

St. Francis' School Newsletter

6th November 2020



Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

Pick- Up, Parents Evenings & Remote Learning

A letter is being sent home via email regarding Parents Evenings changes to the pick-up arrangements from Monday 9th November and Remote Learning. Please take time to read it.

Food Bank and Support for Families in Need

Please can our families be aware that the school has some access to support networks for families in need. This might be particularly important as Christmas can be a difficult time of year for some families and especially in Covid times.

If a family needs support, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the Senior Leadership Team for details of help available. All enquires will be dealt with in utmost confidence.

Remembrance Day

If your child is a member of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Guides or similar uniformed groups, they may come to school on **Wednesday 11th November** in their club uniform. Any children who are not member of these group should come to school in their school uniform

E-Safety Alert

We have been made aware of a recent issue with an inappropriate pop-up appearing while a child was playing on Roblox. This is a popular game and usually has no issues, but we recommend all parents check their parental controls and oversee when children are playing. Please do speak to the children about keeping safe on-line. Links for e-safety and reporting concerns to CEOPS can be found on the school website and below is a link for home activity packs which contain simple 15 minute activities you can do with your family to support their online safety at home.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=ac5e378742-TUK_GLOBAL_14_10_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-ac5e378742-64767209

Wishing everyone a happy and safe weekend.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Reminder: Wintershall Nativity Workshop.

Final deadline for payments is **Monday 9th November**. Details can be found on our website under letters home. Thank you.

Any Carpenter's out there?

We are looking into costings for benches for our Prayer Garden. Do we have any Parents, family members or friends who might be able to make wooden benches? We have had an offer of a discount on wood, so are just investigating the differences in prices, between wooden benches and the heavy duty plastic ones. Please do speak to me if you have any contacts.

For the Parishes of Caterham, Whyteleafe, Oxted and Warlingham

2021-22 Catholic applications – for Reception places for St Francis' Catholic Primary School

For those needing a [Reception place in 2021-22](#), there is a [Virtual Tour of the School](#) on the Admissions page of the website. Please do remember to read and follow the Admissions instructions below. If you need any help or advice on Admissions, do contact the school Office

Extraordinarily for this year, due to the COVID situation and to best protect Fr Seán and Fr Stephen, they will not be meeting parents in person to sign the SIF forms.

The general process for applications remains the same. Before the closing date for applications:

- Parent/Carers complete their Local Authority Common Application Form online.
- Parent/Carers must also complete the **SIF** and return it **to the school minus the section usually completed by the priest**.
- The school will formally log receipt of each SIF form from each Catholic applicant.
- The school will then take all the Catholic applicants' SIFs to the priest in one go for the priests to complete the relevant section for each applicant and return to the school.
- If you wish to receive a copy of the final signed SIF, please email the school office on office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk.

2020- 2021 Dates

7th & 8th December

Visit from Wintershall over two days for whole school

Workshop	Mon 7 th	Tues 8 th
9.00 – 10.00	Yr1 Bubble	Y2 Bubble
10.10 – 11.10	Y4 Hazel	Reception Bubble
11.30 – 12.30	Y4 Pine	Y6 Willow
1.00- 2.00	Y6 Linden	Y5 Maple
2.10 – 3.10	Y3Bubble	Y5 Hornbeam

Communicating with School

Please remember that the best contact for the school is office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk. This email address is monitored throughout the school day and your query will be passed on to the relevant person. Please note that the class emails that were established during lockdown are now used solely for teachers passing on messages and academic work to parents. If you have a concern or query only relevant for your child's class teacher, please put a note in your child's planner, or speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day.

