



Virtue of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers

St Francis Feast Day

Today we celebrated our Patron Saint- St Francis. We started our day with a liturgy and we are reminded that St Francis thought that the "little" things were of great importance. The children spent the day exploring St Francis, through cross curricular learning opportunities We also celebrated lots of the wonderful work that the children completed and it was lovely to see so many parents come in to view the work in the classrooms. we definitely have some budding artists and writers in our school!



School Gate Reminder

Please be reminded that **school gates close promptly at 9:00am** each morning. If you happen to find yourself **locked in after drop-off**, please make your way to the **school office**, where a member of staff will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

World Mental Health Day

Please remember to wear **Yellow** next **Friday (10th)** for World Mental Health Day This could be one item of yellow or head-to-toe yellow. The important thing is that we all unite on this day to show young people that they are not alone and that their mental health matters. We are asking for a £1 donation.

Harvest Festival- Reminder

Thursday 16th October we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival we ask if families could donate any food for our local food bank. Please could this be brought in on week beginning **Monday 13th October**. Please see food bank leaflet below which states what is needed in donations.

Open Mornings for next year's Reception Parents

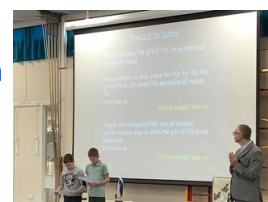
It was lovely to see so many parents at our recent Open Morning. We received wonderful feedback, especially about how knowledgeable and informative the children were while leading the tours, a real credit to our school community. Our next Open Morning will be held on **11th November @9.15am**, and we look forward to welcoming even more families then. **We invite all prospective parents who wish to attend contact the school office to book place.**

Secondary School Applications

If your child will reach the age of 11 between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2026. You can apply for a secondary school place from 1 September 2025. The closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**. If you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child. To help you prepare, click below to find out everything you need to know about the schools application process. <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

Inset Day Tomorrow -School Closed to Pupils. School Reopens Monday 6th October @9am

Have a lovely long weekend,
Mr Doyle & Staff



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With our celebrations around the Feast of St Francis, we open our minds to the world around us. What is it we look at every day but don't actually see? A single leaf of a plant. When looked at in detail, we see the miracle of creation we look at every day but don't see. How all of the chemicals intertwine and network to create the living tissues, the plants and animals with all of their bodily parts, all operating in different ways. We forget about the majesty of what God has created. And then, with a closer eye, there is a broken bottle, sweet wrappers or someone's fast food meal wrapper lying in the ditch at the side of the road. When we are good, we might pick the rubbish out of our own gardens, but what about the neighbourhood around? Perhaps, we could try to help more than just our little bit of the world and reach out into the community to make our streets or parks a place of joy and wonder for all.



Calendar Dates

3 rd October	INSET Day- School Closed
10 th October	Mental Health Day Wear Yellow
14 th October	Larch Class Assembly to Parents @9.10am
14 th October	Choir Festival Details to Follow
16 th October	Linden Class Assembly to Parents @9.10am
16 th October	Harvest
17 th October	Phonics Meeting for Reception, Year1, Year 2 @9am
21 st October	Parents Evening Detail to Follow
22 nd October	Parents Evening Details to Follow
27 th October- 31 st October	Half Term
3 rd November	School Reopens @9am
7 th November	Individual Photographs
30 th November	Beginning of Advent
1 st December	Xavier Day School Closed
2 nd December	Westminster Carol Service- Details to Follow
4 th December	Whole School Panto Day
7 th December	Cedar Tree Carols and Switching on Christmas Lights 6.00pm
8 th December	Clubs Finish
10 th December	Year 4 Trip - Polka Dot Theatre
19 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
5 th January	School Reopens @9am
25 th February	Dorking Hall Festival -Details to Follow



HARVEST COLLECTION

COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

- Tinned meat and fish
- Jams and spreads
- Couscous and noodles
- Sponge puddings or jellies
- Tinned spaghetti or beans
- Tinned soup
- Soap and shampoo
- Small jars of coffee
- Large nappies (size 4 up)

DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



Caterham Foodbank (covering north Tandridge)
caterham.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales (1155330)



PTA Chair

The current PTA Chair is stepping down at the next AGM, which is coming up soon (date TBC), due to other professional commitments.

In order to keep the many wonderful events going at the school, which are led by the PTA, a new Chair of the PTA will need to be elected.

The PTA plays a vital role in organising events, fundraising for new resources and supporting the school in general

Since the message from the PTA Chair went out at the end of the Summer term there has not been any interest to date and there does need to be a Chair in place for the PTA to continue all of the wonderful work they do for the children at the school.

If you are interested on taking on this role either as an individual, or as a group, there is already a lovely team of PTA members in place that can support the PTA chair going forward.

If you are interested in taking on this role or if you have any questions please email: stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com

Bouncy Boss Bouncy Castle & Soft Play Hire

If anyone is looking to hire a Bouncy Castle or Soft Play please consider Bouncy Boss: <https://www.bouncyboss.co.uk>

If you give this code when booking then the school will get some money donated back to them the code is: STFRANCIS



The PTA have an account with the StampTastic name label company and will get money back with every order if you choose our school from the drop down menu <https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

This week's riddle: What has hands but can't clap?

Last week's riddle: What has many needles but doesn't sew? Answer: A Christmas Tree