

## Value of the month – Patience

### Dear Parents and Carers

Our **Advent events** (YR Christingle, Y1 Nativity and Y2 Christmas Show) have been wonderful this week and it was lovely to see so many Parents and Grandparents attending. The children delivered their lines clearly and sang their songs beautifully. Thank you to all the Staff who helped to prepare the children for the events and to those Parents who helped out by providing costumes.

The **Pantomime**, Aladdin, was hilarious and enjoyed by all the children on Wednesday.

The group of our Year 5 and Year 6 children who went to the **Wintershall Nativity** yesterday came back with many tales of their amazing experience. Herod was scary, the actors were 'real' and there were 'real' donkeys and sheep to stroke! It was a very cold, but inspiring and Holy Nativity, and one that they will remember forever. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Palmer for taking them and to the Parents who helped.

Thank you to all who contributed to our **collection** this week after the Advent performances. We have been collecting for **Shelter**, the charity for the homeless. With the snowy and icy weather we experienced this week, it has brought it home to us how difficult it must be for those living on the streets at this time. We will have one **final collection** after the **Junior Carol Concert on Monday evening, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church**. The children have been preparing their readings and carols and some of the Year 3 children will create the Nativity during the concert. **All Junior children should arrive at 6:45pm so we can seat all children in their classes and be ready for a prompt 7pm start.** *The children are looking forward to their Parents and Grandparents attending to watch and join in the service – **please do join us** as it is a wonderful way to end the term and unwind before the holidays.* Teas, coffees and mince pies will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Wheeler  
Headteacher



### Diary Dates

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Advent Reflection Liturgy. At school. Infants 1.30pm, Juniors, 2.15pm.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 7pm Junior Carol Concert at the Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – 9.00am School re-opens for the Spring Term.



## **Christmas Jumper Day Mufti - In aid of Save the Children**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

Enjoy your Christmas lunch wearing a CHRISTMAS JUMPER and donate £1 to SAVE THE CHILDREN.

Show off your best Christmas sweater; decorate your everyday jumper, or even tinsel up Granny's homemade knitwear.

### **School Dinner Money**

Please ensure that all outstanding dinner money for this term is paid no later than Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

If you have ordered your child a Christmas dinner, please make sure this is paid for over the weekend.

### **Caterham Cricket Club**

Caterham Cricket Club will start the 2018 junior indoor Winter coaching on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2018** at **Caterham School Sports Hall**.

Sessions for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will run from 12 noon to 1:20pm. Cost per session (to pay for venue hire and coaches) is £ 5.00 per child.

The sessions will be run by ECB qualified coaches with full CRB clearance and will consist of fun and games for the children - to both introduce them to the sport and build up any skills they may already have.

Both boys and girls are welcome, and there is a viewing gallery for proud parents to watch the sessions. No previous experience or equipment is required.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For further information please call Colin Mico 07968 168884.



## Cafod World Gifts.

These are the gifts the classes have chosen and how much they raised so far:

Class	Gifts	Target	Total raised	Left to raise
Cherry	Vegetable garden Trees for life Chirpy chickens	£50.00	£ 9.00	£41.00
Apple	Chirpy chickens 3x Happy bees	£32.00	£ 12.20	£19.80
Oak	Football Teach someone to read Vegetable garden	£30.00	£ 18.00	£12.00
Elm	Chirpy chickens 3 x Happy Queen Bees	£32.00	£ 22.65	£ 9.35
Beech	2 x Vegetable garden Trees for life	£28.00	£ 21.70	£ 6.30
Larch	Water for a family Happy Queen Bees	£37.00	£ 31.32	£ 5.68
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Water for a family Happy Queen Bee Net that protects Trees for life</b>	<b>£52.00</b>	<b>£ 81.23</b>	<b>Target achieved!</b>
Rowan	Vegetable garden Water for a family Happy Queen Bee Teach someone to read	£57.00	£ 13.50	£43.50
Pine	Water for a family Chirpy chickens Happy Queen Bee	£57.00	£ 29.70	£27.30
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Water for a family</b>	<b>£33.00</b>	<b>£52.92</b>	<b>Target achieved!</b>
Hornbeam	Fabulous football Water for a family Teach someone to read Tippy tap The Net that protects	£67.00	£34.17	£32.83
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Chirpy chickens Teach a child to read</b>	<b>£30.00</b>	<b>£36.00</b>	<b>Target achieved!</b>
Willow	A goat Water for a family Immunise a child Happy Queen Bee The net that protects Teach someone to read	£96.00	£20.00	£76.00
Linden	Water for a family The net that protects	£40.00	£30.90	£ 9.10

Please remember to send in your donations, in an envelope marked with the **class name** and 'CAFOD World Gifts'.

Thank you for your support.






# Junior Carol Concert



Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to come with your children to our Junior Carol Concert at Sacred Heart Church this Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Your children have been so excited throughout Advent, preparing themselves for Christmas Day!

Not only will you have the pleasure of listening to our wonderful choir, but each year group has also prepared a special carol to sing for you. We really do hope you will be able to join us.

The evening will start at 7pm and be followed by tea/coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards. It will be a wonderful way to end this term and  to unwind before the holidays.

Have a lovely and peaceful Christmas!



## Lunch Money

The amounts due for the Spring term are as follows:

Weekly - £11.25  
First half term - £60.75  
Second half term - £63.00  
Whole term - £123.75

Payment can be made online via Tucasi.



## School Fund

The suggested amount is £25 per family per term or £75 for the year. Payment can be made online via Tucasi. Alternatively, please send your voluntary contributions to the school office, with cheques payable to St Francis School Fund. Thank you.

## **School Association**

Christmas Fayre - thanks to everyone's generosity and hard work the Christmas Fayre raised a profit of **£5000** with match funding to follow! A fantastic amount that will go back into the school to help all of our children.

Christmas Carol Concert - if anyone is able to help Fran Wall with offering hot drinks and mince pies after the concert on 18th December please let her know or email [stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com](mailto:stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com). Thanks

### Winter Disco

All children should have received a letter in their book bag regarding the **Winter Disco** which is on the 19th January.

KS1 - years 1 & 2 - 5pm to 6:45pm.

KS2 - years 3,4,5,6 - 7:15pm to 9pm

Tickets are £4.00 and include a hot dog and refreshments.

Please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter to let us know if you require tickets and also if you are able to help out on the night.

Please note the disco is for St Francis pupils only.

### Save the Date

Next PTA meeting to be held at 7:30pm in the school hall on 09/12/17 - all welcome

KS1/KS2 Disco - 19/01/2018

Quiz night - 10/03/2018

Summer BBQ - 25/05/2018