



Value of the month - Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the many parents (60+) who were able to attend our **Online Safety Evening** on Wednesday. It was a very useful and informative evening. It helped parents to better understand the dangers lurking on the internet and how to combat these and set parental controls on technology. We were made aware by several parents that they would not be able to attend for various reasons, and thank them for contacting us, or the office, directly. The presentation from the evening will be made available on the website in due course.

Next Thursday, 4th October, is **St Francis' Feast Day**, and Friday is the **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**. As you know, **we are asking you for food donations for the Caterham Foodbank**. In the past, you have been very generous indeed, and we hope that you will be able to help us collect food for those in need once again. Our Juniors will be celebrating **Mass at Sacred Heart** with Fr Stephen at 2pm, while the **Infants take part in a Liturgy** at school. You are welcome to both celebrations. Please see donation wish list below.

Our Prefect body, the School Council, have recently voted to appoint their new leaders, and we congratulate Daniel (Chair), Ruby & Keira (Vice Chairs), Naomi (Treasurer) and Amelia (Secretary). They are certainly a strong team, and able leaders for the School Council. Our **Head Boy and Head Girl** have made a great start this term and the staff and I are impressed with their sensible and positive attitudes – well done to Daniel and Ruby

From next week we will be trialling a new way of sharing information with parents. There will be a weekly update of dates and any important messages that need to be relayed. Then at the end of October we will introduce a monthly 'Celebration Newsletter' where we will share news of events and activities. In addition, we are in the process of setting up a School Facebook Page, so we can share news directly. Details will follow when we are ready to go live with this.

ALERT! - PARENTS EVENING – NEW APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

Please note that we are moving over to a new online appointment system with Tucasi. You will be able to book appointments for all children online. If you are registered already on Tucasi, please check that you are able to login and that all your children are linked to your account. This will allow you to see appointment availability for all your children at the same time. If you haven't already registered, login letters were sent home this week, please can you ensure that you register over the weekend. If you have any issues, please contact the school office on **Monday**, as issues may take time to be resolved.

We are planning to open appointment up over next weekend and will confirm timings next Friday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler

Nasal Flu Sniffs – Monday 15th October 2018

We still have a handful of parents who have not returned these forms. Please can you complete and return to the school office on Monday. Thank you.

Diary Dates

4 th	October	Feast Day of St. Francis' and Harvest Mass
5 th	October	Welcome Disco for reception children and parents only
8 th	October	Grandparents Day. Infants 9:10am / Juniors 1:45pm. See invitation.
9 th	October	Open morning 9:15am. Prospective parents September 2019.
15 th	October	Nasal Flu sniffs – Years R – 5 Parents Evening – See above
16 th	October	Parents Evening – See above
19 th	October	3.30pm – School closes for half term.

Polite Reminder

JEWELLERY - no jewellery should be worn in school.

This includes earrings and clear ear pins and any sort of anklets/bracelets.

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.

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
Friday 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.

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.

If your child is absent from school, you must:

- Contact the school office on the first morning of absence by 9.30am.
- Keep the school informed on a daily basis, if your child is absent for more than one day.
- **Failure to do these things may result in your child's absences being unauthorised**

COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL



**HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO FROM
OUR SHOPPING LIST TO ENSURE WE CAN
PROVIDE FOOD TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tinned tomatoes
Tinned rice pudding
UHT milk
Powdered Milk
Tinned Sponge pudding
Tinned soup
Tinned fruit
Instant Mashed Potato
Chocolate
Bags for Life

Don't forget...

*You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*



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