

St. Francis' School Newsletter

May 7th 2021



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

Water 21 Appeal (water pipework (hot & cold) replacement for the oldest part of the school)

Our Water Appeal is now live and doing very well, please click on the link for our crowdfunding page.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/water21-project>

Thank you so much to those who have donated and to those who are sponsoring Mrs Rebecca Ward in her 21K run. If any family or child has another idea for fundraising, please do let us know! We are happy to help if possible.

Art

Well done to our Y3 children who have been doing some amazing Art based on NOTAN It looks fabulous now that it is up on display, thank you to Mrs Wheeler for taking time to mount and display the work and encouraging the children to be creative.



May is the Month of Mary

In his Gospel, Luke tells us that Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her (Luke 1:38). In May, we remember Mary. All Gabriel needed was Mary's answer.

Knowing that God had chosen her, because of her faith she knew that she would be able to do what He asked of her. We look up to Mary because through all our questions and doubts, we are reminded to have faith and to rest assured that God will always look after us.

This is the perfect time to come together and to pray the **rosary**, or part of it (perhaps a decade) each week. www.teachingcatholickids.com explains clearly what the mysteries are for each decade, and also explains the order of the prayers used when praying the rosary.



Please see the Parent information below on sweets

Surrey Crisis Fund

Please note that **Surrey Council have a Crisis Fund** (available only until 20th June 2021) which, if your family meets the criteria, can be made available to residents who are struggling. This money can provide support towards food costs and utility bills, but also emergencies such as replacing broken white goods, to help guide people away from long lasting debt.

Surrey County Council administers the funds, not the school. If you feel that your family may meet the criteria and benefit, please contact the Community Helpline: 0300 200 1008. More information can be accessed on the [government website](#) or the [Surrey Crisis Fund webpage](#)

Wishing everyone a good weekend,
Mrs Wheeler and all the Staff

Calendar Dates	
Monday & Tuesday 17 th & 18 th May	Circus Skills Days
WC- Monday 24 th May	Science Week – including YR to Y4 Silly Science Show, Y5 & Y6 Forensic Science Day RSE (Relationship Sex Education) Week 2
Wednesday 9 th June	Y1 Trip to Bocketts Farm
Monday 14 th June	Y6 Trip to Blackland Farm – Team Building Day
Wk of 21 st June	RSE (Relationship Sex Education) Week 3
Monday 21 st June	Class Group Photograph Day
Tuesday 22 nd June	New Parents Meeting - To be confirmed
Friday 25 th June	INSET DAY – School is closed
Monday 28 th June	Y6 Trip to Wintershall Bags2school Day
Tuesday 29 th June	Changeover Day - - To be confirmed
Thursday 1 st July	Y5 trip to Wintershall
Friday 9 th July	Sports Day followed by School Fayre/event- To be confirmed
Monday 12 th July	Y6 Show (1) – To be confirmed
Tuesday 13 th July	Reception Trio to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday 14 th July	Y6 Show (2) – To be confirmed
Friday 16 th July	Y6 Disco – To be confirmed Reserve Sports Day - To be confirmed
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly School Closes 1pm

Reminders

If your child has any of the following symptoms

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

you will need to arrange a PCR test not a Lateral Flow Test.

All information can be viewed on this link. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please update the office with the result by emailing office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk

**To avoid cancelling
these events, please
make payments over the
weekend via Tucasi for
science week and circus
skills.**

Edibles: Information for Parents & Carers, May 2021

There is concern locally about the use of edibles by a small number of young people which has resulted in some requiring medical assistance. We are writing to share information with you about edibles and how to support children and young people who may have access to them.

What are edibles?

Edibles are food products that may contain cannabis. There are many forms of edibles, including sweets, gummies and lollipops. They usually contain – or are marketed as containing – a number of chemicals, many of which are harmful and controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). THC is the psychoactive compound in cannabis and can make people feel a range of effects, while cannabidiol (CBD) is the non-psychoactive chemical compound which does not have the same effect. Any CBD product containing THC is illegal in the UK.

The sweet versions are widely available on the internet and via social media and may be easily accessed by young people. The packaging is often deliberately targeted to attract young people. There is NO quality control of these products.

What are we worried about?

The amount of cannabis in these products can vary greatly and sometimes other harmful drugs are added too. The effects of consuming edibles are unpredictable and it can be very easy to accidentally take a larger dose. Edibles take between 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver. Because it takes longer, the person taking them may end up consuming larger amounts of the drug while thinking the drug isn't working. As edibles may look like other products, there is also the risk someone may ingest them without realising they contain drugs - this could include other children in the home.

Displayed side effects may include:

paranoia	panic attacks
nausea	impaired mobility
hyperactivity	elevated heart rate
hallucinations	

What can you do?

We recommend monitoring food packaging/ wrappers, looking for wording such as CBD or THC suggesting the items are cannabis oil infused.

Please be mindful of the medical needs should a child present with symptoms, or if you suspect they have consumed a drug-laced substance. **In a medical emergency call 999.**

If you are made aware of any social media accounts advertising these items, we ask you report this information to the police, school or [Crime Stoppers](#).

Local service:

[Catch22, Surrey Young People's Substance Misuse Service](#) is a county-wide specialist treatment service for young people aged up to 25. They offer free and confidential advice and support as well as training for professionals.

Tel: 01372 832905

Out of hours helpline: 0800 622 6662

Text: yppsm@catch-22.org.uk

Websites:

The following websites are really helpful sources of information for children, young people, and their parents and carers:

[Talk to FRANK](#) – the government's drug advice website/helpline and their specific page on cannabis - <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis>

For friendly, confidential advice, Talk to FRANK on 0300 1236600.

[Healthy Surrey](#) – an up-to-date directory of health services operating within Surrey.

Edibles Packaging Examples





GIRLS 2021 TRIALS

MAY - 11TH, 18TH, 25TH
JUNE - 1ST
CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 3-6, 6-7PM
YEARS 7-10, 7-8PM

U10'S - U16'S

Our Mission

We want R&R to be known as a club that plays football the right way through passing, skill and teamwork.

We aim to make every player in each team, regardless of their ability confident and comfortable on the ball.

We want R&R Football Club to bring people together and be a place of fun and enjoyment for all involved.

To Register your Interest, contact us on 07930047079

Sunnydown School Charity Cycle Challenge



The Community Needs You!

Between 14th & 21st May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

We want to raise £17,000 for those children who receive free school meals so that they can buy a new pair of school shoes in September.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/caterhamcyclechallenge>

cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Please help by sponsoring this event—any donations are gratefully received.



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JOIN OUR LOTTERY



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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- **ONLY 10 DAYS UNTIL FIRST DRAW!**
- Tickets cost £1 each
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: St Francis' Caterham