

St. Francis' School Newsletter

May 14th 2021



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a lovely week in school. The children have been working hard and are to be congratulated on their cheerfulness, interest, politeness and good behaviour. This was commented upon by a number of visitors I showed around school this week. **Well done children – you always make us proud!**

Mental Health Week

Well done to all classes for taking part in the Mindfulness Minutes this week.

Covid

As Covid rules begin to ease please continue to be careful and follow the rules. The new variant is apparently in the London area and we all need to be careful. We still have staff who are not yet vaccinated and need to be mindful, so we would appreciate it if you could continue to wear masks on site at drop off and pick-up time.

Covid Testing: Please note the Government rule still remains: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If your child develops any of the three symptoms you must keep them off and ensure they have a full PCR test and the result is known.

If you have any of these 3 coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, use this service to get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test as soon as possible:

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

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site. If you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately self-isolate. Do not leave home until you get your test results, except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment.

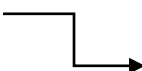
If the PCR test is negative children may return to school. PCR tests are coming back fairly quickly, within 24hrs, at present if they have been done at a test centre.

Lateral Flow Tests are only aimed at identifying adults and children that are a-symptomatic. If you or your child develop the symptoms mentioned above, you still have to go for a full PCR test.

Thank you to all the parents who are dealing with this and keeping us informed, we appreciate how difficult and disruptive it is.

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

Please consider donating to our Water21 Project



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

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

Caterham Cycle Challenge Couch to 660k

As a small special school, Sunnydown intend on cycling 660km around Kenley on Friday 14th May to Friday 21st May.

The event will synchronize with an Australian event,

The Gibb Challenge, which was the inspiration for this challenge.

If you would like more information, or perhaps you would like

to support this event by sponsoring a cyclist from Sunnydown, or know of businesses who may from supporting such a cause, please do not hesitate in sharing the email address

cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

You can also help us by donating direct to -

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

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.

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



External applicants for September 2022 only.

We are delighted to announce that following the update in Government guidelines, we are able to welcome visitors for an Open Event at the school on the evening of Wednesday 30 June.

In the interests of health and safety, we feel it is important to restrict the numbers of people on site and so we will be limiting this invitation to **external applicants for September 2022 only**.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet with Mrs Pattison and other staff members in the school grounds and also to take a short, self-guided tour of our fantastic facilities.

To maintain social distancing we are offering two tour start times (5pm and 6.30pm) – with limited numbers in each session. We anticipate the tour lasting approximately 1 hour.

Please note, we plan to run a full whole school Open Morning on Saturday 9 October.

If you are considering applying for entry in September 2022 (or earlier) please click on one of the links below to register for your choice of tour time on Wednesday 30 June.

[5 -6.30 pm Tour](#)

[6.30- 8pm Tour](#)