



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents,

On Monday, the Year 6 parents joined us for the **Kingswood Assembly** where we heard all about the children's favourite experiences at Kingswood on the Isle of Wight, and then looked at pictures of their adventurous week away. Thank you to Mrs Cox, Miss McGregor, Miss McNicholas and Mrs Alcourt who volunteered to take the children away and ensured they had a wonderful experience.

Well done to all our children that took part in the annual **District Sports** events this week! The children did their very best and, as usual, made us very proud. Thank you to the staff and to all those parents who helped, especially those staff and parents who had to step in at the last minute to help us take children to the events at Hamsey Green and St John's School. We really appreciate the support of our parents in helping children to access these events. Miss McNicholas and those staff who helped organise the arrangements and volunteered after school did an excellent job – well done!

Some of our Y4's along with our Y5s enjoyed a fabulous day at **Woldingham School** on Wednesday. Thank you to the Head and staff for welcoming the children and making the day such a fun learning experience. The morning was spent doing English, Maths, RE and Science, and this was followed by a performance of 'Peace Child' in the afternoon.

Congratulations to one of our Deanery Schools, **St Peter's Leatherhead**, on their **70th Anniversary** Celebration of the opening of the school. It was a pleasure for me to be invited to join in their outdoor Celebration Mass. The Mass was led by Bishop Richard and it was a joyful celebration. It certainly made me think of how, when our own Prayer Garden has been done up, we will be able to celebrate Mass outdoors.

This week we have been taking part in **Refugee Week** and thinking about the plight of refugees, as Pope Francis has asked us to. The children have walked a mile, stopping at prayer focal points where they have read about child refugees and prayed. Have a look at the photographs below of the fantastic prayer focal points that were designed by our prefects. They were diligent every day throughout the week, putting the stations in place and taking them down again at the end of the week. Thank you to them and to Mrs Zarembski and Mrs Fawcett. We appreciate all their efforts in making the week possible.

On Thursday, we held a **Memorial Celebration** in school for the life of **Mrs Linsell**. First we looked at the new sign in the infant Library – the library is now fondly named 'The Linsell Library' and has a new sign featuring pictures of two cats – her favourite animal. Thank you to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wheeler for their amazing artwork on the sign. Do have a look when you can. The Junior Children who knew Mrs Linsell very well joined us in the playground for the next celebration. We installed 'Mrs Linsell's Friendship Bench' in the infant playground, next to Harry's Happy Bench. Our thanks go to the PTA who organised the purchasing of the bench. The two were great friends and are sadly missed by us all. We welcomed Mrs Linsell's family, said prayers, sang and ended the celebration by releasing balloons. It was a fitting end as Thursday 28th would have been Mrs Linsell's Birthday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Thursday ended with our Choir taking part in the **Deanery Schools Concert** at St Andrew's Leatherhead. The children had a wonderful day rehearsing and then singing in the concert – they were truly amazing. We have some very talented singers! None of this would be possible without the effort and time given up by Mrs Hardy and Mrs Palmer who prepared the children and organised the day. Special thanks to Mrs Hardy who was very ill on the day and who struggled through with great difficulty, so that the children could perform as planned. Thanks too to Mrs Palmer and the parents who helped throughout the day and evening.

Parents - please can you help us?

In terms of trips and visits, the last few weeks have been extremely busy ones and very enjoyable for the children. However, last week was possibly the worst week we have ever had in school in terms of organising the trips. The teachers, office staff, Mrs Fawcett and I spent many hours having to chase parents for consent forms, and for trip money, and having to re-copy letters that had been sent home. We had to ask for help as parents pulled out from helping at the last minute and had to find last minute lifts to get children to and from events when we have no transport. We managed to keep things going, and really thank the staff and parents who stepped in to help.

Parents, we really do value and appreciate your support as many of you regularly volunteer for trips and events and we really don't mind the odd bit of chasing; however we are currently losing too much of our working time having to repeatedly chase responses. This is our busiest term when we have many legal deadlines and returns to do for the Local Authority and DfE etc, and chasing has put us under a lot of additional and unnecessary pressure.

Going forward please help us by checking book bags for letters and returning responses to letters promptly. If we find in the future that responses do not come back promptly by dates we set, we will be forced to cancel trips and events. We cannot afford to repeatedly chase permission forms, as we have had to do this week, or subsidise trips because some have not returned paperwork or money. It would be very unfair if the children were to suffer and not have those enrichment experiences (which take a long time to plan and often mean staff giving up their own family time) due to poor responses.

Bags to School – don't forget to bring your bags next week on 5/7/18.

Mufti Day – Thursday donations bottles are needed for the Summer Fayre.

Mrs Maria Wheeler
Headteacher

School Fund Reminder

Thank you to all those who have paid all or part of, the School Fund donation. Your contributions make a real difference to supporting our school and ensures we have sufficient funds to contribute our 10% towards building work. **Payments can be made via Tucasi.**

They can also be made via standing order:

Bank Details are:

Athlete & Sponsorship Money Reminder

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. Thank you.

Online School Uniform

The next free delivery to the school will be on Friday 6th July. Please place your order before 17.30pm on Tuesday 3rd July. Home deliveries take approximately 10-15 working days.

Please visit www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk for more information or to place an order.

After School Clubs

Choir has now finished. All other clubs will finish next week. Clubs will resume during the Autumn Term. Details of next year's Clubs will be released mid-September.

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

July		
Thursday	5 th	Bags2School MUFTI Day – Bottles needed Athletes in.
Friday	6 th	Sports Day
Tuesday	10 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production – Tickets out next week
Wednesday	11 th	6.30pm, Year 6 Production – Tickets out next week
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.

Parents Association

Mrs Linsell Memorial Bench - thank you to Fran Wall for organising the purchase of this and to the school for the lovely celebration held this week.

Fun Day 6th July 3:30 - 5:30pm.

We hope everyone is looking forward to the Fun Day next week! Please bring Jolly Jars into your classes - the class that brings in the most will get ice cream tokens to use at the Fun Day or after school on a Friday.

Raffle ticket money and unused raffle ticket books all need to be brought back to the PTA post box or office please. If anyone has any sweets they would like to donate, apple class will willingly take them off of your hands!

Any fancy goods or unwanted gifts can be brought in and given to Leila Merrett/Elena Tully for their stall.

Once again a big thank you goes to Laura Locke who has produced some amazing posters for the day.

Mufti day will be on **5th July** - please bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Following the PTA meeting held on the 13/06/18 it was agreed what the remainder of the funds raised this year would be spent on. We will be contributing towards new books for the Junior Library (approx. £4000); replacing an interactive white board (approx. £3000) and buying outdoor equipment for reception classes (approx. £1000). All of this would not be possible without your on-going support at events such as the Fun Day so please let us know if you can help in any way and come along and have a great time.

Second hand uniform sale - 3rd July