

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

19th March 2021



## Value of the month – Forgiveness

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Covid Reminders

There appears to be a slight raise in the local area Covid statistics. Our thanks go to those who are wearing masks on site. Please can parents of secondary siblings picking up (Y8 and above only – with written permission) remind them to wear masks too. Please remember to keep to the Covid rules on mixing, keep distanced and maintain hand washing or sanitising. Please enter and leave the site as quickly as possible.

#### Rapid Lateral Flow Covid Tests (LFT) for Families

Parents may wish to order LFT tests for use at home. The Government Parents Guidance includes a section on asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This section provides information on how members of a household, childcare or support bubble of a primary or secondary-age pupil or college student can access twice-weekly testing. The link to order tests that can be done at home is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#asymptomatic-testing>

#### External Clubs

External clubs (non-school based) are beginning to re-open. Please be advised that the guidance is that where some children attend multiple external clubs, it is suggested that parents consider reducing the number attended and keeping these a little more limited. This is in order to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid between clubs and schools should there be a positive case at a Club or in school.

**On a more positive and cheerful note:** We have had a lovely week in school, the children are working hard, but we have had lots of fun too.

#### Winners of St Patrick's Day Competition!

We loved seeing the children and staff in their green and all dressed up. Sadly, we couldn't find that pot of gold!

Key stage one winner: Aoife - Oak Class

Key stage two winner: Amber- Rowan Class

#### Crazy Hair Day for Comic Relief

Today was great fun too with some amazing hair styles. There must be a local shortage on hair spray paint! The total raised £209.40p – thank you and well done to all.

#### Relationships and Sex Education Consultation and Zoom

Thank you to those parents who responded to the consultation and attended the zoom. It was most helpful for us and we hope you found it useful too in answering questions you may have had. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett and Miss Coggins for their presentation and answering questions. If you have questions, please do contact us via the office for more information. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler and all the Staff

# St. Patrick's Day



# Crazy Hair Day!



A promotional poster for an Easter Egg / Bonnet Competition. The background is a vibrant green with a bokeh effect of white and yellow light spots. On the right side, there is a circular graphic with the words "Happy Easter" in a cursive font, surrounded by colorful Easter eggs (pink, green, and purple). The main text is enclosed in a pink-bordered box. At the bottom of the poster, the text "£5 PAYMENT COLLECTED BY THE 'TICKET TAILOR'" is written in white on a green background.

**EASTER EGG / BONNET COMPETITION:**  
**Entries to be sent in between**  
**Mon 22nd March & Tues 30th March**

For this competition, the children will be asked to create a decorative Easter egg or bonnet and send in photos of their creations to Mrs Mills at the Rowan Class email address ([rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)). There will be **one winner per class** and these will be announced on Thursday 1st April and receive a small prize. Please look out for further information nearer the time.

**£5 PAYMENT COLLECTED BY THE 'TICKET TAILOR'**

### [PTA Spring Fundraising](#)

Easter Egg / Bonnet Competition – Entries to be sent in between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Our final Spring fundraising event is a chance for you to get creative and design either a decorative Easter egg or bonnet. Please email a photograph of your creation to Mrs Mills at [rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk). We would like to show some of these in our newsletter, so please mention in your email if you DO NOT want this to happen.

Your creations could be either 3D or 2D; the choice is yours! You could even design your Easter egg on Purple Mash. Search 'Easter egg' and look for the paint project with this symbol:

Save your picture in your 'My Work' folder and then email it to 'Claire Mills' using 2Email. (Please email her at [rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) if you need any help with this).

There will be a winner in EACH class and they will receive a small prize from the PTA on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We'd love to see what great creations you can come up with!

Good luck everyone!

[Buy tickets for Spring Term Fundraising 2021, Thu 4 Mar 2021 - Tue 30 Mar 2021 \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

# SCHOOL LOTTERY LAUNCHED

The PTA have launched the St Francis School Association lottery in association with Your School Lottery. Buy a £1 ticket for your chance to WIN up to £25,000.

