



Value of the month – Appreciation

Newsletter 22nd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of one of the strangest academic years we have all ever known and the Staff, Governors and I wish to thank you all for your support and for so many kind messages of thanks for the work we have all done during lockdown in the last few months. We have been truly overwhelmed by the wonderful messages we have all received. We are all looking forward to putting our value of the month into practise and 'appreciating' the holiday and especially time with our families. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday too. [Please read the full newsletter as some details for September are written below.](#)

Goodbyes

This year we are saying fond farewells and many thanks to Mrs Payne, Mrs Nye, Miss Barnhurst, Miss Steward, and Mr Goodall, who are all off to sample pastures new! We thank them for all their work and support in school over the years and wish them lots of luck with their new endeavours; I am sure that they will keep in touch with us all. We also will be saying a temporary goodbye and thank you to Mrs Dick, who will not be a TA in class in September, but will be back in a voluntary capacity to help out next year.

Welcome

We are welcoming two new teachers to our St Francis' team: Mrs Francesca Chiavarini to Year 5 and Miss Emma Nicholls, who taught in Oak Class in the Spring Term, is returning to us and she will teach in Year 2. It has been lovely to see them in school recently and are pleased that they managed to meet their new classes.

Critical Worker and Year 6 Children & Changeover Days

We would just like to say a big well done to the children we have had in school over the past few months. You have behaved beautifully and been so cheerful – you are a credit to your parents and we are all proud of you.

To all those who were at home, it was fabulous to see you all on our changeover days – we missed you all so much. Well done on persevering with home learning and keeping positive – we are proud of you. It was very special to have you back for the changeover days, even if it was for just a short session.

We are all looking forward to and being back together again in September.

End of Term - Thank You

The Staff and I would like to thank you all for your kind end of term messages and gifts; they are very much appreciated. We wish everyone a happy summer break.

Thank you: Flowers from Critical Worker Parents



On a personal note I would like to say a thank you for the beautiful flowers that arrived in school from the critical worker families. I have no idea who organised them, but they were beautiful and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs Wheeler

Whole School 'Shadow Puppet Show' Challenge

All children were invited to take part in a fun shadow puppet show challenge. The entries were fabulous! Teachers have chosen the winners and informed them via the class emails. We hope to be able to publish the film clips in the Autumn.

Sports Day Challenge: Well done to all those children who participated in our whole school sports day challenges. The Year 6 Sports Day was interrupted by a swarm of bees, but after a wait indoors while the beekeeper was called, they managed to complete their challenges! Well done Year 6.

We hope you all had fun at home trying the challenges out at home – we certainly did in school!



Thank you to Miss Barnhurst for planning the events.

Year 6 Leavers: We said a very emotional goodbye to our Year 6 children last week. We are incredibly proud of them and the strong, smiley and resilient young people they have become over the years. It was wonderful to have them in school for the last few weeks and many 'thank yous' go to the Staff Team who made their last weeks so memorable in so many ways.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

September Opening

1st September – Inset Day

2nd September – Children are back in school. We will return to our soft start and gates will be open from 8:45am. Staff will be on hand to help children get to their new classes.

Return to School Guide for Parents

Please note that the Return to School Guide for Parents is being emailed out shortly, but is also available on the website under 'Parents' and 'Letters Home'.

'Treetops' Breakfast and After School Wrap-Around Care

Our new wrap-around care, breakfast and after school club is called **Treetops** will be up and running from September. Congratulations to Mrs Elisa Roberts the new Manager and Mrs Tina Alcourt the new Supervisor.

Any queries please contact office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk. Queries will be answered as soon as possible during the holiday period.

Religious Education (RE) Newsletter: Thank you to Mrs Fawcett who has been creating the RE Newsletter over the past few weeks. If you haven't had a chance to look at them, please do, they are on the website – see 'RE Newsletters' under the 'Parents' tab.

Class Emails

The use of these will be suspended from 22/7/20.

