



Value of the month – Faith

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have settled back into school really well and are working hard.

Please read the box below about the house assemblies we are having this term. Note that the children come to school in House colours on the day of their assembly. This Monday is Thomas More, Red House. The suggested donation is £1.00 and money collected will go to Cafod.

Following discussions over usage with teachers and the PTA who have funded it for the last two years, it has been decided that we will not be renewing our subscription to Mathletics. For the coming year, we will be continuing with Education City which has activities that cover the whole curriculum, and trailing an alternative Maths programme in school. Families can still access Mathletics by taking out their own subscription directly with the company. Please visit <http://uk.mathletics.com/home> for more information.

There are still a few spaces in the following after school clubs: Arts & Craft, Games Club & Poetry. These spaces can be booked via Tucasi.

Don't forget the KS1 & KS2 Disco next Friday, see details on PTA page below.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler

Mothers' Day FAIRTRADE SALE

Following our focus on Fairtrade Fortnight later this term, we will be holding a Fairtrade Sale with delightful gifts the children can purchase for mums. The sale will be held on Friday 9th March 2018, just before Mothering Sunday. Items will be under £5.00. Please remind your children (as we will do) as they really do enjoy choosing and paying for something special for you!

Gym Competition

Unfortunately, the Years 3 & 4 Gym competition due to be held on 20th February has been cancelled.

Letters home this week

Winchester Planetarium – Yr 5
Bags to school

House Assemblies

Over the next month, our House Prefects will be leading assemblies about our different houses, explaining who the martyrs were, when they lived, what they did and why they remain so important to us. On the Assembly day, pupils are invited to wear their house colours and to bring a donation towards CAFOD's Lenten Appeal.

The assembly dates are as follows:

- **Monday 15th January : Thomas More**
- **Monday 22nd January : Margaret Clitheroe**
- **Monday 29th January : Anne Line**
- **Monday 5th February : John Fisher**

CAFOD's Lenten Appeal this year reminds us to live simpler lives and to help others to become more self-sufficient. Thank you.

Diary Dates

January		
Monday	15 th	Final date for applications for Reception Admission in September 2018
Monday	15th	Thomas More House Assembly/ House Colours. Bring a donation
Friday	19 th	Yrs 1 & 2 – 5pm – 6.45pm Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 – 7.15pm – 9pm
Monday	22 nd	Margaret Clitheroe House Assembly/ House Colours. Bring a donation
Monday	29 th	Anne Line House Assembly/ House Colours. Bring a donation
February		
Thursday	1 st	Chinese Dance Workshop – Yrs R, 1 & 3. See letter sent home today
Monday	5 th	John Fisher House Assembly/ House Colours. Bring a donation
Friday	9 th	Break up for half term.
Tuesday	20th	School re-opens for the second half of the Spring Term
Wednesday	21 st	Football & Netball matches vs Marden Lodge
Tuesday	27 th	Cross Country Rally at Whyteleafe School
March		
Thursday	1 st	World Book Day
Thursday	1 st	Year 6 Visit to Down House
Friday	2 nd	Pilgrim's Progress by The Oddments Theatre – Yrs 4, 5 & 6
Saturday	3 rd	Purley & Coulsdon Music Festival
Monday	9 th	Mothers' Day Fairtrade Sale

Admissions – September 2018

This is to remind those parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2018, that the final date for applications is the **15th January 2018**. You **must** complete a Surrey Form as well as our Supplementary Information Form.

To find all the information you need, please visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

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.

Contact Details Reminder

Please remember to inform the Office if you, or your emergency contacts, have changed any telephone numbers or addresses. It is vital in case we have to contact you during the day and we will not know of changes unless you inform us.

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.



Lost and found

These items can be collected from the school office.



School Association

Winter Disco - 19th Jan

Thank you for all of the offers of help - we were inundated this year. We are looking forward to a fun night. You will receive your tickets shortly if you haven't done so already.

Mufti Day - 9th February

Suggested contribution is £1. All proceeds of events such as these go towards buying essential items such as books for the benefit of all our children.

Save the date

Winter Disco - 19/01/18

Quiz Night - 10/03/18

Summer BBQ - 25/05/18

Next PTA meeting - 7:30pm on 25/05/18 in the school hall. All welcome! Especially parents that may not have been before, but would like to come and see what we do and how we can help to raise essential funds for our children's school.

St. Francis' School Association

St. Francis' Catholic Primary Caterham

WINTER DISCO

Friday 19th January 2018

Venue: St Francis' School Hall

Years 1 & 2: 5pm – 6:45pm prompt	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 7:15pm – 9pm prompt
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Tickets available from your class rep after completion of request form sent in book bags. £4 per ticket, includes hot dog & refreshments.

Glow sticks and sweetie bags etc. will be available to purchase on the night. Maximum suggested spending money £5.

No mobiles or iPads allowed.