



Value of the month - Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a quiet, but busy week as the children have settled back into school routines. The **'Meet the Teacher'** sessions have all gone well. If you could not attend and have any queries, please do ask; contact the teacher via the School Planner or Office.

The new **School Planners** seem to be working very well from the feedback we are getting. If there are any improvements we can make for next year, do let us know. Please have a look at the helpful information in the back of the Planners – eg: Spelling Banks for each year group.

We have already had a complaint about one of our **parents driving very fast** up to the horseshoe – registration beginning: NL 62. The speed limit is 5mph and it is there to ensure we are all safe on the site. Please do not speed up the cul-de-sac – even if you are running late.

Poetry Day: We are all looking forward to the visit from the poet Brian Moses. He will be performing some of his poems at a whole school assembly and then working with children. If you would like a signed copy of his book, please return the order form (already sent out in book bags) to the office.

Mrs Linsell's Funeral: Mrs Linsell's funeral will be at 12:00 on Thursday 21st September at Sacred Heart Church. The family would like the occasion to be a positive celebration of Mrs Linsell's life and cheerful outlook and so have asked that those attending wear blue (her favourite colour) or any other bright colour. Family flower only, but there will be donations taken for a Guys Hospital Charity.

Our School Memorial: Many of you have asked to do something special at school for Mrs Linsell later in the term, and so the PTA are having a collection. One of the ideas is to purchase a bench which will sit alongside Harry's Bench as a way of remembering them both. Mrs Linsell and Harry often sat alongside each other in school reading and it would seem to be a fitting memorial to them both. Please send any contributions in an envelope, marked with your family name and class, via the school office and we will forward it on to the PTA. We will let everyone know what we will do in school in due course.

Helping in school with cover for the funeral: Many of the staff worked with Mrs Linsell for a number of years (she worked at St Francis for 28 years) and want to attend the funeral. We are in the process of arranging cover to accommodate this where possible. If there are any of our parents not attending the funeral and hold a school DBS and who could volunteer to be in school from 11:30, please can you let the Office know. We would be very grateful for a few extra helpers in school that day.

Harry Gaut's Anniversary: Thursday next week will also be the first anniversary of Harry's death and we shall be praying for Harry too. He is often in our thoughts and prayers and is much missed by his family and friends.

I know that we will all be keeping the Gaut and Linsell families in our thoughts and prayers at such a sad time.

Mrs Wheeler

Diary Dates

Friday 22nd September – Poetry Day. Brian Moses visit.

Wednesday 27th September – Grandparents morning in school. Details to follow

Saturday 30th September – Fr Stephen's Induction at All Saints Church, Oxted.

Wednesday 4th October – 2pm, Harvest Liturgy and St Francis' Feast Day Yr 3-6 Sacred Heart
2.45pm Harvest Liturgy and St Francis' Feast Day Yr R,1 & 2 at School

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 Reminders

- **JEWELLERY - no jewellery should be worn in school.**
- Please remember PE Kits
- Coats and water bottles every day.
- Money to be sent to the office in marked envelopes
- Please let the office know in advance, if your child is changing to or from a school meal

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

We would like to invite prospective parents of children starting Primary School in September 2018 to one of the following events:-

OPEN MORNINGS

**Tuesday 17th October and
Tuesday 21st November 2017**

The Headteacher will speak at 9.30am
Tours will begin at 9.45am and
finish at 10.30 am

Please telephone the School Office on
01883-342005 to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to welcoming you
on the 17th and 21st.

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.

If your child is absent from school, you must:

- Contact the school office on the first morning of absence by 9.30am.
- Keep the school informed on a daily basis, if your child is absent for more than one day.
- **Failure to do these things may result in your child's absences being unauthorised**

Coats

Living in Britain, we are never quite sure what the weather will be like. Therefore, please ensure that your child brings in a coat each morning. It is important for children to get plenty of fresh air, so they will still go out in light rain conditions. Thank you.

Secondary School Open Days

Thomas More	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd September	9.30am-11.30am
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
St Andrew's Croydon	Tuesday 3 rd October	5pm-8pm
Oxted School	Thursday 5 th October	6pm-8.30pm
Thomas More	Thursday 5 th October	6pm-9.30pm
St Andrew's, Croydon	Monday 9 th & Tuesday 10 th October	9.30am-11.30am
Whitgift	Tuesday 10 th October	4pm-8pm
St Andrew's, Croydon	Wednesday 11 th October	1.30pm-3pm
Coloma Convent		See school's website
Woldingham School	By appointment only	See school's website

Please visit the schools' websites for full details.

Caterham Model Show

Come along to Centenary Hall on Saturday 16th September, 11am-4pm to look at some incredible Lego models, dolls houses and much more; have a go yourself at our activity tables and have the chance to win more than £100-worth of Lego prizes in our competitions & raffles!

Refreshments available - entry is £2 for adults and £1 for children to raise money for 5th Caterham (Sacred Heart) Scout Group.

A Festival of Fun & Fitness

An all-day fest of Fitness and Fun, the chance to try a variety of different classes and activities, for the cost of one ticket you can try as many as you like!

Come and experience the variety of activities provided for all ages by local fitness and health professionals in the Caterham area to keep you fit in body and mind.

Get your day ticket to sample as much as you can between 9am – 5pm on Saturday 23rd September 2017 at Soper Hall & URC, Caterham, CR3 6HY

All proceeds of this community event will go to The Breck Foundation.

Link: <https://fitfestcaterham.wordpress.com/>

School Association

Welcome Disco for Reception classes - Friday 6th October 6-8pm

Tickets go on sale on Monday 18th September in the Infant Playground. You can buy them from Fran Wall, Claire Spencer and Tasha Daves £4 per ticket.

Please note children must attend with a parent / guardian and all attending must buy a ticket.

PTA Shed - Saturday 30th September 10:30 am

We need to move the PTA equipment from the green shed back to the original PTA shed. This will only take about half an hour. Please let us know if you can help us, it would be really helpful if some strong arms were able to help. Everything is boxed and on shelving units so it is literally a case of walking the boxes between the 2 sheds.

Collection for Mrs Cathy Linsell

If you haven't had the chance to donate yet, please send your money into the office where we will collect it. Thank you.

Letters home about the AGM

A letter will be in book bags about the AGM on 27th Sept. It will give information about being a Class Rep and ask for nomination forms to return. Also if you hope to attend please return the slip so we know how many to cater for as there will be wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

School Association

Next PTA meeting - AGM on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm for refreshments meeting to start at 8.00pm.

If you have any questions please email stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com





Come and Play Day

Sunday 24 September 2017

1.30pm

Do you play violin, viola, cello, double bass, classical guitar or piano? Are you aged between 8 and 15, and have reached a minimum standard of Grade 3?

The Yehudi Menuhin School is hosting a Come and Play Day

- **Play to a Menuhin School teacher**
- **Aural class**
- **Concert**
- **Tour of the school**

Space is limited, so please send in your application soon!

Details available from:

The Outreach Office, Yehudi Menuhin School,
Stoke d'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3QQ
or email outreach@yehudimenuhinschool.co.uk
Tel: 01932 584403



Open Morning

Saturday 30 September 2017

To book please contact registrar@woldingham.school.co.uk

11+, 13+, 13+ deferred entry
Wide range of transport routes
Flexiboarding available

'Delightful school with pupils
to match, benefiting from first
class leadership'

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