



Value of the month – Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is flying by! Our 'World Book Day', postponed because of the snow, finally took place and the children looked wonderful in their costumes. Winning outfits were chosen from each class and the children could choose a book from the prize table. The children had a lovely afternoon session being read to by a different teacher.

Our 'Odd Socks Day' to raise awareness of [Downs Syndrome](#) was a great success and the children learned about the condition and how we are all unique through an Assembly led by Harrison (our outgoing Head Boy). We raised £212.00 for the Downs Syndrome charity. It is the time in the year when we swop over our [Y6 roles](#). Well done and thank you to our outgoing [Head Boy and Girl, Harrison and Maya](#), and to those [Y6s with responsibilities](#) for all their hard work and support for the school.

Congratulations to [Harry and Lily, our new Head Boy and Head Girl, and to all our new School Councillors](#). At their first meeting, they democratically voted for [Anjali\(Chair\), Grace\(Vice-Chair\), Luke\(Treasurer\) and Mia\(Secretary\)](#). Congratulations, too, to our new [RE Prefects, Fairtrade Monitors, Librarians, Hall and Corridor Monitors and Playground Leaders](#). They have taken up their new duties this week, and we are confident that they will be excellent role models.

Many of our children from [Palmer Drama](#) took part in the [Coulson & Purley Drama Festival](#) last week. They were wonderful to watch and won their categories, as well as receiving Outstanding, Honours and Merits. Congratulations to them all for all the effort they put into preparing, and for the courage to perform their pieces. Well done to Mrs Palmer for all her help preparing them and giving up her weekend to be there as they performed. This coming weekend, the [St Francis' Choirs](#) will be attending the music element of the Festival. We were treated to a concert yesterday of the songs they will be performing this weekend – they were just superb! We send them lots of luck and I look forward to seeing them perform at the weekend.

The [PTA Quiz Night](#) was once again a fabulous success and a good time was had by all. It is always great to see the table dressing up themes each year – the Viking Team did make us jump and laugh! The evening raised a fabulous £686 and we send a very [special thanks](#) to the PTA Quiz organising team - [Jacqui, Andrea and Dave](#), who have run the quiz for many years. They have come to the end of their time running the Quiz and the PTA are looking for a new Quiz Team to run the event for next year. Do let them know if you can help as it would be a real shame to see an end to such a fun social event that is specifically for our parents.

[Parents Evenings](#) for Reception to Year 5 are Monday and Tuesday next week. The time slots have been sent out. If you have not received them, please let the class teacher know. Next week is [Holy Week](#) and we are looking forward to bringing our school Lenten preparations to a close with our [Palm Liturgy](#) on Monday and [Stations of the Cross](#) on Thursday.

Mrs Wheeler

Global Earth Hour

WWF's Earth Hour is an annual celebration where people switch off their lights for one hour to show they care about the future of our planet. This year's celebrations will be on:

Saturday 24th March from 8.30pm to 9.30pm.

To take part, all you need to do is sign up and switch off your lights for that one hour. It's a symbolic lights out display with a big message – we want to protect the future of our planet!

To find out more about Earth Hour visit <http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/>

Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that **all** emails sent to school must be sent via office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk **only**.

If you are sending an email for the attention of a particular member of staff, please indicate this in the subject bar.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Please remember to.....

Take home everything from the cloakrooms for washing on Thursday evening next week: PE kit– shoes – trainers – bags – coats etc.

Lunch Money

Please make sure that your school dinner money account is paid up until the end of term.

The amounts due for the Summer Term are as follows:

Weekly - £11.25

First half term - £65.25

Second half term - £76.50

Whole term - £141.75

Payment can be made online via Tucasi.

Kingswood

Final payments are due by Monday 16th April at the latest. Reminders have been sent out individually to any child with an outstanding balance. If you have any difficulties paying online, please contact the school office urgently. Thank you.

Diary Dates

March

Saturday	24 th	Purley & Coulsdon Festival
Monday	26 th	Palm Liturgy Assembly. Parents welcome. 3.30pm, Cake sale YR to Y5 Parents Evenings
Tuesday	27 th	YR to Y5 Parents Evenings Y6 to Down House
Thursday	29 th	9:30 Stations of the Cross. 1pm School Closes

April

Thursday	26 th	7.30pm, PTA meeting
Friday	27 th	Cinema Night



Pilgrim's Progress

We had a wonderful visit from the Oddments Theatre group today, the company based their production and workshops on John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress'. The story centres on Christian who seeks to find happiness and meets many characters along the way, some which help (Help) and some that hinder Christian's pilgrimage (Obstinate and Pliable). During the production of Pilgrim's Progress, Christian is given the armour of God to wear on his journey to protect and help him on his way.



School Association

Quiz Night - This was a great success as always and raised a whopping £686! The Winners were the Runners Up and The Romans won the Best Dressed award - well done! Thank you to Jacqui, Andrea and Dave who ran the quiz for the last time this year. We are looking for new quiz organisers for next year so if you've got Quiz Master skills or a super brain for questions/challenges then please let us know!

Cinema Night - On the 27th April in the school hall we will be holding a cinema night for years 1, 2 and 3. Entry is £5 which includes a slice of pizza, small packet of Haribo, popcorn and a drink. We will be showing Toy Story. Arrival time is 5:30 and collection at 8:00pm prompt. Children will be signed in and out so please be patient whilst this happens. Children will receive a letter in their book bag - please complete the slip and return with ticket money to the PTA post box or your class rep. We are hoping that this will be a fun night for the children whilst raising essential funds for the school. If you can help out on the night please let us know. Your help is really appreciated.

Second Hand Uniform Sale - we will be holding a second hand uniform sale after the Easter Holiday (date to be confirmed). This is a good opportunity to buy summer uniform for your children.

Cake Sale - after school on the 26th March there will be a cake sale to help raise money for the Year 6 leaving events. Cake donations will be greatly appreciated.

Save the Date

Cinema Night - 27/04/18 Years 1, 2 and 3

Summer BBQ - 25/05/18 (evening event for children and adults - please pray for good weather!)

Summer Fun Day - 06/07/18

Next PTA meeting 25/04/18 at 7.30 in the school hall. If you haven't been to one of these meetings before we would love it if you could come. It's informal and you won't be expected to commit to doing anything. It's a great opportunity for you to listen to what potential developments may happen at school and have your say in how you feel the money raised by the PTA should be spent. If you can only come for part of the meeting that's fine, it normally only lasts about 30 - 45 minutes. We are hoping to head to the Caterham Arms for a beverage after too if you can make it.