



Value of the month - Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to everyone as we begin our new school year. The staff and I would like to **thank you** all for your many best wishes, cards and gifts at the end of term. We hope you have all enjoyed spending time together in the break relaxing with your children.

The children have been settling into school quickly and getting used to their new classes. The staff and I have enjoyed hearing all about their holidays.

It is lovely to welcome the first group of our **new Reception children and their parents** to our community here at St Francis'. We look forward to getting to know you all and hope that you all enjoy your coming times at St Francis'.

It is wonderful to hear so many children talking about **our school summer reading challenge** and the interesting places they have read in. If you have not yet done so, please do send in any reading photos that you took **by Thursday of next week**. There will be a small prize given at next Friday's celebration assembly for those who took part. We will be displaying the photos, so we can all see the fun we had reading in unusual and fun places.

Well done also to all those children who have taken part in the **Surrey Library Reading Challenge**. This finishes on 15th September, so keep going to the library and reading! Do let the children bring in any certificates they receive to show.

Congratulations to our new **School Councillors** and our new **Head Boy, Daniel, and Head Girl, Ruby** who were given their badges at our Celebration Assembly today. *The House Captains will be awarded their badges at Assembly on Monday.*

Important date for your diaries: We will be holding an **E-Safety Evening Workshop for Parents on Wednesday 26th September between 6:30 and 7:30**. This workshop, led by our school computing consultant Dave Robinson, will be an opportunity for Parents to learn about keeping your children safe online in this fast changing and difficult area. This event will be for adults only and will end with time to ask questions. The children will be, focusing on E-Safety this term in classes during their IT and Personal, Social lessons. This will include taking part in a review of their views and attitudes to aspects of Information Technology. We hope to share the outcomes of this with you at the evening. *For all those parents attending on the night there will be small prizes, a raffle and a 'Golden Ticket' issued which will entitle your child/children to have a mufti day in school.* Further information will be sent out next week with a reply slip to help us gauge numbers.

After the Workshop parents are warmly invited to stay and attend the **PTA AGM – see the PTA section below for details.**

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler

Thank you

A big 'thank you' from all the staff for your kind gifts received at the end of the Summer Term. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed over the Summer holidays!

Diary Dates

Thursday 27th Sept: Meet the Teacher – Reception parents only. Parents to go to the main hall after drop off.

End of school day collections

Please inform your child's teacher in writing if your child is being collected by someone other than a parent at the end of the school day. Alternatively, please contact the school office by telephone or email where possible before 1pm.

If your child is collected on regular basis by several different people, please confirm in writing the names of the people you give permission to pick up on your behalf and send this in via the school office.

Thank you.

Open Mornings

There will be the following events for prospective parents:

- **Open Morning** - 9:15am – 10:15am
Tuesday 9th October
- **Open Afternoon** 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday 9th November

The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events. Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office to book place.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform. We have had several children this week that have not been wearing their school tie or boys wearing non grey socks. All children must bring their full PE kit to school each week. This should include plimsolls and tracksuit top and bottoms as the children do PE in all weathers.

Please remember to send your child in each day with a coat. Thank you.

Lunch Money

A reminder that lunch money is now due for the new term. The cost is now £2.30 per day, making the totals as follows:

Weekly - £11.50

First half term - £75.90

Second half term - £87.40

Whole term - £163.30

Cheques should be made payable to **Surrey County Council**.

Alternatively, payment can be made online – if you would like instructions, please ask at the School Office.

Meals are ordered on a weekly basis; you **cannot** alter midweek. Anyone wishing to change from Packed Lunch to School Dinners or vice versa, must let the school office know **BY LETTER** by the Friday of the previous week. You will be charged for dinners if you have not informed us.

Thank you.

Payments

Please ensure that **all** payments sent to school office are put in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for. Thank you

Polite Reminder

JEWELLERY - no jewellery should be worn in school. It is County and school policy that children are not permitted to take part in any form of Physical Education if wearing jewellery. This includes earrings, even if they are covered up with tape.

After School Clubs

All clubs will start back during the week commencing 17th September. Unfortunately, due to problems with Tucasi, we have been unable to offer booking today, however we are hoping that you will be able to book internally run clubs online via Tucasi early next week. We will send out an alert to inform you.

Please check days and dates to ensure you do not double book, as refunds are extremely difficult to process.

Congratulations to our new
Head Boy & Head Girl.



School Association

The PTA are looking forward to a fun filled 2018 - 2019 with plenty of events to help raise much needed funds for our school. We are hoping that parents will be supportive as always and that we can encourage as many people to get involved as possible.

Movie Night - 21/09/18 Years 4, 5 and 6 - 5:45pm to 8:00pm PROMPT. We are trialling ticket tailor for this event and hope that this will make things easier when purchasing tickets and on the night as we will use an electronic signing in and out system. Please see the link www.tickettailor.com/events/stfrancisschoolassociation/182692 for details and to buy tickets. The film shown will be The Greatest Showman which is a PG so please provide parental consent by ticking the drop down box when purchasing your ticket. The price is £4 which includes a drink, slice of pizza and small bag of sweets. There will also be a tuck shop on the night - a maximum of £3 is suggested. If you have any additional dietary requirements or medical information that we should be aware of please make this clear in the relevant section when purchasing your tickets. Please take children's coats home with you after drop off, if possible so that we do not have lots of coats left at the event. If you are able to help on the night we would be very grateful - please let us know by speaking to Helen Byrne or emailing stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com. Thanks!

PTA AGM - 26/09/18 in the School Hall at 7:30pm - please join us to hear about the achievements of your PTA and to elect the class representatives for the coming year. We will be offering wine and nibbles and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Drop Off Rota - A big thank you goes to Audrey Dunne for continuing to organise the drop off rota. The drop off system would not be possible without parents that volunteer to help with this. Many parents are no longer able to help as their children are no longer at St Francis so we are really looking for additional volunteers to help. If you think you may be able to help with this please contact Audrey on dropoff.stfrancis@gmail.com. It's only between 08:45 and 09:00 am and there's a special parking arrangement in place with Sunnydown School for those that help. Thanks.

Reception Disco - save the date for new receptions to party at their first St Francis Disco on the 5th October in the School Hall. Details to follow.