

Value of the month – Patience

Dear Parents and Carers

Advent Liturgy and Silver Cross Collection

Thank you to Miss Morris for leading us in a wonderful Advent liturgy this week. The children all took turns across the day to come into the hall and place their coins on the silver cross. As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are collecting for CAFOD and will choose gifts.



Cedar Tree

Well done to all the children who sang so beautifully at the lighting of the Cedar Tree. It was wonderful that it was back 'live' again and it made for a beautiful and uplifting start to the Advent Season. Thank you to Mrs Hardy, who prepared the children, and thanks to the staff and our volunteer helpers who were there supporting and helping on the night.



Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated to our Reserve Advent Calendar Appeal. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Your contributions will help support many families in the local area via the Caterham Food Bank over the festive period.



Covid Update

We are monitoring the situation across the school very carefully and, at present, we still plan to go ahead with the Christmas Performances and the PTA Christmas Fayre. Schools receive regular updates from the DfE and Surrey Health and the Local Authority Schools Officers. We are following the guidance and adjusting our planned events and risk assessments in line with these. This is very much a day-by-day process, at present, and nothing is guaranteed, but we are hopeful everything will go ahead as planned!

Pantomime

Aladdin, was hilarious and enjoyed by all the children in school yesterday.

Christmas Fayre

Please see the PTA information below.



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

ALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & SCHOOL ROAST LUNCH

Christmas Jumpers can be worn on both days.



	Tuesday 14 th Dec 2021	Wednesday 15 th Dec 2021
Junior children	Roast Lunch	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.
Infant Children	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.	Roast Lunch

Calendar Dates

December 6 th	Woldingham Carol Concert
December 6 th	Bags2school 9am
December 7 th	- Reception Classes Christmas Performance – 9.30am We're Going on a Baby Hunt!
December 8 th	KS1 Nativity 9.30am- Reception Classes Christmas Performance –2:30pm - We're Going on a Baby Hunt!
December 9 th	KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
December 10 th	Carol Service
December 14 th	KS2 Roast Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
December 15 th	KS1 Roast Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
December 12 th	Christmas Fayre/Market – details below – scroll down
4th January 2022	Inset Day
5 th January	School Reopens 9am

Nut-Free School: Please be reminded that we are [a nut-free school](#), due to some of our children having serious nut allergies. Please **do not put Nutella, or nut-based spreads, or snacks** in packed lunches or bags for playtime snacks.

Admissions Consultation for 2023-2

Please read the **Draft Admissions Policy for 2023-24** and **Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for 2023-24** on our Website - under the 'admissions' tab, especially if you have children who will be eligible to start school in September 2023.

**Comments on the Policy and SIF can be made via the school office by letter, or email:
office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk**

The closing for the consultation is Friday 31st December 2021

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 2022-23](#), 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**.
- 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 have questions or queries please telephone the school office.

[Supporting Children with ADHD \(free course\) Via Zoom For Parents](#)

This course is delivered by an Occupational Therapist via zoom over 2 evenings. The aim of the course is to help parents/carers to understand ADHD, explore the myths and misconceptions and explain how to support your child to reach their potential socially, emotionally and educationally. An official diagnosis of ADHD is not necessary to attend the course.

Wed 1st and 8th Dec 7-9pm

To enrol phone 0300 303 3464 quoting C3747608 or online at:

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2021/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3747608>

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Sunday 12th December 12pm-3pm

With only a week to go until the Christmas Fayre the PTA have been working hard putting the final plans in place to deliver what we hope will be an enjoyable event for all children and parents. Mindful of the current environment we will be using both the school hall and the playground to host the Fayre - so please wrap up warm!

We have a number games for the adults and children, shopping stalls, festive food, a bar, mulled wine and much much more (see flyer below for further details).

We hope to see as many of you as possible. If you haven't done so already you can purchase your Entry (adult only) and Children Activity tickets online. Additional tickets can be purchased on the door.

Our **Christmas Raffle** will be drawn at the Fayre. We have a number of prizes and will be adding more prizes right up until the draw itself. Tickets for the Raffle are only available on-line using the link below.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool>

Many thanks the PTA.

P.S a big thank you to all parents & carers who donated bottles and mince pies for the Fayre earlier today!

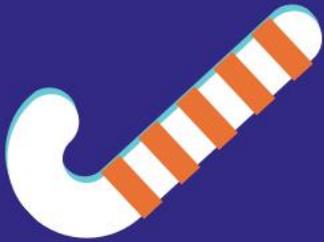


Cash Raffle Prize £100 ★ Lots More Prizes
Christmas Shopping Stalls ★ Bottle Stall ★ Festive Food
Christmas Crafts ★ Bar & Mulled Wine ★ Tea & Coffee
Lots of Fun Games ★ School Choir ★ Poetry & Drama
Entry £1 per adult, children free

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



Christmas Raffle Tickets now on sale



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Christmas Fayre

Child Activity Ticket 10 Stamps £5.00



Hook-a-Duck ★ Name the Teddy
Lucky Dip ★ Sweets Stall
Children's Bar ★ Fun games
Craft Products ★ Festive Food

***Purchase online collect at the Fayre**

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