

St. Francis' School Newsletter

10th December 2021



Value of the month – Patience

Dear Parents and Carers

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performances

After all the preparations and rehearsals, the performances have been very wonderful. The children learned their lines very well and spoke clearly and with confidence. The singing was truly superb! My thanks go to the Teachers, HLTAs and TAs who helped rehearse and prepare all the children, and to all the parents who provided costumes. Please scroll down to see photos.

Westminster Cathedral

The choir who went to Westminster Cathedral as part of the Woldingham Girls School Christmas Service. The children sang beautifully. It was a busy and very long day with travelling, the rehearsals and the Carol Service itself, but the children embraced it and were exceptionally well behaved throughout the day. It is a real privilege to be invited to join Woldingham School and we send our thanks for the invitation. Our children are to be commended for representing the school so well. Thank you to Mrs Hardy, Miss Morris and the Parents helpers who supported all the children.



Carol Service

The Junior Carol Service was a joyful celebration of Christ. The children and the Choir sang beautifully. Thank you to Father Sean and our readers for leading us in pray and to Mrs Hardy, Miss Morris, Mrs Lambe and Mrs Palmer



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December, show off your best Christmas sweater, decorate Your everyday jumper, or even tinsel up Granny's homemade knitwear! Christmas jumpers can be days if children wish to.



Primary School Admissions 2022

Please remember the deadline for **Reception 2022 applications** to School Admissions is the 15th January. Any applications received after this date are treated as late applications.

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

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance



Reception Christmas Performance



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & SCHOOL ROAST LUNCH

Christmas Jumpers can be worn on both days.



	Tuesday 14th Dec 2021	Wednesday 15th 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

WRAP-AROUND CARE VACANCY FOR JANUARY 2022

Position: Play-worker: to join a team of other play-workers, alongside the Club Supervisor and/or Club Manager. All details are on the [vacancies](#) page of the website.

Calendar Dates

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
4 th January 2022	Inset Day
5 th January	School Reopens 9am
13 th January	Yr 2 Great Fire Of London Visit in School
20 th January	Yr 5 & 6 Young Shakespeare Midsummer Night's Dream Visit in School
11 th February	Inset Day- School Closed to Pupils
14 th - 18 th February	School closed for Half Term
21 st February	School reopens 9am

Lunch Money

Please can all Lunch money accounts be cleared by Monday 14th December Thank you.

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.

Surrey - Club4 returns for Christmas

After its successful roll out during the summer holidays The Club4 programme (known nationally as Holiday, Activity and Food Programme - HAF) is returning for Christmas. This initiative is for children in Reception class up to school year 11, that are eligible for benefits related free school meals or classed as vulnerable. It aims to give them a healthy meal in a fun, active and stimulating environment during the holidays.

Eligible FSM families can book directly with providers through the Club4 website – <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/club4holidayoffer>.

Nicola Fraser is Holiday Activity Programme Manager at Active Surrey:

"We would love schools to promote this offer to those that are eligible. The Club4 programme is hugely beneficial to children and their families, it supports wellbeing and welfare, develops individuals social skills and connects families so children are better prepared when they return to school after the holidays."

For more information please contact HAF@surreycc.gov.uk

FINAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE PREPARATIONS!

The PTA are pleased to announce the Christmas Fayre is finally here and we very much look forward to welcoming all children, parents and carers on **Sunday at 12pm**.

To ensure the safety of all visitors a large number of the activities and stalls will be held outside in the infants' playground - please wrap up warm. Latest weather forecasts are not predicting any rain - we very much hope it stays that way!

Entry to the Fayre will be through the double gates. If you have already purchased your tickets to the Fayre please bring your email receipt with you as proof of purchase. Additional tickets will also be available on the gate.

All of the children's activities and products for sale will be cash free, so parents will need to purchase an activity ticket either online in advance of the Fayre, or at the gate. Adult purchases can be made using either cash or card.

Each Children's activity ticket (£5) includes 10 stamps which can be exchanged by the children as they visit different stalls. Children will be advised at each stall how many activity stamps are required. We have many items and activities priced at one stamp. **If parents have purchased activity tickets in advance, please bring your receipt with you and collect your tickets at the gate.**

IMPORTANT - *We need to ensure the safety of everyone so we would encourage all visitors to take a lateral flow test (LFT) prior to attending the Fayre. If you are experiencing any COVID symptoms we would insist that you don't attend the Fayre. We will refund any tickets purchased for those unable to attend due to COVID. If you go into the school building during the Fayre we would ask that you wear a mask.*

Additionally, a number of areas around the school will be marked off with tape - these areas are out of bounds. The notable area is the infants and junior play equipment. Parents are responsible for their children at the Fayre and we would ask all parents to ensure their children don't enter these areas!

REMINDER: Tickets for the Raffle are only available online so we would encourage everyone to purchase any tickets ahead of the Fayre. Tickets for the Raffle, Fayre entry (adults only) and Activity tickets can all be purchased online using the link below;

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

Timing of FAYRE EVENTS (subject to change)

12pm Fayre opens

12:30 School Choir performance

13:00 Poetry performance

13:30 Drama performance

14:30 Raffle draw

15pm Fayre closes

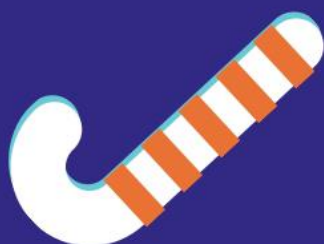
Look forward to seeing you all,

Thanks the PTA





Christmas Raffle Tickets now on sale



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St. Francis' School
Association



St. Francis' RC Primary School

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 12th December
12pm – 3pm



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

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