



Value of the month – Caring & Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

New School Leaders

New 'School Leaders'. As you are aware, our School Leaders change half-way through the year in order to give other pupils an opportunity to have positions of responsibility. **Congratulations to Finley & Lois H** who have been voted for as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. The four different Houses voted for their new House Captains and we congratulate the following pupils who will lead their Houses until the end of the year: **John Fisher: Tommy and Theon**, **Anne Line: Jack and Rebecca**, **Thomas More: Zack and Evie**, **Margaret Clitherow: Rohan and Lili**.



Safer Internet Day

This week we had Safer Internet Day, where the theme was, Too Good to be True. As well as discussing being safe, the children also carried out activities and took part in a quiz, which talked about how to avoid being 'scammed', while playing games online. Help for parents is readily available through sites such as:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Maple Class Assembly

This week, our learners led a thoughtful assembly exploring Jesus' teachings on how we should live. They reflected on the New Commandment, the Golden Rule, and the Beatitudes, sharing how these lessons guide us in showing kindness, love, and mercy to others. Through the story of the Good Samaritan, they demonstrated the importance of compassion and caring for our neighbours in everyday life.

Parent Phonics Meeting

A big thank you to all the parents who have attended the Year 1 Phonic workshops. It has been lovely sharing our school Phonics scheme and working in collaboration with parents. We appreciate your continued support through our Twinkl Phonics Scheme.

Choir to Dorking hall 6th March

Tickets will be on sale a month before your concert via the concert venue website: Dorking Halls Parents will need to search for the date of the concert to purchase tickets. Tickets cost £12 and will initially be limited to 2 tickets per child until 2 weeks before the concert when any remaining tickets will be made available.



Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and To **Margaret Clitherow** for winning the house cup.



Best wishes and have a lovely long weekend.

Mrs McGrath and Staff



Inset Day Friday 14th School Closed to Pupils, school re-opens Monday 24th February.

Absence Procedures



In August 2024 the DFE published new guidance with regard to attendance in schools, 'Working together to improve school attendance'. The Children's Commissioner for England has put together a document outlining why attending school regularly is so important for children and parents' responsibilities. If children are taken out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), Please see grid below.

Absence Category	0 - 21 Days	22 -28 Days	More than 28 Days
First Absence since 19 August 2024	£80	£160	Prosecution
Second Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	£160	£160	Prosecution
Third Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	N/A	N/A	Prosecution



Who's up for a great day out a Legoland Windsor? The PTA have been offered discounted tickets to Legoland for the 14th March INSET day. All are welcome. Please purchase your tickets by 3rd March at the latest. It's set to be a great day out for family and friends.

Tickets are £20 including booking fees, compared with £29 for Legoland's online price. This is a discounted price from normal retail as Legoland offer schools a discounted price when working in partnership together. Tickets can be booked on the PTA website here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93794>

Watch this space!!!!  

The PTA are working on finalising some dates for some exciting events for the rest of this academic year and the next school year.... So keep an eye on this newsletter and the PTA website for details coming soon!

Thank you!

PTA

Last week's riddle answer: Your age!

This week's riddle: What gets wet while drying?

Calendar Dates

14 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
17 th -21 st February	Half Term
24 th February	School Reopens @ 9am
25 th February	Parents Evening- Details to Follow
26 th February	Parents Evening- Details to Follow
5 th March	Ash Wednesday
6 th March	Choir to Dorking Halls
7 th March	World Book Day – Details to Follow
10 th March	Science Week
14 th March	Inset Day
28 th March	Beginning Lenten Reflections Reception / Year 1 - Palm Sunday Parents invited 9.10am
31 st March	Year 2 - Jesus in the temple-Parents invited 9:10am
1 st April	Year 3 - Washing of the feet-Parents invited 9.10am Year 4 -The Last Supper-Parents invited 2:45pm
2 nd April	Year 5 -The betrayal and The last supper -Parents invited 9.10am
3 rd April	Year 6 - Station of the cross-Parents invited 9:10 am
4 th April	School Finishes For The Easter Break @1pm

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