

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> October 2019



## Value of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents

The Staff and I would like to say how wonderful it was to see so many Grandparents attending our **'Grandparents Day'** on Tuesday this week – we only just managed to fit everyone in classrooms! It was such a lovely day with Grandparents sharing learning in classes and then joining us for our 'Thank You' Liturgies - a very special occasion for everyone. An amazing turnout too with 225 Grandparents attending over the course of the day! We have received many words of thanks and messages, both on the day and since then, with Grandparents telling us how much they enjoyed having the opportunity to visit. Thank you to Mrs Fawcett and our Office Staff, especially Mrs Brown, who worked so hard in the background to plan and organise it all. Please do say thank you to all the Grandparents all for coming.

We are looking forward to seeing our Reception Class children and their parents at tonight's **'Cherry & Apple Welcome Disco'**. We love looking at their costumes and always have a difficult time choosing the winners!

**Parents Evenings:** Please note the Tucasi booking system is now live. See note below – scroll down.

Best wishes, Mrs Wheeler - Headteacher



### Secondary School Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions for Sept 2020 is

**Thursday 31st October 2019.**

Please try to use all your choices when completing the application.  
Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late applications.

**Please can all Year 6 parents inform the school office which schools you have applied for. Thank you**

### Garden Donation –Thank You!

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Rattigan and all the team at Pinks Funeral Directors of Hamsey Green for their donation of £150.00 to our garden refurbishment project. It is very much appreciated.

The money will be put towards the next stage of developing the Prayer Garden – buying benches for the children to sit on.



## Reminder to Choir Parents

Please remember to purchase your tickets to the Caterham Community Choir.  
 Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> St.Mary Church, Church Hill, Caterham 6.45pm for 7.00pm start.  
 Tickets £6 (Limited spaces)  
 To purchase tickets contact:  
 Jean- 01883 345619 or Sheila- 01883 345678

## Tucasi Online Parents' Evening Booking System

You are now able to book your Parents' Evening appointment, online, via your Tucasi account which is now live.

If you are registered already on Tucasi, please check that you are able to login and that all your children are linked to your account.

**If you haven't already registered, please do so as soon as possible.**

If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

## Diary Dates

11th	October	Welcome Disco for reception children and parents only
18th	October	Open morning 9:15am. Prospective parents September 2020
19th	October	Junior choir singing at St Mary's - letter to follow
21 <sup>st</sup>	October	Parents Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup>	October	Parents Evening
25th	October	Year 3 Payment deadline for Science Museum trip 3.30pm – School closes for half term.
4th	November	9:00am, School re-opens for 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Autumn Term Individual school photographs
11 <sup>th</sup>	November	Year 2 Visit to St Luke's Church War Memorial
14 <sup>th</sup>	November	Year 3 Science Museum Open afternoon 1.30pm. prospective parents September 2020
18 <sup>th</sup>	November	Road Safety Week
22 <sup>nd</sup>	November	PTA Film Night – for years 1-6
29 <sup>th</sup>	November	<b>Inset day. Please remember – school is closed for staff training.</b>

## Polite Reminders:

**Haircuts:** Please remember that children should not have extreme fashion haircuts while at school – try and save these for the longer holidays so the children may enjoy them and grow out enough in time for school terms.

**Smart Watches/Wearable Technology:** these must not be worn at school for e-safety and safeguarding reasons.

**Jewellery - no jewellery should be worn in school.** It is County and school policy that children are not permitted to take part in any form of Physical Education if wearing jewellery. This includes earrings, even if they are covered up with tape.



### Payments

Please ensure that **all** payments sent to school office are put in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for. Thank you

### Open Mornings and School Tours for next year's Reception Parents

There will be the following events for prospective parents:

- **Open Morning & Tours** - 9:15am – 10:15am  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- **Open Afternoon & Tours** 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events.

**Please could any prospective parents who wish to attend contact the school office to book place.**

### School Fund/ Governors Fund Letter

Please can all parents return the response slips attached to our Chair of Governors letter sent out recently, regarding School Fund & the Governors Fund.

A reply is required by all families and we do not want to have to chase you. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

### School office hours

Please be reminded that the school office is open to parents from 8:45am until 4pm, Monday to Friday only. Outside these hours, the gate buzzer and telephone are not supervised.

If you need to arrange for your child to be collected early  
From an internally run club, please make sure that you let the school office know as early as possible, preferably before 1pm. If they attend an externally run club, please contact the provider direct to arrange early pickup. Thank you.

### Lunch Money

A reminder that lunch money is now due for the new term. The cost is now £2.35 per day, making the totals as follows:

Weekly - £11.75  
First half term - £86.35  
Second half term - £77.55  
Whole term - £163.90

Cheques should be made payable to **Surrey County Council**.

Alternatively, payment can be made online – if you would like instructions, please ask at the School Office.

Meals are ordered on a weekly basis; you **cannot** alter midweek. Anyone wishing to change from Packed Lunch to School Dinners or vice versa, must let the school office know by the Friday of the previous week. You will be charged for dinners if you have not informed us.  
Thank you.

### E-Safety 'Acceptable Use Agreements'.

Following a recent review of our E-Safety policy, we now have new 'Acceptable Use Agreements' for using technology in school. Over the next two weeks, all children from Y1 to Y6 will be discussing the agreements with their teachers and be bringing them home to discuss with parents and carers. There is also an agreement for parents / carers to read and sign too.

