



Value of the month – Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Spring Term has come to an end and what a busy one it has been!

The **Chair of Governors letter** (sent in book bags) reminds us of just a few of the events in our school life this term.

Our **Passion Liturgy** on Monday was performed by the year 6, year 5 and year 1 children and the whole school singing was beautiful. Thank you to Mrs Palmer and Mrs Hardy for preparing the children.

Year 6s finally went on their trip, postponed because of the snow, to **Down House** to learn about Charles Darwin. They enjoyed their day and were very well behaved.

Our **Parents evenings** this week had an excellent turnout of 97%. Many thanks to you all for attending.

This week we have also had our **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) lessons** in school. We send our thanks to Mrs Judy Mee, a leading Nurse Practitioner and our old Chair of Governors, for coming in to help deliver the sessions with year 6 and year 5. Mrs Mee also gives the staff their annual Epi-pen training during the day. Mrs Mee gives up her time every year to help support our children and staff and we are most appreciative of the help and commitment she gives us.

Our week ended with our annual **Stations of the Cross Liturgy**, which was very moving. A group of our Year 6 children impressed us with their drama portrayal of each Station, which helped us reflect on the Easter Story. Thank you to Miss Nash for preparing the Liturgy, Mrs Waddell for preparing the year 6 group, and to the Staff and children for taking part in the readings.

Holiday Reading: If you have children's reading books that you no longer want at home, please hold onto them for our library. We are also looking for some newer titles for the children to read, so if they have read them and no longer want them, do send them in to us after the holiday.

CAFOD – If you have any further CAFOD boxes at home, please can you send them back after the Easter holidays.

The Staff, Governors and I wish you all a peaceful, holy and restful holiday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler

School Fund - Building works and improvements - As a Voluntary Aided School, we are only funded 90% of any building project by the government; the Governors have to find the remaining 10% of the cost, or the projects cannot go ahead.

This year essential building works have been undertaken to make the school site more secure and safe with the new fencing and lighting works. We heard last week that we have been fortunate to have been allocated funding to complete the security works – finishing off improvements to external doors and windows and modifying the front office area. We rely on your contributions to the **School Fund** to ensure that we have the 10% contribution required of us. If you would like to organise a standing order for £6.25 per month for the School Fund (£75 per year, or £25.00 a term, per family) via online banking, the details are as follows:

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
Sort Code: 30-91-72
Bank Acc No: 00922317

Alternatively, paper mandates can be obtained from the office.

Standing orders should be set up with the reference: Your youngest child's name & St Francis School Fund (this so we can identify you on the statement system).

E-Safety Alert - Fortnite Game (Age 12) (available free on all gaming consoles, laptops etc.)

It has come to our attention, via parental concerns and the children themselves, that many of the junior children, Year 3 upwards are playing this game at home.

It seems that the game, which at the moment can be downloaded free, is proving highly addictive. Some children are apparently going back on the game late at night when perhaps parents are not aware. Please just be mindful of this if your children have any form of device in their bedrooms.

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.

Travelling to School - Car Sharing

Well done to those parents have been car sharing.

Car sharing makes a big difference to congestion and air quality during our drop-off and pick-up times at school.

Please do consider car-sharing in the summer term!

Message from the Chair of Governors Parking, offensive behaviour, gestures and inappropriate language

I am saddened that the Head has had complaints from other schools, and parents, this term concerning inconsiderate parking, rude/aggressive behaviour and bad language from a small minority of parents. Inconsiderate parking can be hazardous to the safety of our children and the use of bad language is highly inappropriate and unacceptable at all times – it goes against our school ethos and values. We do not want to be in a position where we have to take action against individuals, but will have to do so if necessary.

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.