Office Email: office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk

Please note that the office email will be checked periodically during the holiday, but unless it is an urgent matter (eg. such as a request for crisis support as indicated below), emails will not be answered until we are back in September. As I am sure you are aware, the Office Staff have worked incredibly hard over the last few months and they will be having a much-needed break with their families.

Foodbank and Crisis Support

If you find that you experience difficulties during the holiday, do please contact the office email office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk. Any matters discussed will be treated with confidentiality. The school has access to those that can support families via the local Foodbank, the Church SVP and Diocese Crisis Fund. Do not hesitate to ask – there is no need for any of our families to be in need, especially for food.

Further Information – scroll down

Please scroll down to see links that may be useful.

- [Masses](#)
- [Prayers for our Community](#)
- [Bereavement Support](#)
- [Online Safety & Reporting Problems](#)
- [Sun Safety](#)
- [Water Safety Advice from the RNLI](#)

Best wishes for a relaxing break,

Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Masses

Father Seán and Father Stephen are saying Sunday Mass again, but please read the Parish Newsletters for details of Masses and the requirements. Even if we are not able to attend still, we can all still participate in Mass via the Sacred Heart Livestream <https://www.churchservices.tv/caterham>. Do keep looking at the Church websites for information on 'online' Services.



[Special Thoughts and Prayers for Our School Community](#)

Please pray for our whole school community at this difficult time. For our Priests, our Parents and family members who are critical workers. For those who have been ill and thankfully recovered, and especially for all those currently in hospital and for those who have sadly lost their lives.

We send our deepest sympathy and prayers for strength, peace and comfort to our families who have lost loved ones.

[Bereavement Support](#)

Sites that may help with explanations for children and adults on the issues of the virus and on dealing with bereavement in this time of crisis are listed below:

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/coronavirus-dealing-bereavement-and-grief>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>


<https://www.winstonswish.org/coronavirus/>

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/>

<https://www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk/charity-news/as-coronavirus-spreads-what-you-need-to-know/>

Supporting families across Surrey, parts of Sussex and Kent

 **COMMUNITY FUND**

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INFORMATION EVENING

How to support your bereaved child


5TH AUG 2020 7.30 - 8.30PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM

- * Children's understanding of grief
- * Facts about grief
- * Age appropriate information
- * Physical and emotional responses from children
- * Managing fears and worries
- * Practical ways to support

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://bit.ly/3dXzu4i>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk | 01342 313895

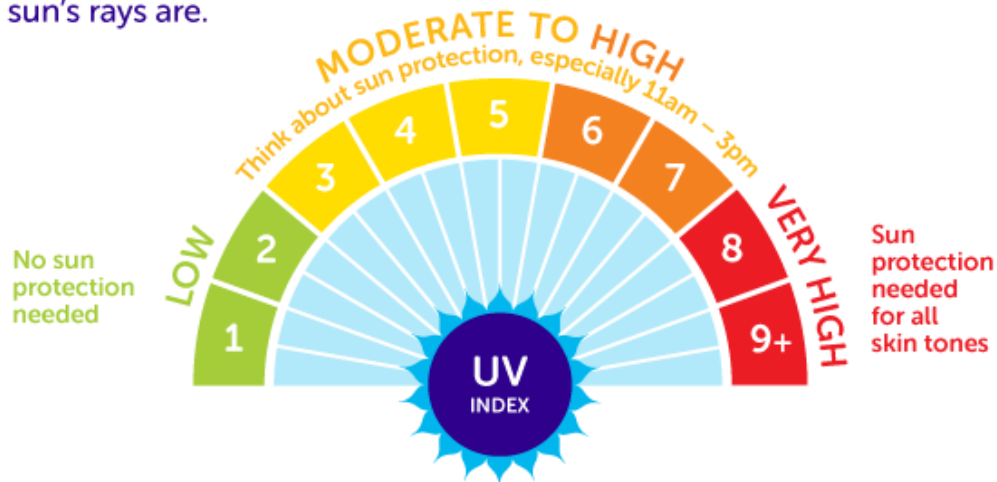
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[Support in School – Well-Being or Bereavement:](#) If you experience any concerns around family illness and recovery or bereavement during the holiday, do let us know, as we can help your family access any support if needed.

