



Value of the month - Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. The children have settled in well and we have been hearing all about their wonderful holidays.

Our first week has flown by with a mixture of happiness and sadness. We celebrated the birth of [Leo, Mrs Lambe's baby](#). We send our love and congratulations to Rebecca and Simon - we are all looking forward to cuddling Leo. We also joined together in sadness to pray following the news that our LSA [Cathy Linsell](#) had passed away. Cathy had been with the school for 28 years and worked across the school over the Years, from Year 6 down to Reception Class, which she particularly loved. Cathy touched so many of our lives and she will be greatly missed. We send our thoughts and prayers to Laura, Tom, Amy (Y4) and Tommy (Y1) at this difficult time. We will of course let you know funeral details. The PTA have already sent a message regarding a collection.

The first group of our [new Reception Class](#) intake joined us this week and they soon got down to playing and learning in their new classrooms with much enthusiasm. We extend a warm welcome to their families and hope that you all enjoy your time at St Francis'.

This coming weekend is [Education Sunday](#). Please pray for all those who work in Education, especially for those at St Francis'. Do look at the work on the display board at the back of Sacred Heart Church, which gives a little snapshot of the work we do at school.

We have sent home in the book bags our [new School Planners](#) this week. There is one for each Keystage. Both Planners have a Reading Record page which should be completed daily. The Keystage 2 Planner has an additional blank double page for homework/spellings information. In addition to the Reading Record page, you will find a home/school contact page. This page is for Parents and/or Teachers to write messages regarding class and homework matters only. All other messages should come in via the office.

Checking the Planners: The Planners should be brought into school every day. In KS1 the staff will collect the books and check them daily for reading comments and any messages you may leave. In Keystage 2, if you need to leave a message in the book, please tell your child to hand the Planner to their teacher. As juniors, the children are expected to be responsible and give the Planner to the teacher at the start of the day. Messages may still be sent by email via the office.

We are hoping that the Planners will help with our home/school communication links. Please talk to the children about caring for their Planners. We do not have many spares and lost books will be charged at £5.00 for a replacement.

Mrs Wheeler

Thank you

A big 'thank you' from all the staff for your kind gifts received at the end of the Summer Term. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed over the Summer holidays!

Diary Dates

Monday 11th Sept: Meet the Teacher - Yr2, Yr3, Yr4 (3:30)

Wednesday 13th Sept: Meet the Teacher - Yr1, Hornbeam (3:30pm); Yr6 (6.00pm)

Thursday 14th Sept: Meet the Teacher - Maple (3:30)

End of school day collections

Please inform your child's teacher in writing if your child is being collected by someone other than a parent at the end of the school day. Alternatively, please contact the school office by telephone or email where possible before 2pm.

If your child is collected on regular basis by several different people, please confirm in writing the names of the people you give permission to pick up on your behalf and send this in via the school office. Thank you.

Polite Reminder

JEWELLERY - no jewellery should be worn in school. It is County and school policy that children are not permitted to take part in any form of Physical Education if wearing jewellery. This includes earrings, even if they are covered up with tape.

Open Mornings There will be an Open Mornings for prospective parents on Tuesday 17th October and Tuesday 21st November. Tours of the school will start at 10.00 am. The Headteacher will address parents at 9.30am. Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform. We have had several children this week that have not been wearing their school tie or boys wearing non grey socks. All children must bring their full PE kit to school each week. This should include plimsolls and tracksuit top and bottoms as the children do PE in all weathers. Please remember to send your child in each day with a coat. Thank you.

Lunch Money

A reminder that lunch money is now due for the new term. The cost is now £2.25 per day, making the totals as follows:

Weekly - £11.25

First half term - £76.50

Second half term - £85.50

Whole term - £162.00

Cheques should be made payable to **Surrey County Council**.

Alternatively, payment can be made online – if you would like instructions, please ask at the School Office.

Meals are ordered on a weekly basis; you **cannot** alter midweek. Anyone wishing to change from Packed Lunch to School Dinners or vice versa, must let the school office know **BY LETTER** by the Friday of the previous week. You will be charged for dinners if you have not informed us.

Thank you.

Payments

Please ensure that **all** payments sent to school office are put in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for. Thank you

Medical Forms

For those who have not yet returned your medical forms, please ensure that these are returned to the office on Monday along with any medication that is required. Thank you.

After School Clubs

All clubs will start back during the week commencing 18th September. We are hoping that you will be able to book internally run clubs online via Tucasi later today.

NOTE: Some Club days have changed.

Please check days and dates to ensure you do not double book, as refunds are extremely difficult to process.

Secondary School Open Days

Thomas More	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd September	9.30am-11.30am
de Stafford School	Thursday 15 th September	5.45pm onwards
Warlingham School	Monday 18 th September	5.30pm-8.30pm
Oasis Coulsdon	Wednesday 20 th September	5pm-8pm
The John Fisher School	Thursday 22 nd September	9.00am-10.30am
Whitgift	Saturday 23 rd September	9am-1pm
Caterham School	Saturday 23 rd September	9.30am-12noon
Thomas More	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th September	10.40am – 12.20pm
The John Fisher School	Tuesday 27 th September	9.00am-10.30am
Oasis Coulsdon	Tuesday 26 th September	8:45am-10am
The John Fisher School	Wednesday 28 th September	9.00am–10.30am
St Bede's School	Thursday 2 th September	9:15am-11:30am
St Bede's School	Friday 29 th September	9:15am-11:30am
Reigate Grammar School	Saturday 30 th September	Book via reigategrammar.org
Oxted School	Thursday 5 th October	6pm-8.30pm
Thomas More	Thursday 5 th October	6pm-9.30pm
Whitgift	Tuesday 10 th October	4pm-8pm
Coloma Convent		See school's website
Woldingham School	By appointment only	See school's website

Please visit the schools' websites for full details.

School Association

Next PTA meeting - AGM on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm.