with our other 6 Deanery schools on Tuesday. The day, as part of the primary to secondary transition process, aimed to encourage children to form new friendships and interact with children who they may meet in their new secondary schools. They ended with a reflective liturgy on who they are and where they are going in their lives.

We look forward to '**Y6 Transition Visits**', in the next few weeks, from some of the Heads of Year 7 from the local Secondary Schools. They meet with the children, teachers and myself as part of the transition process. If you have any concerns around your child and transition, please do make an appointment to see the class teachers or myself. We are happy to help, where possible, to make the transition process easier for the children.

Our Year 4 pupils were invited to celebrate the **Year 3 Holy Communions** on Tuesday afternoon in a special liturgy to celebrate this important step in their lives. The pupils reflected on how they felt to be receiving the body and blood of Jesus for the first time, and many of their comments were very thoughtful and poignant. We are indeed blessed to have such lovely children. The session ended with a mini-party for the Year 3s where they enjoyed a special cupcake and juice.

The **Brass Instruments** demonstration, organised by Mrs Hardy, on Wednesday morning was noisy, but great fun! The children were able to listen to and enjoy learning about various brass instruments in the orchestra.

On Thursday we held our '**Other Faiths' Day**. Children across the school extended their knowledge of Other faiths by learning about Hinduism and Sikhism. **Y1s visited the Crawley Hindu Mandir while Y5s the Sikh Gurdwara** in Croydon. The visits were fascinating and enjoyed by all children and complemented the work we already do in the Autumn Term, when we learn about Judaism and the Summer Term when we focus on Islam in RE lessons. Both year groups were beautifully behaved and enjoyed their trips and learning about a different religion, something we value greatly. We send our thanks to those from the Mandir and Gurdwara, who made them all so welcome, and their day so interesting. Many thanks also to Mrs Bartlett and all the Teachers and LSAs who worked hard to plan the lessons and visits and make the day such an interesting and informative learning experience.

Our week has ended today with our annual **Talent Show**. Once again we are all astounded by the talent our children have! The whole school was enraptured as they watched the finalists this afternoon, and we say a big well done to Amelia in Y4, whose performance was absolutely outstanding!

Congratulations to our **Learning Warrior of the Week - Cristiano in Y4** for outstanding attitude in all areas of school life: learning, personal and social aspects, resilience, perseverance and maintaining a 'can do' growth mindset attitude. We are proud of you!

Well done to **Cedar Class for their MacMillan charitable fundraising** events this week. Winners were:

- Guess the name of the Teddy Bear – Buddy. Names were all put in the hat and the winner was Eva in Elm Class.
- Guess the number of sweets in the jar – William and Beth in Elm won as they were closest and 110.

The events and cake sale were a big success and the **total raised was £224.20.**

Well done to all and to Miss Steward for organising everything.

Tonight, we are looking forward to our first ever **PTA BBQ Social Event** for Families. Thank you to the PTA team for their efforts in putting the event together and their support of the school. **If any Parent is interested in helping the PTA on a regular basis I do encourage you to speak to Lucy or any members of her team. They will be needing helpers after the holiday for the Summer Faye (held after our Sports Day).** The work of the PTA benefits of all our St Francis' children and, as the saying goes, many hands make light work!

Finally, **my thanks** to Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Dommett, my Senior Leaders, who have worked so hard over the last two weeks, managing SATs and the everyday running of the school, while I have been off following my operation. Thanks too to the teachers and staff who have all pulled together to ensure lessons and playtimes have run smoothly over this period. A particular 'thank you' too for the parents and children in Maple Class, for your support while Mrs Dommett has been helping in my absence. Disruption has been minimal and planned lessons have happened as normal, and the children have been very sensible and hardworking. My shoulder is on the mend and all is 'back to normal' after half term.

We are still looking for a **part-time cleaner** if you know of anyone who is interested do let them know – the advert is below.

