



Value of the month - Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again, this week has been a productive, but very enjoyable week at St Francis! Our various School Prefects have now received their badges and are being very responsible in their duties. Our Junior pupils voted for our Headboy and Headgirl, and we were very pleased to congratulate HARRISON HAYMAN and MAYA NADOTTI. We look forward to all our prefects being positive role-models, as usual.

On Wednesday, we were amazed when we saw all our GRANDPARENTS waiting to join us for the morning – 160 people visited us and made our morning very special! Some joined our Junior Hymn Practice first, before going through to the various classes. At Break, tea and coffee were served and grandparents were able to socialise, whilst enjoying delicious pastries. The morning was enjoyed by all, and many of our grandparents became “Surrogate grandparents” to children who didn’t have anyone visiting them, which was very kind indeed. Thank you to everyone who came, and for the lovely, positive feedback; we certainly will be doing it again!

As you will know, yesterday was NATIONAL POETRY DAY. Following on from Brian Moses’ inspirational visit last Friday, our pupils have been writing poetry and sharing their efforts with different classes this week. It has been great fun, and they have thoroughly enjoyed it! This morning, in Celebration Assembly, certificates were awarded to great poets within the school. We also used the opportunity this morning to commend everyone who took part in our SUMMER READING CHALLENGE, and to present the prizes to the winners of the Challenge. You will remember that not only did they have to read widely over the Summer, but they also had to explain what they liked about the books, and why. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Year 1 : Sam Bartlett (Elm)
- Year 2 : Holly Harding (Larch)
- Year 3 : Ellie Taylor (Rowan)
- Year 4 : Mylah Holland (Hazel)
- Nickeisha Linton (Hornbeam)
- James Murphy (Linden)
- Staff : Mrs Payne (Elm)

On Tuesday next week, there will be a Liturgy in the school for MRS LINSELL. This will be an opportunity for the children to say goodbye and to pray for her. It is ONLY for the pupils and for Mrs Linsell’s family.

However, next week WEDNESDAY IS THE ST FRANCIS’ FEAST DAY, AND FRIDAY IS THE CAFOD HARVEST DAY. We are combining the two and the Juniors will be celebrating Mass at Sacred Heart at 2pm. If you would like to join them and are able to help with walking the children to church, please let the school know. Your offer will be greatly appreciated. The Infants will have a Liturgy at school at 2:45 instead; you are most welcome to attend. A letter is going home today requesting DONATIONS FOR THE FOODBANK. Please send these in by Tuesday so that they can be placed around the altars on Wednesday. Thank you.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs N. Fawcett
Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 10th October – Junior Choir Festival at Woldingham

Monday 17th October – Parents Evening

Tuesday 18th October 2017 – Parents Evening

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.

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 Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions for Sept 2018 is **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. Although, we strongly recommend that applications are submitted by **Thursday 19th October 2017 which is the Thursday before half term**.

Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late applications.

Please can all Year 6 parents inform the school office which schools you have applied for. Thank you

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.

Secondary School Open Days

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	Saturday 14 th October	9.30am-11.30am
Woldingham School	By appointment only	See school's website

Please visit the schools' websites for full details.

Donations in memory of Cathy Linsell

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. Thank you.



The Caterham Conker Competition

Sunday 8th October 2017, 1:30pm registration for 2pm

Bring yourself, the family, the kids, the dog and a child-like sense of humour. We bring the conkers for you.

Caterham Round Table presents... A free community event, the 3rd Annual Caterham Conkers Competition.

Main Event:

Knock Out Competition open to adults who register from 1:30pm for a 2pm start.

1st Prize - is to be announced
Played under international conker rules (we supply the conkers and strings).

Also:

Have a go children's session without prizes

Location: At The Fox, Coulsdon Common, Caterham. Just look for the Marquee and folks in blue rugby jerseys.

The Fox pub serve tasty beverages and food, you may need to contact The Fox to book a table.

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.

Next PTA meeting - on Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm in the school hall.

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



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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