

St. Francis' School Newsletter

7th January 2021



Value of the month – Faith

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to what is already proving an 'interesting' new term!

Christmas Thank You!

The staff and I wish to thank you and the children for the many gifts, cards and kind wishes we received. We hope that you all had a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year with your families.

Applications for a Reception Class Place

Please make sure you have read the information below (scroll down) about the application process for admissions this year. The deadline is approaching: 15th January 2020

Vulnerable children and Critical Worker Provision & Remote Learning

- **Remote Learning**

Well done to Staff, Parents and Children for a sterling effort this week and demonstrating resilience!

The staff and I thank you for all your efforts at home, for perseverance and hard work this week, while we all get to grips with remote learning. We have had lots of positive comments, but also understand that with parents' home working and siblings sharing devices it is difficult for many. Thank you to Mrs Dommett, Mrs Soares and Mr Hill who have been extremely busy in the background sorting out the technology and helping parents and preparing the loan devices.

- **Vulnerable children and Critical Worker Provision**

Thank you to Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Dommett and our Office Team, especially Mrs Brown, for spending literally hours sorting out the provision lists and rotas and thank you to the parents who have been patient while we manage this task. As teachers are out dealing with the remote learning, our staffing capacity is reduced and this is proving the most difficult task to sort out this time round. Please bear with us!

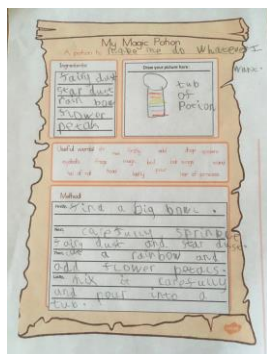
Letter Home: Please see the separate letter emailed to you today regarding our vulnerable children and critical worker in-school provision **and** a survey about our remote learning provision.

Please do take the time to respond to our remote learning survey. The link is in the letter sent home.

We hope that you enjoy looking at the pictures (below) from this week.

Best wishes for the New Year. Let us hope 2021 improves as it goes along!

Mrs Wheeler and all the Staff



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.