

Value of the month – Patience



All the staff wish to thank parents and children for many gifts, cards and kind wishes received. We wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, the Staff and I just want to say thank you to all Parents and Carers for all your support this term. It has been a very special one in which, despite the continuing Covid challenges, we managed as near to 'normal' as we could. Having our usual assemblies, trips, visitors and especially the Nativities, Carol Concerts and performances has just made our term! Ofsted was an additional stress amongst it all, but a great achievement that we are proud of. Together we make a wonderful and supportive whole school community.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the whole PTA for managing a brilliant outdoor Christmas Fayre. The weather just about kept dry and it wasn't too cold! Thank you to those who helped, donated and came to support the event. The children's performances were wonderful and really made the afternoon special. The Fayre was a big success and everyone had lots of fun. The final counting and checks on matched funding is still being done, but it looks like the Fayre will have raised in the region of £3000. Thank you!



Christmas Nativities, Carols and Choir and Poetry Performances

What can I say except that we were so pleased to have managed to go ahead with them this year! They were simply lovely and reminded us all of the true meaning of the season. Well done to the children and all who helped make them happen.



Christmas Lunches, Christmas Jumpers and Santa Visit Days (A few photos are below!)

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch which was a credit to the excellent catering team we have in school. Our Cook Caroline, with help from Laura, Natalie, Jeanette & Dawn, provided a lovely Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Christmas crackers were donated by the School Association, Christmas songs added to the festive atmosphere. We have all had a fun packed Christmas party afternoon. The visit and presents from Father Christmas were a big hit! Thank you to the PTA and all who helped with this.

Poetry by Heart

Well done to all those children who took part in the Christmas Poetry by Heart performances. Two of these are on their website shortly for you to view if you have a login. Thank you to Mrs Shannon for her dedication and endless enthusiasm in preparing the children.

(please read on - scroll down)

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

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.

Covid

It would still be helpful, to know of any positive PCRs that children may get over the weekend – in case we are asked to identify close contacts. Please just email the office on office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk
Nearer to the start of term just keep an eye on your emails for updates. If things change, rest assured we will be busy in the background working on whatever is thrown our way next!

Finally, it just remains to wish everyone a Happy Christmas & New Year. We hope you have a restful one and enjoy having time with your families and friends.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Celebration Assembly



Christmas Lunches and Father Christmas Visit



Gardening Team

We would like to say a HUGE thank you for helping us fundraise with the 'good to grow' scheme at Morrisons. With your support, we are now able to purchase gloves, a mini greenhouse, some vegetables amongst other things. We are all very excited for the chance to grow more things in the new year!

Merry Christmas from Year 6 Gardening team & Miss Driman.



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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

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.

Calendar Dates

4th January 2022	Inset Day
5 th January	School Reopens 08:45 for Registration at 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