A donation from the lottery is paid directly to St Francis School so your children will benefit regardless of who wins.

To purchase tickets please visit-

To purchase tickets please click the link.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-francis-catholic-primary-school-caterham>

Please share with friends and family, best of luck to all.

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

St Francis' School Association

**WIN  
A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!**

- First draw 1st May 2021
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- You could even win the £25k jackpot!

**WIN A  
£500  
BIKE  
VOUCHER**

**Buy A Ticket**

## **Immediate FAQ**

### **Q: What is the School Lottery?**

A: The School Lottery is a weekly lottery brought to you by Your School Lottery, part of the Gatherwell Ltd lottery group. When you buy a ticket, you will be entered into a draw to win cash prizes. More information about how your support will help can be found on the Your School Lottery website.

### **Q: How much do tickets cost?**

A: Each ticket costs £1 a week. You can buy more than one ticket for each draw. Each ticket is also included in a jackpot draw to win up to £25,000.

### **Q: What are the odds of winning a prize?**

A: Every Saturday when the draw takes place there will be at least one St Francis School winner. The winner of each draw will receive a cash prize worth 30p from every £1 ticket sold. The odds of winning will vary and be dependent on the number of tickets sold. The odds of winning the £25,000 jackpot lottery prize are 1,000,000:1.

### **Q: When is the first draw?**

A: The first draw will be made on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. All tickets purchased before the 17<sup>th</sup> April will be eligible for an additional draw to win a £500 bike voucher.

### **Q: How does St Francis School Association benefit?**

A: At least 40p from every £1 ticket will be received by the school for PTA Funds.

### **Q: What information will I need to sign up?**

A: Signing up is easy. You will need to provide your name, email address, and postal address. You will also need confirm your date of birth to validate you are over 16.

### **Q: How do winners find out that they've won?**

A: Every week, all winners will be advised by e-mail. The winning lottery number will also be published on the Your School Lottery website, Facebook and Twitter each week following the draw.

### **Q: How will I receive my winnings?**

A: Your winnings will be paid directly into your nominated bank account or you can choose to donate your winnings back to the school.

### **Q: Who deals with any further questions I may have?**

A: Your School Lottery. For any queries and dedicated support please contact them directly.

# At St Francis, Science matters!



## Science Experiment

### Grow a Bean in a Bag

How long do you think it will take to grow?

Has it grown yet? What has changed?

What does it look like?

Are there any leaves yet?

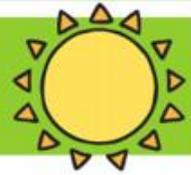
Can you see the brown seed, the white sprouts and the green leaves?

When did we plant the seed?

Can you count how many days it has been growing for?

Information by Twinkle

## Grow a Bean in a Bag Science Experiment



### You will need:

- A ziplock bag
- Paper towels
- Water
- Bean seed
- Sticky tape

### Method

1. Wet the paper towel and put it inside the bag.
2. Put the bean on the paper towel and seal the bag.
3. Tape the bag to a sunny window.
4. The seed needs warmth to germinate and the sun should provide that. Plus the light will enable everyone to see the germinating seed better. It should take 3-5 days for the seed to germinate. Keep the paper towel moist, you may need to add a bit of water to it if it dries out. After 2 weeks, your bean can be planted in the soil or in a pot.

#### Parents/ Carers:

The activities set out in this resource are potentially hazardous. The activities are not suitable for all children and adult supervision may be required for some of the activities. It is your responsibility to assess whether the children in your care are able to safely carry out the activities and whether the children require adult supervision. You are responsible for carrying out proper risk assessments on the activities and for ensuring that activities can be carried out safely. It is also your responsibility to ensure that those participating in the activity are fit enough to do so. If you are unsure in any way, we recommend that you take guidance from a suitably qualified professional.