



Value of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers

Our **Reception Welcome Disco** last Friday was a great success and it was lovely to welcome our new children and their parents into school for such a fun event. The children have clearly made a great start to their school lives and have already built great friendships and confidence. There were some wonderful dance moves on show! A great time was had by all. Thank you to the PTA for organising and running the disco.

This week our Choir took part in the Inter **Schools Choir Festival** at Woldingham. They enjoyed the afternoon practising and listening to the other schools and in the evening sang beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Hardy and to the parents who helped during the day.

In RE, our focus is **Judaism**. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Aaronson who came in to talk to the Year 1s, Year 2s and Year 3s. The pupils enjoyed her talk as she shared family traditions such as Shabbat, Passover and the Barmitzvah.

October is **Black History Month**, and next week the children will be learning about the culture, achievements and history of black people; they will focus on positive role models within Black History. Additionally, they will think about our British Values of respect and tolerance. Please take the opportunity to discuss these values, particularly in relation to racism and how we are all responsible for our behaviour, language and attitude towards others.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming **prospective Reception Parents for 2018** during one of two Open Mornings. It will be an opportunity for our Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects to demonstrate responsibility (our value of the month) by showing parents around the school. We are confident that they will do an excellent job and make us proud.

On Friday next week, we will be holding a **Pyjama Day** to raise funds for the PTA to help support the Christmas Fayre. The suggested contribution is £1. Please read the **Rules for Pyjama Day** (see below) very carefully – we still expect the children to be suitably dressed for a day in school. If children do not wish to wear pyjamas, they may come in home clothes. During the afternoon, to encourage a love of reading, the children will go into the hall to have a **'bedtime story' buddy reading** session. Teachers are organising a half hour where children will read with a buddy from another class - older ones reading to younger ones and vice versa. If the children have a favourite book (bedtime story), they may bring it in from home to share with their buddy. Please make sure any books brought in are labelled with the child's name.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Wheeler
Headteacher

After School Clubs

Reminder – Because of Parent' Evenings, there will be no after school clubs on Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th October.

Please ensure that all children are collected on time. Thank you.

Rules for PJ Day

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

- Pyjamas 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.
- Pyjamas 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 pyjamas, 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 one other if they are in fun PJs.

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.



Secondary School Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions for Sept 2018 is **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. 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 16th October – Parents' Evening

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Friday 20th October – 3.30pm, School closes for half-term

Monday 30th October – 9.00am, School re-opens for second half of the Autumn Term

Tuesday 31st October - Yr 4, Visit to Croydon Synagogue

Friday 3rd November – Yr 3, Visit to Science Museum

Tuesday 7th November – Yr 6, Visit to Croydon Synagogue

Monday 13th November – Individual Photographs

School Association

Reception Disco

Thank you to Fran Wall for organising and everyone that helped at the Reception Disco. Everyone seemed to have great fun and a considerable amount was raised for the PTA.

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

Grangewood Lettings have kindly offered to sponsor our Christmas Fayre this year subject to 50 households displaying one of their boards with our fayre details on for a period of 3 weeks prior to the event. This is a vital funding towards the event so your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated. Please could you email stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com if you are willing to display a board.

If you want a fun and crafty activity to do with your kids over the half term, please decorate any empty jars you may have and fill them with bits and bobs like sweets, hair bobbles etc. in readiness for the Jolly Jars stall. Thank you.

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

New parents - We have a Facebook page to keep you updated with events etc. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please search for 'St Francis School Association' and request to be a member as it is a closed group.

Class Reps

Every class has a rep this year, so thank you to all those listed below for offering to help :

Cherry - Claire Spencer, Tash Davies and Nicola Waterfall

Apple - Liz Smith and Clare Pooley

Oak - Naomi Fernandez and Michelle Trumper

Elm - Jen Palmer and Siobhan Holden

Beech - Emma Gawn and Anna Donnelly

Larch - Laura Harding

Cedar - Audrey Dunne

Rowan - Claire Nash and Tracy Johnson

Pine - Fran Wall and Helen Steptoe

Hazel - Liz Hughes and Jamie Langan

Maple - Leila Merrett and Elena Tully

Hornbeam - Lucy Bailey and Annette Flannery and Claire Campbell

Willow - Sally Ogunremi and Kay Linsdell

Linden - Sarah Morgan-Petrillo and Dom Sturgess

Secondary School Open Days

Coloma Convent

Saturday 14th October

9.30am-11.30am

Please visit the schools' websites for full details.



EAST SURREY MUSEUM

1, Stafford Road Caterham, CR3 6JG

Just 50m from Caterham Station

October 2017 Half Term Activities for accompanied children:



Make a dinosaur skeleton!

Wed 25th & Thursday 26th October 2017

At the usual times: 10.30-am - 12.00 & 2pm - 3.30-pm.

ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED.

'phone: 01883-340275

email: eastsurreymuseum@gmail.com

Website: www.eastsurreymuseum.org.uk



BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS
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

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