**Please return these agreements to school as soon as possible.**

### Sacred Heart Christmas Fair

Do you have any unwanted Barbie dolls? We are able to use them to make items for our Arts & Craft stall at the Christmas Fair. There is a box in the church porch, so please bring any that you do not need to Mass on Sunday.

Many thanks.

Moyra Brohier, Christmas Fair Organiser.

### End of school day collections

Please inform your child's teacher in writing if your child is being collected by someone other than a parent at the end of the school day.

**Alternatively, please contact the school office by telephone or email where possible before 1pm.**

If your child is collected on regular basis by several different people, please confirm in writing the names of the people you give permission to pick up on your behalf and send this in via the school office. Thank you.

### Hello Veg Competition

Please note the last day for entries is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Remember to add names and classes to your master piece.



### Lunch: Use of Cutlery

Please can we ask families to help us out by encouraging the children to use cutlery when eating. At lunch, many children are just using forks (or fingers!) and not using their knife. Please can you help them to practise at home. Thank you again for your support and cooperation with this.

### Absence Procedures

Please remember to use [absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) to report that your child is ill or will be in late or leaving early for an appointment. Please do not use office email.

Notification should be made by 9.30am on the first day of absence. You need to notify the school on **each** continuing day of absence, even if you expect your child to be off school for a few days. Where possible, all other appointments should be made outside school hours.

Reminder-

### School Uniform

The children came back to school looking very smart in their uniforms. Please encourage them to keep this up and to understand the importance of taking pride in their appearance. Shirts should be tucked in, jumpers/cardigans worn (or in their bag), long hair tied back with a blue/white/black hair accessory and black school shoes worn. Should they have misplaced their shoes, they **MUST** wear plimsolls inside the school and trainers outside. Earrings are not allowed for Health & Safety reasons. Coats are now necessary every day, as the days are getting colder and wetter and we do take them out on occasions for the fresh air if it is only light rain or drizzle. Thank you.



## School Association

**Welcome Disco** - 11th October. We are looking forward to welcoming our new reception children and their parents/carers this evening and hope that everyone has fun.

**Christmas Themed Movie Night - 22nd November.** This is a chance for children in years 1-6 to get into the spirit of Christmas with a film and Christmas themed treats. There will be a limited number of tickets available due to space in the hall. Tickets available mid October via ticket tailor.

**Second hand uniform sales** - Second hand uniform will be available to buy at parent's evenings in October.

**Cinderella Pantomime at Fairfield Halls-** The PTA have secured tickets for the pantomime, Cinderella at the newly refurbished Fairfield Halls on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm. Tickets are £21 each (originally £43!). Please use the link to purchase tickets - <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stfrancisschoolassociation>. Payment has been extended until the end of October so there's still time to get your tickets.

Christmas Fayre - 8th December 12-3pm. Preparations are under way for this year's Fayre which is always a good afternoon out and one of the biggest fund raising events for the school. We would be very grateful if you could ask any companies / organizations that you know for donations of raffle prizes and in return we can promote them. Warburtons have already kindly agreed to donate bread rolls for our kitchen and any other donations or suggestions are very welcome.

We are also looking for MATCH FUNDING. Often larger companies and banks offer to match money that is raised at an event. Please check with your employer or think about your connections to see whether this could be arranged for us. It can make a significant increase to the amount of money that we can raise so please have a think.

All queries, ideas and donations can be emailed to [stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com](mailto:stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com)

### Save the date

Mufti Day - 6th December - please bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola

Christmas Fayre - 8th December

Spring Ball - 7th March 2020

Circus - 25th June 2020 (evening)

**Apple and Cherry Fancy Dress**  
**WELCOME PARTY**

**Date:** Friday 11th October 2019  
**Time:** 6.00pm until 8.00pm  
**Venue:** St Francis' School Hall

£4 per ticket, includes hot dog.  
All children need a paying adult with them.  
(Please let us know of any dietary requirements)

Prize for best fancy dress. Bar, tuck shop & glow sticks on sale.  
Any queries please see Helen Byrne or Rachael Wood (yr 1 mums).

Tickets can be bought online via TicketTailor:  
[www.tickettailor.com/events/stfrancisschoolassociation/301500](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stfrancisschoolassociation/301500)

**Come and join the fun!**

St Francis' School Association



# BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

ALL WELCOME  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

*Night*  
**Friday**  
**8 November 2019** from 5.30pm

**TICKETS £10 Adults • £5 children**

Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the night

Food must be pre-purchased when booking tickets.  
Food will not be available to buy on the night.

5.30PM : GATES OPEN

6.15PM : JUDGING OF THE GUY MAKING COMPETITION

6.30PM : BONFIRE • 7.15PM : FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO MUSIC

MULLED WINE, BBQ, BAR AND MORE

Book tickets online at  
**[tickets.wpsa.co](https://tickets.wpsa.co)**

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Do you have a favourite vegetable? Make it a cute cartoon character that excites everyone and spreads the word: Eating vegetables is good for your body, good for the Earth! Grab your brush/pencils and some creative time, give your drawing to your catering team by 14th October! The catering team in your school will select a winner, who will be entered into the overall final where it will compete with other school's entries.

The top 3 winners will get a vegetable hamper with recipes, together with a chef's hat and apron.

In addition, the first prize will have their winning entry turned into an amazing soft toy character.

We can't wait to give you your prizes.

Top 3 winners will be announced on 8th November.

Ready, Steady, Go Get Drawing!!!!!!!!!!

