



Value of the month - Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been one filled with both sorrow and joy for our school community.

Yesterday, staff, parents and friends joined together as a community with Mrs Linsell's family for the Funeral Mass for our much-loved Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Cathy Linsell. The Mass was a holy and thoughtful celebration where we prayed together and shared happy memories of our times with Mrs Linsell. We shall always keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Mrs Hardy and members of our Choir who sang so beautifully during the Mass.

We also took time at the Mass to remember and pray for Harry Gaut on the first anniversary of his death. A new bench for Mrs Linsell will, in the coming weeks, be placed alongside that of Harry's in the Infant Playground so we can remember them both enjoying their time in school.

If you wish to make a donation, in memory of Cathy Linsell, please visit, <https://catherine-linsell.muchloved.com>. All donations will be sent to Guy's Hospital Cancer Unit.

We shall be having a Remembrance Liturgy in School for the children to pray for Mrs Linsell on Tuesday 3rd October. On this day we shall also be re-naming the Infant Library 'The Linsell Library' as a memorial to Mrs Linsell as we all know how passionate she was about children learning to read. More details will follow.

Please keep the Linsell and Gaut families in your prayers at this time.

Today we have had a wonderful day filled with **Poetry**: the famous poet **Brian Moses** entertained us all at assembly this morning with performances of "The Budgie likes to Boogie", "Walking with my Iguana" and "The Ssssnake Hotel", to name a just a few. The children (and the staff!) were enthralled and couldn't resist laughing and moving to the rhythm of the poetry. Following the performance, he then worked with various children in the Juniors, teaching them how to write poetry which engages the reader; the children will carry this knowledge into their classes and inspire their peers. Next Thursday, on **National Poetry Day**, the children will be sharing their poems with different classes throughout the school. We are looking forward to hearing their own masterpieces!

Next Wednesday, 27th September, we look forward to welcoming grandparents to our **Grandparents' Morning**. You are invited to join us at 9:10. Please wait at the Main Entrance until a member of staff welcomes you in. You will be able to spend an enjoyable time listening to the children singing, and then join them in their learning in class. Do come if you are able to as the children love to show you what they do at school. You will be able to stay until the children go in to Lunch.

Mrs M Wheeler
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th September – Grandparents morning in school.

Football Match at Hamsey Green

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

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.

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.

Squirrels

Please can we remind parents, that when buzzed through to Squirrels, in the morning or evening, that they must shut the gate behind them, as the the gate does not close automatically. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Familylives.org

How we can help

People contact us about all aspects of family life that include all stages of a child's development, issues with schools and parenting/relationship support. We also respond when life becomes more complicated and provide support around family breakdown, aggression in the home, bullying at school, teenage risky behaviour and mental health concerns of both parents and their children. We provide a 24 hour helpline, advice website, live chat and parenting/relationship support groups.

Confidential helpline

Call our free and confidential helpline for support

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service (previously known as Parentline). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for information, advice, guidance and support on any aspect of parenting and family life, including bullying. Our helpline service is open 9am – 9pm, Monday to Friday and 10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday

Sacred Heart Toddler Group

Please feel free to pop into the Sacred Heart Toddler Group held on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 - 11:15 (term time only) for friendly chat and refreshments whilst your little ones play! Lots of fun activities planned over the next few months! For any questions, please email sacredhearttoddlers@gmail.com

We Are a Nut Free School

We are a **nut free school** as we have a children with a life threatening allergies to nuts. Please can we ask that you do not send your child into school with **any** nuts or products containing nuts.

This now includes **Pine Nuts**, so Pesto is also not permitted.

Secondary School Open Days

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.

Parking and Offensive Behaviour

Dear Parents

We are only two weeks into the term and already, we have had complaints concerning speeding, inconsiderate parking, rude and aggressive behaviour and bad language. On one occasion this week there was a near miss with a child.

Parking on the pavements and zebras, even at quieter school times, is inconsiderate as it leaves no room for parents and children to walk safely.

The use of bad language and aggression is highly inappropriate and unacceptable at all times and goes against our school ethos and values. We have a site speed limit of 5mph for good safety reasons. Please do not speed on the school site, even if you are late, as it endangers life.

If you are challenged for doing this by other parents or staff, rude and abusive behaviour towards them is equally unacceptable. If this type of behaviour persists, the Governors and I may have to take steps to ban individuals from entering the school site.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Wheeler
Headteacher

Donations in memory of Cathy Linsell

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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 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 back 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



Recent Terrorist Events

Dear Parents

Advice has been given to Surrey Schools following the recent terrorist events that have taken place on Friday last week and the connected searches in Surrey that followed this week.

[The police have assured us that there is no increased risk to the safety of students or staff.](#)

St Francis' takes its responsibilities to ensure the safety of both students and staff very seriously. We remain committed to our Safeguarding and Prevent Policy to ensure all student's safety and will continue to work with the authorities as and when required.

For more general information on terrorism, including specific information for parents/ guardians and schools that you may find useful about how you can help please look at this advice from Surrey Police <https://surrey.police.uk/advice/protect-yourself-and-others/counter-terrorism/>

Yours sincerely, Mrs Wheeler



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@woldinghamschool.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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