

St. Francis' School Newsletter

June 11th 2021



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back

Our first week has flown by and it has been lovely to have the good weather. We finally have the new fencing for our Reception and Year 1 outdoor areas – it is looking good. Our next job is sorting out some new educational, active and fun markings for the Infant Playground – the teachers have been enjoying researching these!

Golden Boot Week: We have a **missing scooter – bright green** – it may have been taken home accidentally today. Please can you check your child has the right one and if not, drop it back in on Monday. Thank you.

PTA Events

Thank you to our PTA for all their hard work! Please do look at the PTA pages below for information on:

- the **School Lottery** – **well done** to the **six prize winners!** Don't forget to sign up via direct debit, or pay directly on a debit card via the link below.
- The **'Family Pizza' Event** – **order your pizza** (links below) and have fun with the children making and eating pizzas at home on Thursday 24th in the evening, or on the Inset day 25th June!

Photographs & School Trips

Gentle Reminder: As we begin to go on trips and visits again, please can all parents be reminded that they should not take photographs of children who are not their own on school trips with their own cameras or phones, nor should photos should be shared on social media, or 'stories'. Staff always take a camera, so we can share some images of the day out once we are back. Thank you.

COVID Reminders:

1. Call to Action: Regular Symptom Free Testing – communication for parents and staff

We have been asked to remind Parents that, as adults, you are entitled to order LFD tests via the links below.

Our Staff are already using these twice weekly, it's not the most pleasant thing to do, but you get used to doing it! We do it to help protect and keep your children as safe as we can and also to protect each other in school.

All adults (and secondary and college age students) are encouraged to take a symptom-free LFD test twice a week. You will not need to isolate while waiting for the results of the symptom-free LFD test. Adults can collect a home testing kit from a [designated site](#) or order [online](#). Find out more about symptom-free testing [here](#).

2. Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive LFD

Staff or pupils with a positive LFD test result must self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. ***They will also need to arrange a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result.*** If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil and contacts can return to school, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms. Those with a negative LFD test result can also continue to attend school and use protective measures.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance#asymptomatic-testing>

Have a good weekend everyone,
Mrs Wheeler & Staff

Golden Boot Challenge: Walk to School Month

Note: Please label bikes and scooters.

Friday 11th June

Well done to all those who walked, scooted, cycled, car shared and park and strode into school today. The children were very excited this morning when I was on the gate. They loved telling me what they had done. They should have ticked off the 'Golden Boot Chart' in class. They have gained their first 'badge' with two more to follow! Badges will be given out on Thursday 24th June. **Keep it up!**

The next two dates are:

- **Friday 18th June**
- **Thursday 24th June – this will also be 'Bling Your Bike or Scooter' Day.** For those coming in with scooters or bikes on this day, the children can, if they want to, 'bling' their bikes and scooters (basically decorate them in a fun (but safe!) way. We are looking for the best decorated bike or scooter!

There will be two prizes – one for YR/KS1 and one for KS2.



Water21 Project



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

Please consider donating to our Water21 Project - The link above can be shared with family, friends and past pupils. If your family or child has a challenge they would like to do, however big or small, do let us know, we are happy to discuss what they want to do.

Calendar Dates

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
Monday 5 th July	Eikon Welbeing Webinar (Open to Year 6 Parents 6- 7pm)
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 Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly School Closes 1pm



FAMILY PIZZA EVENING

The PTA have teamed up with Doughies to offer a Family Pizza Evening!

Thursday 24th June



Pizza Kits must be ordered by Saturday 19th June

<https://buytickets.at/stfrancisschoolassociation/526686>

Order a pizza kit and you'll receive everything you need to make an artisan Margherita Pizza in your own home. Standard and Vegan Pizza kits available. Each kit make a 12" Pizza.

Buy Pizza kits for the whole family to make and enjoy on the day of collection. Alternatively the kits make a perfect inset day activity.

Each kit also includes a drink and a bag of sweets provided by the PTA.

Orders must be collected at School pick-up on Thursday 24th June*

Send pictures of your family enjoying themselves with the finished Pizzas and the PTA will award a prize to the best picture, one for Juniors and one for Infants.

Send images to: stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com



SCHOOL LOTTERY UPDATE

We have had a fantastic response to the launch of the St Francis School Association lottery with our first draw at the start of May. **Thus far we have had SIX St Francis School winners, with cash prizes totaling in excess of £150. Congratulations to all you!**

Thank you! to everyone who has supported this new and exciting addition to our fundraising programme. For those that are not aware, Your School Lottery is a weekly lottery (Saturday 8pm) operated by Gatherwell Ltd on behalf of the school.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for St Francis School each week and a chance to win a £25,000 jackpot

The local St Francis School cash prize varies each week based on the number of tickets purchased, so the more tickets in the draw the larger the cash prize.

A donation from each lottery ticket is paid directly to St Francis School so your children will benefit regardless of who wins.

If you wish to purchase tickets, please do so using the link below.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-francis-catholic-primary-school-caterham>

Please share with friends and family and best of luck to all