The Staff, Governors and I wish you all a restful holiday – let us all pray for a bit more sun!

Best wishes,

Mrs M Wheeler

Bumped Head Injuries

From after half term, any child who bumps their head will get be given a bright green wrist band, instead of the stickers that fall off easily. The wrist bands are quite sturdy and can be removed once the child gets home. The children with head bumps will still get the usual bump letter as well to let you know what has happened.

RE Spelling Bee

To continue to encourage Religious Literacy in our school, we are again holding a spelling competition. Please sponsor your child(ren) and help them learn the words they have to know how to use and spell in RE lessons. Thank you.
Mrs Bartlett & Miss Nash and Mrs Fawcett

Class Photographs

On Monday 4th June 2018 the photographer will be in school to take class photographs. Can you please make sure your child is in school on time and dressed in the full school uniform.

Once the photograph is taken it cannot be retaken at a later date.

Reminder to Parents

Please remember that children are NOT to play with/ on any equipment before or after school, including playing with the equipment in Cherry Class's garden. Thank you.

Vacancy

PART-TIME CLEANER

10 hours per week x 52 weeks

Working hours/ days during school holidays are arranged by negotiation and there is some flexibility.

(24 days paid leave to be taken during school holidays)

Mon-Fri 3.45 – 5.45pm

£8.63 per hour

Please contact the school office for more details.

St Francis' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Such posts will require an Enhanced DBS and Barred List check and references will be taken up prior to interview.

Thames Park Mighty Hike

On Saturday 9th June 2018, Miss Steward, the Cedar Class teacher and her mum, Jackie will be taking part in the Thames Park Mighty Hike which is a walking marathon. They are raising money to support MacMillan, a charity that is close to many people's hearts. If you would like to offer your support and make a donation, please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlotte-steward>



Diary Dates

June		
Monday	4 th	Maths Week begins Class photographs
Tuesday	5 th	Year R health screening (details to follow)
Wednesday	6 th	Year R health screening (details to follow)
Monday	11 th	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood
Friday	15 th	Fairtrade Gift sale
Wednesday	20 th	Year 3 visit to the Thames Barrier Year 5 visit to Wintershall Good Shepherd Mass, Worth
Thursday	21 st	Year 2 visit to Rural Life Year 6 visit to the Croydon Mosque
Tuesday	26 th	District Sports – Field events
Thursday	28 th	District Sports – Track events
July		
Thursday	5 th	Bags2School MUFTI Day
Friday	6 th	Sports Day
Tuesday	10 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production
Wednesday	11 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production
Tuesday	17 th	7-9pm, Leavers Disco
Thursday	19 th	2pm, Leavers Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. Year 6's & siblings
Friday	20 th	9.30am, Leavers Assembly 1pm, School closes for the Summer holidays.



School Association

Summer Fun Day 6th July 3:30 - 5:30pm. Thank you to all the class reps for taking on the stalls that they have been allocated. If you don't know what stall your class has for this year, please see your class rep.

Over the half term it would be great if you could try and encourage your children to make up some jolly jars. We will let you know the date to bring these in soon. There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most.

Lucky Ticket stall - Maple Class (Year 5) are running this stall. If you have any fancy goods e.g. bubble bath etc. please put them aside and bring them in after half term.

Emma and Amanda are also looking for old beaded exercises, beads no longer in use and bracelet making kits - if you have any of these please could you bring them in after half term and give them to Emma or Amanda.

First Aiders - We will need to have some designated First Aider's on site between 3.30-5.30pm. Please let us know if you can help.

There will be a **MUFTI DAY - Thursday 5th July**. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a bottle on that day for the Tombola.

Ice Creams - these will be on sale after school on a Friday weather permitting.

Save the date

Summer Fayre - 06/07/18

Next PTA meeting - 13/06/18 at 7:30pm in the school hall

House points Cup - Congratulations to **Anne Line** winners this week.