Mrs Hamilton our Emotional Literacy Support Advisor (ELSA) and our Primary Mental Health Worker will be available once we are back in school.

DON'T LET SUNBURN CATCH YOU OUT

Check the UV index at www.metoffice.gov.uk/uv to see how strong the sun's rays are.



If it's 3 or higher, think about protecting your skin, especially if you get sunburnt easily.

LET'S BEAT CANCER SOONER
cruk.org



Acting Safely new Railways Lines

The UK Scouts Association, in partnership with Arriva group train company Cross-country, have launched a new animated film aimed at showing children the importance of acting safely near railway lines.

The short film offers five tips for children to stay safe. These include:

- not trespassing on the railway,
- only using designated crossings,
- avoiding being close to electrified lines,
- being safe and responsible on station platforms and
- not treating the railways as a playground.



Copy the link to your browser: https://youtu.be/qFOcx_tzyXk

The video has been produced in a bright infographic style using colour and animation in a format that will be familiar to a school-age audience.

[RNLI Water Safety Advice](#)

Important Water Safety message to Schools from the RNLI - James Woodhouse, RNLI Water Safety Education Manager South East.

This summer, our Lifeguards cannot be everywhere, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers. We are asking you to help us share some important messages to children and their families. Although you may be a fair distance from the beach, we are seeing an increase in distances people are travelling to visit the coast, therefore it is important that we share the messaging inland as well as coastally.

We have already seen the influx of beach goers in the past few weeks after some of the restrictions were lifted and the summer weather arrived. In a normal year, the RNLI helps thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water when doing these types of activities.

We have taken the time over the last couple of months to carefully condense and design our resources which are aimed at primary and secondary school children, whilst also ensuring they are appropriate to be taught from home or through online classrooms. This can be by a parent, guardian or teacher. Below, you will find out ways in which you can help at this time.

Download and use our Water Safety from Home Resources. <https://rnli.org/youth-education/water-safety-from-home>

Educating young people about how to keep safe, in, on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on keeping safe this summer.

Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety. <https://rnli.org/pages/beach2020>

Our beach safety resources are also available for download to use on social media and online. https://rnli.org/pages/beach-safety-resources?utm_source=compass&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=beachsafety_2020&utm_content=bebeachsaferesources_compassarticle

Surrey Support for Families Links

Surrey Local Authority have created a web page to help parents and carers be aware of what telephone and online support is available at the moment. These include juggling work commitments with educating children from home, concerns about finance and the uncertainty this period creates. The links are below:

- SCC Advice <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families/support-and-advice/keeping-your-family-safe/coronavirus-covid-19-resources-and-helpful-information>
- [Domestic abuse](#)
- [Emotional wellbeing support for children](#)
- [Grief and bereavement](#)
- [Health, development and wellbeing advice](#)
- [LGBTQ+ services](#)
- [Parent/carer support](#)
- [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\)](#)
- [Support for young people](#)

Online Safety & Reporting Problems

ALERT – ZOOM APP: Please check that the security settings and passwords are firmly in place if you or your children are using Zoom. This may be of assistance:

<https://zoom.us/docs/doc/Securing%20Your%20Zoom%20Meetings.pdf>

In light of the new ways we are all finding to communicate and to access online learning it is timely to remind everyone of the following sites that may be supportive for reporting and learning about online safety. Please check that your Parental Controls are in place and that the sites the children are accessing are monitored closely. Also, continue to discuss online safety with the children regularly and keep reminding them to tell you if something worries them.

Primary age Parental Help sheets can be found here:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=176d7bc4c3-

[TUK ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME 30 06 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-176d7bc4c3-64767209](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/parents-helpsheets/)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/parents-helpsheets/>

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (Also has a section for children to support their understanding of online safety)

<https://parentinfo.org/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>