

Value of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers

Our **Year 6** children were wonderful ambassadors on Tuesday showing prospective parents around the school. They were polite and spoke highly of our school, and impressing those they showed round – well done!

Our two **Parents Evenings** were very well attended. If anyone was unable to attend, please contact the teacher, or office, to make an appointment. Miss Nash will see Cherry parents on the Monday and Wednesday after the half term.

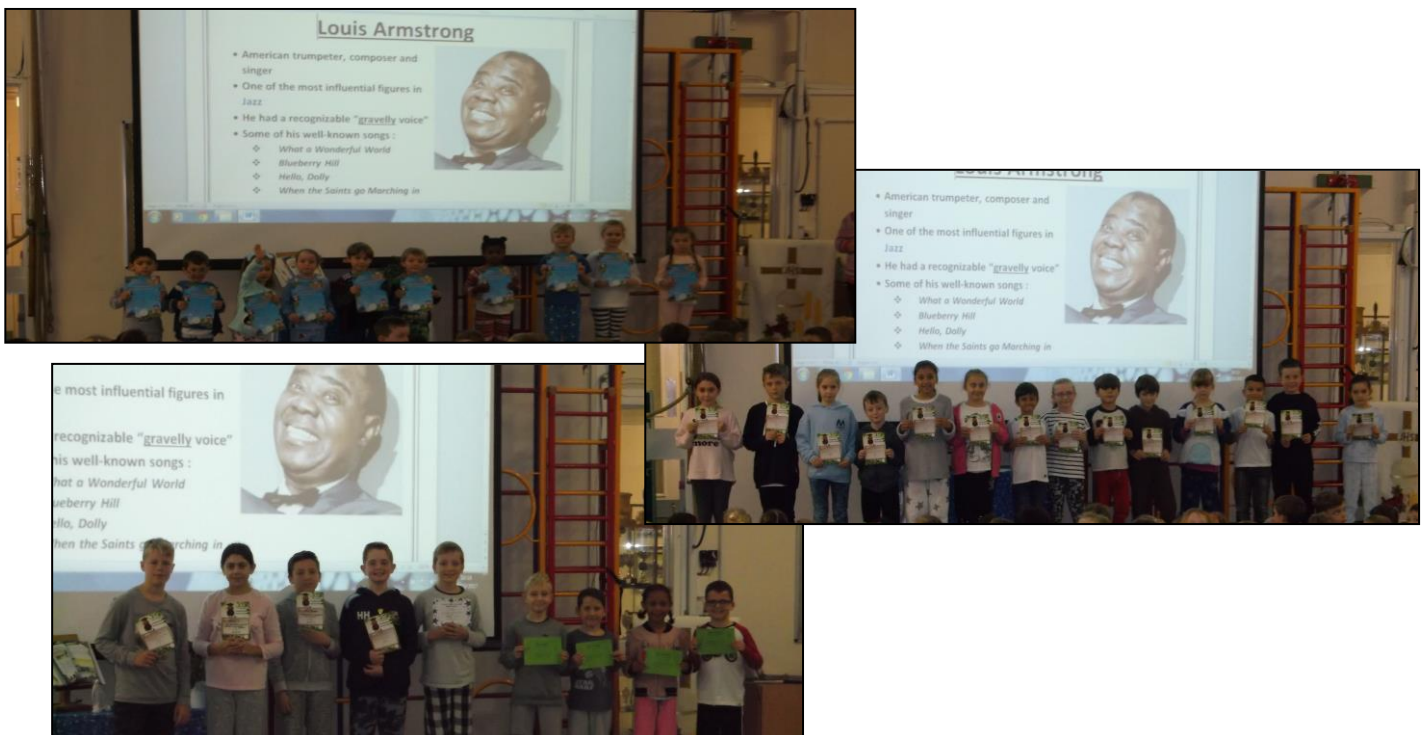
Our **PTA Pyjama Day** today was lots of fun! The children had a great time buddy reading 'bedtime stories' in the middle of the afternoon! It certainly inspired the children to read and share books. Photos are to follow after the holiday. Thank you for your donations which will go towards making our Christmas Fayre a success.

E-Safety Alert: Please scroll down and read the alert concerning the gaming site Roblox. Also read: **TES Article – A hard hitting article that gives an insight into the dangers around on-line safety:** <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/tes-online-safety-special-11751272>

Finally, we wish **goodbye** to our office assistant Ms Maxine Gray who is leaving us to work from home and to project manage all the building work required on her new home! We thank her for all her hard work at St Francis' and wish her lots of luck for the future.

The Staff and I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wheeler



Secondary School Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions for Sept 2018 is **Tuesday 31st October 2017.**

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

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 MORNING
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 21st.

After School Clubs

Will start again immediately after the half term holiday.

Inter- School Cross Country Rally

Well done to all our children who took part in yesterday's Inter School Cross Country Rally. All the children acted in a sportsman-like fashion cheering everyone on and persevered with their running.

Overall

Y3/4 Girls came 2nd Y3/4 Boys came 1st
Y5/6 Girls came 1st Y5/6 Boys came 3rd

Well done to the following children who were placed:

Y3/4 Klara – 2nd Abigail - 4th Harry – 2nd Jackson - 5th Alfie - 6th
Y5/6 Lily – 2nd Harrison – 1st

Vacancies

Please see the 'Vacancies' section of the website for details of the part-time office job vacancy and the teaching vacancy.



E-Safety Alert!

Gaming site named Roblox. There are different games and levels on the site that the children enjoy. However, we wanted to make you aware of the potential E-safety risks associated with the site and how to minimise these, particularly as you may not be aware of this gaming website.

The key things for you to be aware of are:

- 1) Communication - there are no age restrictions, so adults and children can play and communicate with each other on the platform. Users can make and receive friend requests so that they can chat outside of gameplay.
- 2) Content - Users can use the studio to make games, which can contain content not suitable for children such as weapons and blood.

The following website provides some examples of what has happened on Roblox. They are shocking, but show that without proper monitoring, what can happen:

<http://www.esafetytraining.org/apps/blog/>

For more information and how to help your child stay safe whilst using Roblox, visit this website which has very good information:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents>

Please read: TES Article – A hard hitting article giving an insight into the dangers around on-line safety: <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/tes-online-safety-special-11751272>

School Association

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



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

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

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