

Value of the month – Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our New Term has started with great gusto once again! The miserable weather over the Easter Break has been replaced by magnificent sunshine, and it has been pleasing to see everyone at school enjoying the wonderful grounds we have! Not only have our children been able to play on the field once again, but many of the teachers have taken some of the learning outdoors as well.

Our Value this month is **COURAGE**, and in our assemblies this week we have looked at the story of *David and Goliath*. The children noted how brave David was when facing the huge giant, but understood that it was because David believed that God was on his side. The message to us was that if we have faith, we too will have the courage to persevere in all we do, and to make the right choices, because we will not be alone. It is a good message for all of us.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mr Ian Brealey next week. He will be doing **cross-curricular workshops** with many of our pupils, using Maths and Art. It should be really interesting and we are very excited. There will be an assembly on Tuesday afternoon where he will discuss Growth Mindset with the pupils, and taking ownership of their learning; this is opportune timing as the SATs will take place in May.

Many of our pupils in Year 3 have been preparing for their **First Holy Communion** which will be held in May; we keep our pupils in our thoughts and prayers as they make this spiritual journey. We also have pupils who have been preparing to represent our school at the **Reigate & Redhill Poetry & Prose Festival** which will be held from the 12th-19th May 2018. We say thank you to both the pupils involved and to their parents for encouraging them to take part in such a worthwhile endeavour.

I do hope you manage to enjoy the weather we are finally experiencing, and that you have a lovely week-end.

Mrs N. Fawcett

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23rd April



St George's Day

As is our tradition at St Francis', those children who are in Uniformed Groups may wear their uniforms on Monday 23rd April in recognition of St George's Day.

We always enjoy seeing them in their smart uniforms at our Friday celebration assembly. At this time we particularly think of our Value of the Month – Courage.

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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).

Kingswood

Final payments for Kingswood are now overdue. 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.

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.

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



Diary Dates

April		
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.



Inspiring Change Festival by Prospero Theatre & Mind Fitness Caterham Events for Young People / Family Audience

Sunday 20th May – 4 short plays at Woldingham School

Sunday 27th May – Elephant of My Heart Workshop at the Arc for 5-10 years and 11-16 years.

Sunday 24th June – 2 short plays and 3 short films at The Arc

Details below:

Sunday 20th May

Millennium Theatre, Woldingham School, Woldingham, Surrey. 6.30pm

Tickets £17.50 / Concessions £12.50

<https://bit.ly/2EjBkdX>

School Association

Cinema Night - We are looking forward to a fun evening next Friday 27/04/18 with the cinema night for years 1, 2 and 3. If you have completed your reply slip, your child's name will be on a list to allow entry on the night. Children will need to be signed in and out of the event in a similar way to how the Disco was run. Thank you to all of the parents that have volunteered to help - it is really appreciated. We will be in touch at the start of the week to let you know how you can help.

Summer BBQ on 25/05/18 - Look out for posters soon for this fun family event! This will be a new event for St Francis PTA so we are really hoping that there will be a good turnout, plenty of fun and lots of money raised for the school. Please let us know if you can help in preparing for or during the event. Either email stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com or speak to Lucy Kolkman.

Summer Fun Day on 06/07/18 - plans are underway by the Year 2 team that are organising this event. Further details to follow.

PORTALOOS! - Both the Summer BBQ and the Summer Fun Day really need the use of Portaloos. If there is anyone that would be able to help with putting us in contact with someone that may be able to help with this please let us know!

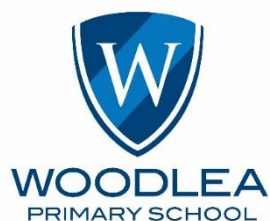
Save the Date

Cinema Night - 27/04/18 Years 1, 2 and 3 (5.30 - 8.00pm)

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

Summer Fun Day - 06/07/18

Next PTA meeting 25/04/18 at 7.30pm in the school hall, beverages in the pub after if you can make it.



Are you interested in running our Before and After School Club?

We are looking for interested parties with experience, motivation and a knowledge of playwork to deliver our play provision at Woodlea Primary School.



We have carried out parental surveys and this has shown that there is a demand and we are now opening the tender to interested parties to offer an Ofsted registered Before and After School Club from **September 2018**.

If this is something that would be of interest to you, please contact Mrs Stephanie Ghattas in our School Office for further information and to register your interest.

There will be an opportunity to view the school and the facilities that will be made available for this provision on **Thursday, 3rd May 2018**. Tender packs will be distributed at this event.

If you are not able to attend our open event, we can arrange for the tender pack to be emailed to you.

The closing date for completed tenders will be **Thursday, 17th May 2018**.

Interviews for successful applicants will be held on **Monday, 21st May 2018**.