

St. Francis' School Newsletter

May 21st 2021



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wet and windy week it has been, but we still managed an exciting Outdoor Day, Circus Skills lessons and the children have worked hard with their learning and have been so cheerful and well behaved. We are all looking forward to our Science activities next week – it is lovely to be getting back to doing things somewhat 'normally'!

Circus Skills

This week, we were incredibly fortunate to have The Education Group teaching our pupils circus skills. Both pupils and staff took part with great interest and enthusiasm. The repertoire was vast and pupils learned to spin plates, ride pedals, walk on stilts, juggle scarves - and even balance a feather on the tip of their noses, which proved to be a great highlight! "This is the best thing we have done all year!" said a very happy Year 2 pupil to her teacher. Aside from the delight and positive effects on pupil wellbeing, the event also linked in with our PE curriculum by supporting children with being active, teamwork and developing physical skills, such as hand-eye coordination and balance. Well done to the children too for their good behaviour and polite manners, which was remarked upon by the Company staff who visited.

Outdoor Learning Day

Yesterday we celebrated the great outdoors by moving our learning outside for part of the day. How fortunate we are to have such wonderful grounds! Some of the activities enjoyed were Phonics and Maths Treasure Hunts, and outdoor Science to explore deciduous and evergreen trees. The Year 2s estimated the mass of the stones and sticks they found and then weighed them, and the Year 4s used sticks and stones for a lesson in Algebra! While some pupils painted the great outdoors in the afternoon, our Reception children told the class stories in our Reading Garden, which has been beautifully decorated by the Year 6s as part of their PSHE topic on recycling and sustainability.

Poetry by Heart

Congratulations to Chloe in Year 3 as 2021 Poetry by Heart regional Winner for Surrey, and to Erica in Year 4 for obtaining two 'outstandings' in the 2021 Reigate and Redhill Festival. Well done to all the children who took part in both events.

House Cup Winners

Congratulations to Margret Clitherow who are this term house cup winners. To celebrate their victory, children in MC (**Yellow House**) can wear their house colour clothing on Friday 28th May.

The Staff and I send you best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wheeler



Reminder –School Trips

Year 6 -Backland Farm, Reception- Bocketts Farm, Year 5- Wintershall

Payment deadline is next week Thursday 27th May.

Please consider donating to our Water21 Project
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/water21-project>



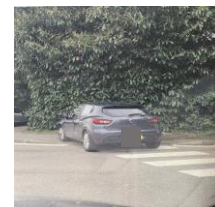
PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder to all drivers to exercise consideration when parking on site.

Disabled Bays: Please do not park in disabled bays if you do not hold a Blue Badge, or you have not contacted the office to discuss your needs. The Blue Badge should be visible and on show.

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking: Following incidents of this recently and in the interests of safety, please - park only in the marked bays and do not park on or alongside the zebra crossings.

If you are incorrectly parked and you are approached and asked to move, please do so immediately and in a respectful manner.



Calendar Dates

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
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly School Closes 1pm

24/7 mental health crisis line for children, young people, and families

A new 24/7 mental health crisis line for children, young people and their families and carers in Surrey has launched.

The freephone number - 0800 9154644 – is available for children and young people up to the age of 18, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The new crisis line provides emotional wellbeing support, advice, and signposting to a range of community services for children, young people and their families and carers who are in a mental health crisis. The number is available to those who are already receiving mental health services, and also for those who are not. No referral is needed.

The crisis line is staffed by a team of experienced, trained call handlers and mental health nurses. A key aim of the crisis line is to help support young people, carers and families within their own homes and in the community and, whenever possible, help avoid the need for children and young people to go to hospital in a crisis.

[Get help in a mental health crisis :: Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(sabbp.nhs.uk\)](https://sabbp.nhs.uk)