

St. Francis' School Newsletter

19th October 2018



Value of the month - Responsibility

Secondary School Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions for Sept 2019 is

Wednesday 31st October 2018.

Please try to use all your choices when completing the application.

Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late applications.

Please can all Year 6 parents inform the school office which schools you have applied for. Thank you

Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Emma Gawn for being elected as our new Parent Governor. Thank you to Tarina Webber for standing and to all the parents who voted.

House Colour Mufti Day:

Today we held a **House Colour Mufti Day** to help raise funds for the **Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund** which has been setup to ensure that the Diocese can help as many disadvantaged families as possible.

We are extremely grateful to all those who were able to support this initiative. We have raised an amazing £215.00.



Music Lessons via Surrey Arts

We currently have vacancies for both Flute and Recorder lessons at our school. Lessons can be individual, shared, or in groups and prices vary accordingly.

Subject to availability, Surrey Arts are also able to provide 'String Baby' (violin) lessons for ages 3 to 7 years along with lessons for a large variety of other instruments, including, guitar, piano, cello and violin.

If you are interested and require further details, please visit their website, www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/. Alternatively, you can contact Surrey Arts directly on 01483 519303, or Email: surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk

Individual & Sibling Photographs

Van Cols photographers will be coming in to school on Monday 12th November. Individual and sibling photographs will be taken automatically in school.

If you wish to have a photograph taken to with other family members (eg preschool children or cousins) arrangements have been made for group photographs from 8.00am. Unfortunately, these cannot be organised during school time. Families will be seen in order of arrival and the availability for group photographs will finish at 8.50 am. Thank you.



Park & Stride and Air Quality Awareness Day:

Thursday 1st Nov

As part of our Eco Schools and Sustainable Travel work we shall be having a **Park & Stride and Air Quality Awareness Day.**

Please try on this day to park away from the school site and walk in. Alternatively scoot or cycle to school on this day.

The children will be learning about the importance of clean air and the effects of car fumes on air quality and how this affects our lifestyle.

All children will go for a walk around the school grounds during the day and discuss how important it is to do what we can to keep the air as clean as possible.

Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal – Deadline November 5th 2016

You should all have received a leaflet in book bags a couple of weeks ago explaining what items to put in and how to pack your shoebox. Additional forms are available from the school office. This should be attached to the shoebox itself, please remember to complete the gift aid form.

All Shoeboxes will need to be completed and in class by first thing on Monday 5th November. A prize will be given to the class that brings in the most shoeboxes!

If you would like more information about the charity and shoebox appeal the Link to Hope website is www.linktohope.co.uk

Diary Dates

29th	October	9.00am – School re-opens for second half of the summer term.
1 st	November	Park & Stride and Air Quality Awareness Day
1 st	November	All Saints Day – Liturgy in the Hall Pine Class to visit the Synagogue
8th	November	Hazel Class to visit the Synagogue
9 th	November	Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception Class Parents 1:30-2:30
12 th	November	Family Photographs – 8.00am – 8:50am Individual photographs – During school day
23 rd	November	INSET day – School closed to students
2 nd	December	Xmas Fayre – 12.00 – 3.00pm
4 th	December	10am KS2 Advent Reflections – Parents welcome
7 th	December	2:45pm KS1 Advent Reflections – Parents welcome
10 th	December	Westminster Cathedral – Choir only
11 th	December	Pantomime - Peter Pan
13 th	December	9:30am - Yr2 Christmas Show – details to follow 2:30pm - Yr R Christingle – details to follow 4.30pm - Yr 1 – Nativity – details to follow 9.30am - Yr 1 – Nativity - details to follow
17th	December	1:45pm – Junior Carol Concert – Sacred Heart Church
18 th	December	KS1 Christmas Lunch – details to follow
19 th	December	KS2 Christmas Lunch – details to follow
20 th	December	1.00pm – School closes for the Christmas holidays.
7 th	January	9:00am – School re-opens for the first half of the Spring term

School trips, events and payments

Please can we remind parents to respond to requests for information, permission slips and payments etc. by the deadlines stated in the letters sent home. Unfortunately, the office staff do not have the time to keep chasing late responders. Lack of response may lead to trips and events being cancelled or your child missing out on a place.

If for any reason you are unable to pay by the deadline or have difficulty providing information requested, please contact the school office, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents

There will be the following events for prospective parents:

- **Open Afternoon** 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Friday 9th November

The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events and this will be followed by a tour around the school.

Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office to book place.

School Association

The 5p challenge! Each class will be given their own empty 2 litre water bottle after half term for collecting 5p coins. The aim of the challenge is to fill the bottle with as many 5p coins as they can find.

The class in infants and the class in Juniors that has the most silver by the 30th November will receive a treat.

All the money raised through the 5p challenge will be going back into the school.

Please ask your children to start collecting 5ps over half term. They can look down the back of the sofa or ask friends and family.

Christmas Fayre -

The Christmas Fayre is on Sunday 2nd December 12 - 3pm. The preparations are coming along nicely. We have some great prizes for the raffle coming in. If anyone would like to donate a prize please email Stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com

A new stall to the Christmas Fayre this year is the 2nd hand Christmas Jumper stall. Please have a look over half term to see if you have any old Christmas tops, jumpers or outfits in good condition to donate to us - both kids and adult sizes.

Nearer the date we will also be looking for any unwanted gifts or new toys that you may have laying around at home for the Secrets Room run by the Teachers and for the Tombola.

Please speak to your class rep to find out which stall you have at the Christmas Fayre if you do not already know.

Please keep the date free to support us at the Fayre and make it a success again this year. All the money raised goes back into the school and benefits all our children.

Second hand uniform sale - Monday 29th October after school. Please let us know if you can help with this.

Next PTA meeting - 7:30 in the School Hall on the 14th November.

St. Francis' RC Primary School

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 2nd December
12pm – 3pm



Cash raffle prizes £125, £75, £50 ★ Lots more prizes
Christmas shopping stalls ★ Bottle stall ★ Christmas crafts
Mulled wine & mince pies ★ Festive food ★ Lots of fun
games ★ Face painting ★ Santa's Grotto

Entry £1 per adult, children free



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St. Francis' RC Primary School, Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5ED



Christmas Market

Sat. 24th November 2018

11.00 am - 2.30 pm

Sacred Heart Parish

Centenary Hall,

Essendene Road, Caterham

CR3 5PA

Art and Craft

Decorations

Cakes

Gifts

Toys

Bar

Preserves

Tombolas

Jewellery

Lucky dip

*Light lunch / snacks
and much more!*

(With thanks to [Clipart](#) for free clipart)

FESTIVE BOOKINGS

at The Altonwood Group

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS
FROM £29.95

MIDWEEK FESTIVE LUNCH
FROM £24.95

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH
FROM £64.95

BOXING DAY LUNCH £29.95

NEW YEAR'S EVE £54.95

Venues



**Westerham
Golf Club**
01959 567 100

eventsteam@westerhamgc.co.uk

**Woldingham
Golf Club**

01883 653 501

events@woldinghamgc.co.uk

**Surrey National
Golf Club**

01883 344 555

events@surreynational.co.uk

*Prices given are per person. Please call the club of your choice, to book.
Party nights subject to availability 1st November 2018 - 31st January 2019
Terms & Conditions apply*