Diary Dates

April		
Monday	16th	9.00am, School opens for the summer term
Thursday	26th	7.30pm, PTA meeting
Friday	27th	Cinema Night
May		
Thursday	10 th	Year 1 visit to Gatton Park
Monday	14 th	SAT's week begins
Tuesday	15 th	Year 4 visit to the Science Observatory Year R visit to Ladyland Farm
Thursday	24th	Year 1 visit to the Hindu Temple, Crawley Year 5 visit to the Sikh Temple, Croydon
June		
Monday	4th	Maths Week begins Class photographs
Tuesday	5 th	Year R health screening (details to follow)
Wednesday	6th	Year R health screening (details to follow)
Monday	11 th	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood
Friday	15 th	Fairtrade Gift sale
Wednesday	20 th	Year 3 visit to the Thames Barrier Year 5 visit to Wintershall Good Shepherd Mass, Worth
Thursday	21 st	Year 2 visit to Rural Life Year 6 visit to the Croydon Mosque
Tuesday	26 th	District Sports – Field events
Thursday	28 th	District Sports – Track events
July		
Thursday	5 th	Bags2School
Friday	6 th	Sports Day
Tuesday	10 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production
Wednesday	11 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production
Tuesday	17th	7-9pm, Leavers Disco
Thursday	19th	2pm, Leavers Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. Year 6's & siblings
Friday	20th	9.30am, Leavers Assembly 1pm, School closes for the Summer holidays.

Rainbows

Our Year 4 Rainbows group has come to an end this week. It has been lovely working with the children and we have gained so much from all our discussions. Our sessions ended yesterday with a rainbow party with bubbles and cupcakes made by Mrs Zarembski.



Education City

Mathletics has been replaced by Education City. Logins are in the back of your child's reading record or school planner. Education City has lots of fun activities for subjects across the curriculum.

Caterham School-Orchestra Open Day

2018, Sunday 29 April

Further to the success of our Orchestral Open Day last year, we are delighted to once again invite young musicians (Grade 2+ and years 3-9) for a day of fun music-making. Our day will comprise of sectional rehearsals with specialist staff, masterclasses and an orchestral performance.

Please see the page on our website for all details and the sign-up form. Please note that registration will close on Friday 20th April.

<http://www.caterhamschool.co.uk/co-curricular/music/orchestral-open-day/>

School Association

Cinema Night - Years 1, 2 and 3 should have received a letter in their book bags regarding the upcoming cinema night on the 27th April. Please complete the slip attached and enclose £5. This can then be returned to the PTA either via your class rep or the PTA post box. We are hoping this event will be a success and if it is we will be running another cinema night for years 4, 5 and 6. Please see poster for further details and please help if you can!

Summer BBQ - Plans are coming together for this family event! There will be posters up soon with further information. As always running events such as these depend on volunteers so if you can spare any time or help in any way please let us know by emailing stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com or speak to Lucy Kolkman.

Second Hand Uniform Sale - we will be holding a uniform sale after the Easter Holiday (date to be confirmed). We would like to extend this to include being able to offer donated uniforms for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. If you would like to donate any of these uniforms then please do - it will help parents and all money raised assists our children at the school.

This term the PTA have raised **£2437.50**. A **Big Thank You** goes to all the parents that have been involved with organising and volunteering at events. Thank you to everyone that has bought a cake; come to the Quiz Night; given a contribution towards Mufti Day etc. So far this year the PTA funds have helped with purchasing new books; I-pads and creating an outdoor area for the Year 1's (full break down of finances available later this year).

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.



St Francis' School
Association



Movie Night

Years:
1 2 3



Friday 27 April
5.30 – 8pm



Tickets £5
**Includes: a slice
of pizza, drink,
popcorn & small
packet of Haribo**

At St. Francis' School Hall



EAST SURREY MUSEUM

1, Stafford Road Caterham, CR3 6JG
Just 50m from Caterham Station

Easter 2018 Half Term Activities for accompanied children:



Make & colour chicks, rabbits & face mask!
Wed & Thursday 4th/5th and 11th/12th April 2018

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

ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED.

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