

## Value of the month – Responsibility

### Dear Parents and Carers

In addition to all the normal work that goes on in school, it has been a lovely week of memories and celebrations.

On Tuesday we held a prayerful, but joyful Liturgy for Mrs Linsell, during which we watched a montage of photos of Mrs Linsell's life in school and recalled the happy times we spent together. It was lovely to have her family and friends with us for the occasion.

We also held a MacMillan Coffee and Cake day on the Tuesday for the staff and raised £104.00 for Cancer Research. There were many cakes and clearly many wonderful bakers on the staff!

Our St Francis' Feast Day and Harvest Mass and Liturgies were wonderful celebrations for our school. The Juniors went to Sacred Heart for Mass with Father Sean and prayed and sang together beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Welland and Mrs Zarembski who set up the harvest goods in front of the altar – it looked amazing! Back in school, the Infants were joined by parents and grandparents for their Harvest Liturgy. It was a very informative and entertaining Liturgy led by Miss Nash, and everyone who attended enjoyed it left smiling. Thank you to all families who donated so generously - the goods will go to the Caterham Food Bank this weekend.

Tonight we are looking forward to the Reception Classes Welcome Disco – I am sure a good time will be had by all!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wheeler  
Headteacher



### Rules for PJ Day

(£1 suggested contribution – this will be used by the PTA to purchase items needed for the Christmas Fayre)

- PJ's only – no nightdresses, dressing gowns and no onesies (Onesies are difficult for children to manage when going to the toilet in a school environment and many onesies have feet in them which makes it dangerous around school.)
- Children must wear underwear underneath.
- PJs must be sensible and not see through or revealing.
- Children must have socks and trainers or sensible shoes on for the playground.
- Children must have a jumper, a hoody or coat with them for playtimes and PE.
- If you do not want your child to wear PJs they may come in own clothes.

Please remind your children to be considerate in school – we do not want any child upset by others making fun of each other if they are in fun PJs.

### Cross Country Rally

Well done to everyone who competed in the Cross Country Rally at St John's on Tuesday.

St Francis overall results:

Year 3 & 4 Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Year 3 & 4 Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Year 5 & 6 Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Year 5 & 6 Girls – 4<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Miss McNicholas and all the parents who helped take children to the event and provided them with lots of support.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> October and**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 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**

### Diary Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Sniffs, Reception. Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3 & Yr 4

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Junior Choir Festival at Woldingham

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning for prospective parents

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30pm, School Closes for Half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am, School re-opens for second half of the Autumn term

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Yr 4, Visit to Croydon Synagogue

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Yr 3, Visit to Science Museum

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Yr 6, Visit to Croydon Synagogue

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Individual Photographs

## Secondary School Open Days

St Andrew's, Croydon	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am-11.30am
Whitgift	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	4pm-8pm
St Andrew's, Croydon	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	1.30pm-3pm
Coloma Convent	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am-11.30am
Woldingham School	By appointment only	See school's website

**Please visit the schools' websites for full details.**



## 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**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Wendy, Fran and Robin for all of their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work over the past three years.

At the AGM the new chair and secretaries were confirmed. They are

Lucy Kolkman - chair

Sharon Evans - Secretary

Charlotte Thompson - Secretary

Helen Byrne - Secretary

Stacey Nash is kindly continuing in his role as Treasurer.

**Welcome Disco for Reception classes** - Friday 6th October 6-8pm, we hope all the reception children have fun and look forward to hearing all about it.

**PTA Shed** - Saturday 7th October 10:00 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.

**Pyjama day - Friday 20th October.** An opportunity for your child to have fun in their pyjamas to raise money towards items for the Christmas Fayre hampers and raffle prizes. Minimum donation £1 per child via classroom teacher.

**Christmas Fayre** - Preparations are under way. All class reps should have received information regarding their stalls. We look forward to everyone's help organising this to make it as big a success as it was last year.

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

If you have any questions please email [stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com)

# BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

ALL WELCOME  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

## Night

**Saturday**  
**4 November 2017** from 5.30pm

**TICKETS £10 Adults • £5 children**

Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the night

Food must be pre-purchased when booking tickets.

Food will not be available to buy on the night.

**Woldingham girls FREE entrance and food voucher**

**5.30PM : GATES OPEN**

**6.15PM : JUDGING OF THE GUY MAKING COMPETITION**

**6.30PM : BONFIRE • 7.15PM : FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO MUSIC**

**MULLED WINE, BBQ, BAR AND MORE!**

Book tickets online at

**[tickets.wpsa.co](http://tickets.wpsa.co)**

Poster image: Bella Cooper, Year 8

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