



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents,

This week has been a busy, but wonderful one for us all!

Our Outdoor Day was a great success, with the children enjoying arts and crafts, plus Bushcraft for Years 3 and 4, Archery for years 5 & 6 and Maypole Dancing for the Infant children.

On Wednesday was a trip day for many children:

Year 3s visited the Thames Barrier on Wednesday. They learnt all about the history, purpose and design of the barrier. They then explored the museum where there was lots to see and do.

Some children were even lucky enough to meet the chair of the UK Environment Agency who was visiting for a conference and was interested to see year three's sketches of the barrier. She talked to the children about the importance of the barrier and her current campaigns to combat plastic pollution.

Year three were also lucky that during their trip, the barrier was partially down for repairs. This is a very rare occurrence and the children were very excited to witness it.

An interesting and fun day was had by all. The children behaved wonderfully and made the most of this fantastic learning experience.

Year 5s visited Wintershall to watch the 'Life of Christ'. 'The Life of Christ', is performed by hundreds of actors, brings the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. We all had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

And

Year 2s visited the Rural Life Centre in Farnham. They dressed as Victorians and spent the day learning how tough it was for children in those days. They were very glad they didn't go to a Victorian school! Thank you to all our helpers. We hope you enjoyed it as much as us.

Finally, on Friday, the Governors, Staff and I met together for our annual **Inset Day**. In the morning we looked at our **School Development Plan** and reviewed our priorities for this year and set our new priorities for the coming year. In the afternoon the whole staff had **Philosophy for Children** training. This helps children to develop better thinking and debating skills, whilst encouraging speaking and listening and cooperation techniques.

Sports Day & PTA Summer Fayre next week: The long term forecast at the moment is looking good – keep praying! **Drop off that day in the morning will be compulsory**, so that we can get all the classes in quickly and register them and the Infant events start promptly. Staff and I will be on hand to guide the younger Reception and Y1 children into class.

Mrs Cathy Linsell Celebration: 28th June (Mrs Linsell's Birthday): Junior children who knew Mrs Linsell well will be joining the PTA and Staff in the Infant Playground for a short celebration for Mrs Linsell. We shall be installing 'Mrs Linsell's Friendship Bench' next to 'Harry's Happy Bench' in the playground. Mrs Linsell's grandchildren will be holding a cake sale that day, raising funds for charity.

Mrs Maria Wheeler

Worth Abbey - Good Shepherd Appeal

On Wednesday, some of our year 6 pupils celebrated Mass with Bishop Richard at Worth Abbey. The homily focused on the power of our hands, used for *praying* and *sharing*. Bishop Richard thanked all the schools in the Diocese for their contributions to *Missio* as £11,053.37 was collected this year to help children around the world. Grace and Archie presented beautiful prayers written by all our pupils to the Bishop, and he in turn presented each school with a praying hands statue. It was a memorable and reflective outing.

Year 5 trip to Woldingham School

Year 5 had an exciting morning at Woldingham School on Thursday. They had been designing a frame at school and were then able to see their finished designs printed onto acrylic. They also took part in an outdoor games lesson.



Athlete & Sponsorship Money Reminder

Unfortunately, the Athlete booked was unable to attend on Tuesday. This has now been rescheduled for Thursday 5th July. Thank you to all the families who have sent in their sponsorship money. Please can you make sure that or money is in by Monday 2nd July at the latest. Please mark all envelopes clearly with Athlete Sponsor Money and your child's name.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Dear Parents,

In 2020, the children at the end of Year 4 will be expected to take an online 'multiplication tables check' (MTC) which will cover all times tables up to and including the 12x table. For further details, please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-development-process> .

In order to help prepare the children for this, and because it is especially important to have strong multiplication skills in upper Key Stage 2, the school has subscribed to 'Times Tables Rock Stars' <https://trockstars.com/login> for children in Year 2 and above. Login details have already been sent home, together with a covering letter. Please support your children in using this resource regularly. Our current subscription is just for 12 months and renewal will depend on it being well used. Please let your class teacher know if you have any problems logging in.

Kind regards,
Claire Mills
ICT Co-ordinator

Vacancy

PART-TIME CLEANER

10 hours per week x 52 weeks

Working hours/ days during school holidays are arranged by negotiation and there is some flexibility.

(24 days paid leave to be taken during school holidays)

Mon-Fri 3.45 – 5.45pm

£8.63 per hour

Please contact the school office for more details.

St Francis' Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Such posts will require an Enhanced DBS and Barred List check and references will be taken up prior to interview.

Diary Dates

June		
Monday	25 th	Year 6 Kingswood Assembly, 9.30am.
Tuesday	26 th	District Sports – Field events
Thursday	28 th	Year 1 Parents' Assembly, 9.15am Junior cake sale District Sports – Track events Concert at St Andrew's, Leatherhead
July		
Thursday	5 th	Bags2School MUFTI Day
Friday	6 th	Sports Day
Tuesday	10 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production
Wednesday	11 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production
Thursday	12 th	Year 2 Parents' Assembly, 9.15am
Monday	16 th	Parent Partnership Evening. 7pm-9pm
Tuesday	17 th	7-9pm, Leavers Disco
Thursday	19 th	2pm, Leavers Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. Year 6's & siblings
Friday	20 th	9.30am, Leavers Assembly 1pm, School closes for the Summer holidays.





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Surrey County Council

Head Teacher: Mrs M Wheeler

Dear All

As you will be aware from the school newsletter sports day this year is on Friday 6th July.

Entry will be strictly via the double gates only and there will be **no entry or exit via the school office and no access to the school**. Please note that Audley also have their Sports Days on the same day and therefore it is advisable to try and park off site.

It is anticipated that the gate will be open during the following time slots:-

09:05 am – 09:30 am

11:30 am - 12:00 pm.

1:15 pm -1:30 pm

2:15 pm -2:30 pm.

As the gate is being run by volunteers, who also wish to watch their children race, a telephone number will be provided on the gate to call on the day if you wish to gain entry out of the manned times.

Safeguarding is an important issue on the day and this year we will be using the same format for signing in as last year, allowing visitors to sign in in advance so there is no need to sign in and out on the day. Please can you email or speak to your class reps and let them know the names of all adults and children who will be attending on the day? If you do not have access to email please send a note in via book bags detailing who is attending for the attention of Emma Gawn, c/o Beech Class. All names will need to be given by Wednesday 4th July.

There will be no access to the school on the day and we understand that there will be marked areas where you are able to watch the children from and where you can eat lunch if you choose to stay the whole day - Year Two parents will be providing refreshments, including a bbg, throughout the event. There will be portaloos on site for parents use.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th July.

Emma Gawn and Amanda Davies

Registered Charity No 294760

Officers of the Committee: Lucy Kellman (Chairperson), Stacy Nash (Treasurer), Helen Byrne, Sharon Evans and Charlotte Thompson (Joint Secretaries)



South Godstone



FAMILY FUN DAY

& fun dog show

Saturday 30th June

11am - 4pm



Featuring the famous
Essex Dog Display Team



RSPCA South Godstone A22/Eastbourne Rd