St. Francis' School Newsletter

15th October 2021



Value of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers

Paralympian Gold Medalist Aaron Phipps

Yesterday we were visited by Paralympic Gold medallist, Aaron Phipps. Aaron is a truly inspirational speaker who enthralled the children and staff and left us all in awe of his achievements and positivity. He was part of the winning wheelchair rugby team in the Tokyo Paralympics

and brought his gold Olympic medal to show everyone. He has also climbed Mount

Kilimanjaro on his hands and knees. Aaron was with us all day, so that all children were able to hear his message of perseverance and determination. He was able to pitch his story at children of all ages, explaining some of the challenges he has faced and how he has overcome them.

Children were completely engaged and listening to him was an incredibly moving experience.

We hope the children have shared their thoughts with you and everyone will be inspired by his motivational approach.



Woldingham Junior Choir Festival

Well done to all children who took part in the Woldingham Choir Festival

this week. It was fabulous to be back to performing on stage and it was a joy to listen to the children sing again - just beautiful.

Thank you to Mrs Hardy for preparing the children and to the Parents who helped during the day and to those who supported us in the evening.

Individual School Photographs Monday 18th

Gentle reminder: smart winter uniform. No PE kits - if children have PE they need to bring the PE kit in a bag.

E-Safety Alert

Netflix Squid Games TV Series. This is a 15 and primary age children should not be watching it. Please read the letter about this sent directly to parents.

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Best wishes for a happy weekend, Mrs Wheeler & Staff













Calendar Dates	
October 18 th	Individual Photographs
October 19 th & 20 th	Parents Evenings
October 22 nd (Friday)	Reception Classes and Year 1 Classes – 'Welcome' Disco for Parents and
	children. Details for timings and tickets will follow from the PTA.
October 25 th	Half Term Break
November 1 St	School Re-opens
November 15 th	Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Alliance
November 16 th	Road Safety Week: Theme is Road Safety Heroes
	KS1&YR Road Safety Magic Show
November 24 th	Year 6 Trip -Tower of London
November 24 th	Red Wednesday -Awareness for those who are unable to practice their faith
November 25 th	Whole School Flu Sniff -Details to follow
December 2 nd	Whole school Pantomime - Aladdin
December 6 th	Woldingham Carol Concert -Details to Follow
December 12 th Sunday	Christmas Fayre/Market – details to follow

Inset Day Date Change: Please note that we are having to adjust the June Inset Day next year to accommodate the Jubilee Bank Holiday for staff (all schools are having to do this) as it falls in a half term, so the following will apply:

- Thursday 23rd June will now be our Inset Day (School Development Day with our Governing Body)
- Friday 24th June will be the Jubilee Day

Note: For those with children at other schools, please check their arrangements as the additional Jubilee date may vary.

Xmas4schools Christmas Cards!



Please Note: Unfortunately, the company will not accept late orders.



Paralympian Gold Medalist Aaron Phipps Photographs















CATERHAM HILL BADMINTON CLUB

JUNIOR SECTION

Primary School Age

Interested in learning to play Badminton or improving your playing skills?

Our new term started in September 2021 and we currently have vacancies for juniors to join us at Queen's Park pavilion, Caterham on the Hill.

We play on Wednesday afternoons, with sessions for different age groups running from 3.45pm to 7.45pm during school term time.

The cost is just £2 per week, paid in advance each term. We offer a free trial week so that you can make sure our sessions suit you before signing up.

To find out more please ring:

Gordon White 07706 052775 or

Phyl Taylor 01883 380345

We are a non-profit making club and follow safeguarding regulations.

Recent Charitable donations made to Challenge, Caterham Dene Hospital, Caterham Food Bank

NEW UPDATES FROM CALEIDOSCOPE

Caleidoscope has a new more user friendly website, you can check it out here: www.caleidoscope.org.uk

NEW WEBINARS

There are new webinars prepared: **Eating**, **Sleeping** and **Toileting** in **Autism** - you can register here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eating-sleep-and-toilet-in-autism-tickets-170525363954

- **Autism and Festive Season** https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-and-festive-season-tickets-170535099072
- **5 week autism course** https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/my-child-is-autistic-what-next-tickets-170534192360
- f you are local (Surrey), there is a SEN Fun day organised 23rd October (See flyer)



SEN Fun Day

Fundraising Event

DATE: Saturday, 23rd October 2021

TIME: 2:30-9pm

VENUE: The Arc, 39 Weston Dr, Caterham CR3 5XY

COST: FREE for SEN children, £5 for siblings

£5 educational workshops

