

St. Francis' School Newsletter

May 28th 2021



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers



Water21 Project

A massive '**Well Done and Thank You**' goes to our parent Rebecca Ward who successfully completed her half marathon on 21st May. Despite strong winds and no organised event taking place, she pounded the streets of Caterham for 21km and still has a smile on her face. We would like to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to Rebecca and all those who supported her to raise such a significant amount (£1245 to date) for the Water21 Project for St Francis.'

The next challenge is going to be completed by, Dougie in Y6 and Max in Y3, plus their older brother Jack, who are all completing a triathlon by the end of the summer term. Their sponsors have already pledged £985! Well done boys. The link to sponsor them is on the Just Giving Page:

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

Please consider donating to our Water21 Project - The link above can be shared with family, friends and past pupils. If your family or child has a challenge they would like to do, however big or small, do let us know, we are happy to discuss what they want to do.

Science Week

Well done and thank you to Mrs Linehan and all the Staff who have made science week such a success. Do scroll down for further information and pictures of the science shows which were great!

Golden Boot Challenge: Walk to School Month

When we come back to school after half term we shall be participating in Surrey's Golden Boot Challenge to see if we can make a difference to our health and the environment by walking, scooting or cycling to school. Children are encouraged to walk, scoot, cycle, or park (by the Salmons Lane Green or by Queen's Park) and stride in throughout June. For those who have to drive – can you organise a car share on the challenge days? If so, this can count towards the challenge. Our specific three challenge days are:

- **Friday 11th June**
- **Friday 18th June**
- **Thursday 24th June.**

On those days, if the children have managed one of those sustainable travel methods they can put a tick against their name on the Golden Boot poster in class. At the end of June all those who did it will get a badge for each day they achieved it – there are different designs for each challenge day, so three to collect! The Class with the greatest number of those achieving the challenge on the three days will get extra play time at the end of June!

Sustainable Travel – Have you tried 'Car Sharing'? Some of our families already car share. Well done!

Please consider whether you can do this with someone.

- *It saves on petrol and reduces the congestion on the school site.*
- *It reduces pollution and improves air quality on site.*
- *It will mean speedier pick-up and drop-off times if less cars come on site.*
- *Children get to socialise with family or friends in the car*

The Staff and I send you our best wishes for a lovely half term, let us all hope the weather improves – we need a bit of sunshine!

Mrs Wheeler

Science Week

This week we have celebrated another fantastic Science Week. The children have enjoyed a wide range of activities, all based around the theme 'innovating futures', and this has included looking at how the younger generations can continue to explore and innovate within different areas of science, as our world continues to change! We were really lucky to have a visit from the Silly Science show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by year R - 4, and I was reliably informed that it was, "The best show they had EVER seen!" Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to become forensic scientists, learning all about how evidence is collected at a crime scene, analysed and then used to help catch the criminal, before going off and investigating a crime scene of their own! Unluckily for the criminal, they were actually very good! Well done to all the children and I hope they all had a fantastic week.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for working so hard to put this week together, as these things take a lot of planning and time, and a big thank you to the office team for organising our science visitors! Well done everyone!

Mrs Linehan

Science Co-ordinator

School Re-opens Monday 7th June @ 9am



Calendar Dates

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



Next meeting will be Thursday 10th June @7.30pm Via Zoom! A link will be sent.

Silly Science WORKSHOPS

