

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## Value of the month – Forgiveness

### Dear Parents and Carers

We are approaching our final week. Details for the end of term arrangements has been emailed separately. Please see the following reminders:

### Easter Egg / Bonnet Competition - Final Reminder!

**The closing date for entry is Tuesday 30th March** Our final Spring fundraising event is a chance for you to get creative and design either a decorative Easter egg or bonnet. Please email a photograph of your creation to Mrs Mills at [rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk). We would like to show some of these in our newsletter next week, so please mention in your email if you DO NOT want this to happen.



### Earth Hour Challenge!

Earth Hour is this Saturday 8.30-9.30pm. Light some candles, get out the board games or a pack of cards, **turn off the lights and devices and phones** and enjoy some special quality time with the family. Here is a link if you want to get more involved: <https://www.earthhour.org/new-in-2021>



### Food Bank and Support for Families in Need: Easter Holiday

Please can our families be aware that the school has access to some support networks for families in need. This might be particularly important during these difficult times for some families. If a family needs support, please contact Mrs Wheeler (Headteacher) or one of the Senior Leadership Team for details of help available. All enquires will be dealt with in utmost confidence.

### The Big Pedal: 19-26<sup>th</sup> April

We shall be taking part in The Big Pedal at the start of next term. Children will be thinking about the environment and healthy living. They are all encouraged to cycle or scoot to school during these two weeks. Details will follow.



Best wishes,  
Mrs Wheeler and all the Staff

## Reminder

Please be reminded that if your child's hair is long enough to be tied back it should be. This is to prevent an outbreak of Head Lice. Children will be asked to tie hair back if it is loose. Thank you.

## Calendar Dates

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School Closes @1PM for Easter Break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-Opens for Summer Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability Week
19 <sup>th</sup> April to 26 <sup>th</sup> April	The Big Pedal: Details to follow
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Day of Hope, Sponsored Silence for Save the Children in Yemen
WC- Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Week RSD (Relationship Sex Education)
WC- Monday 21st June	RSD (Relationship Sex Education)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	New Parents Meeting - <b>To be confirmed</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags2school
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Changeover Day - - <b>To be confirmed</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day - <b>To be confirmed</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day - <b>To be confirmed</b>



**EASTER EGG / BONNET COMPETITION:**  
**Entries to be sent in between**  
**Mon 22nd March & Tues 30th March**

For this competition, the children will be asked to create a decorative Easter egg or bonnet and send in photos of their creations to Mrs Mills at the Rowan Class email address ([rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)). There will be **one winner per class** and these will be announced on Thursday 1st April and receive a small prize. Please look out for further information nearer the time.

**£5 PAYMENT COLLECTED BY THE 'TICKET TAILOR'**

### PTA Spring Fundraising

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Your creations could be either 3D or 2D; the choice is yours! You could even design your Easter egg on Purple Mash. Search 'Easter egg' and look for the paint project with this symbol:

Save your picture in your 'My Work' folder and then email it to 'Claire Mills' using 2Email. (Please email her at [rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) if you need any help with this).

There will be a winner in EACH class and they will receive a small prize from the PTA on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We'd love to see what great creations you can come up with!

Good luck everyone!

# At St Francis, Science matters!



## Science Experiment

### Gummy Bear

Before you put the bear in the water...

Hold your bear up to the window. How much light can get through?

Put the bear between your fingers and press it. What happens?

How big is your bear?

What do you think will happen to the bear when it is left in water?

4 days later...

What has happened to the bear that was in the water?

Can you compare the bear that's been in the water with a new gummy bear? How are they different?

Information by Twinkl

## Gummy Bear

### Science Experiment



#### You will need:

Water

Clear plastic cup

Gummy bears

#### Method

1. Choose a gummy bear.
2. Fill the cup 1/3 full with water.
3. Place the gummy bear in the water.
4. Leave for up to 4 days.
5. Compare with a gummy bear that has not been added to water.



Parents/ Carers:

The activities set out in this resource are potentially hazardous. The activities are not suitable for all children and adult supervision may be required for some of the activities. It is your responsibility to assess whether the children in your care are able to safely carry out the activities and whether the children require adult supervision. You are responsible for carrying out proper risk assessments on the activities and for ensuring that activities can be carried out safely. It is also your responsibility to ensure that those participating in the activity are fit enough to do so. If you are unsure in any way, we recommend that you take guidance from a suitably qualified professional.

We would love to see a picture of you completing this experiment.  
Stay safe! Have fun!



## News!

Much has changed for the foodbank since our last newsletter 6 months ago, and yet in other ways little has changed. It's now a year since this serious pandemic caused such massive disruption and we've seen huge changes to our everyday lives, and all by a virus we can't even see! Our foodbank service is still running a restricted service due to the pandemic. We continue to be able to help people with food but unable to have a cup of tea with them or signpost them to other services. We're looking forward to restrictions being lifted and like everyone else being able to meet people again. Lots of our amazing volunteers have now had their first vaccine dose which all helps towards the end of lockdown. Sadly in 2020 our foodbank service was needed more than ever before, and the number of people we helped increased by 125% from 2019.

In October we had just moved into our new warehouse premises, giving us much needed storage for all the generous donations we regularly receive. Straight after moving we took in many harvest donations from local schools and churches. Considering many of these weren't having their traditional celebrations due to Covid, we still received an incredible amount which really helped us in the months following. In November we started to prepare for distributing our foodbank Christmas hampers. Not surprisingly given the circumstances many people have found themselves in, we had a large number of hampers to prepare, 379 in December 2020, this was a 60% increase from 2019. Once more huge thanks to Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions for their financial contribution towards the hampers. These were so gratefully received by many in our community.

In February we were really pleased to reopen a foodbank centre on the hill in Caterham. Since the start of the pandemic we had to close the centre at Centenary Hall, so we were operating from one centre in the valley from Caterham Baptist Church. We're now open on Mondays at Oakhall church and Thursdays at Caterham Baptist Church. Many thanks to Sacred Heart Church for the many years we operated the foodbank centre there at the Centenary Hall.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the foodbank. We continue to look forward to a day when our service is no longer needed because everyone has enough for the basics, but until that time comes, with your support we'll do all we can to help those in crisis.

**If you're struggling to feed yourself or your family, visit our website for information on how to get a foodbank voucher.**

[caterham.foodbank.org.uk](http://caterham.foodbank.org.uk)

Caterham Foodbank Newsletter

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## INFORMATION



### Opening times

Monday 12 noon to 2pm @ Oakhall Church, 181 Chaldon Road. CR3 5PL

Thursday 12 noon to 2pm @ Caterham Baptist Church, Beechwood Road. CR3 6NA



Caterham Foodbank provides 3 days worth of emergency food to local people in crisis.

The foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust, a Christian organisation.



### Well done Alice!

With lockdown announced in January and schools closed, Alice set aside her afternoons to do litter picking in her local area, and raise funds for Caterham Foodbank. She's now back at school, but so far has raised £1,265 for Caterham Foodbank

What a star! ★

### Please donate!

Due to our increased demand, we're in need of food donations. Please keep up to date of our current needs by visiting our website [caterham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://caterham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)

You can also donate food via the Spareable app and not even need to leave your home!

Thank you!

Caterham Foodbank Permanent Collection Points can be found in the following supermarkets.



CATERHAM ON THE HILL

Waitrose

CATERHAM

Sainsbury's Local

OXTED



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