

St. Francis' School Newsletter

13th September 2019



Value of the month – Perseverance

Chair of Governors

Mrs. Angela Brouner has stepped down as Chair of Governors. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank her for the positive impact she has made during her tenure and wish her all the best for the future.

Our current Vice Chair, Mrs. Nathalie Walsh, has agreed to step up to the role of Chair of Governors and Mrs. Emma Gawn will now become Vice Chair. I wish them both every success in their new roles and thank them for their continued support.

Mrs M Wheeler
Headteacher

Open Mornings

There will be the following events for prospective parents:

- **Open Morning** - 9:15am – 10:15am
Friday 18th October 2019
- **Open Afternoon** 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday 14th November 2019

The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events. Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office to book place.

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.

Polite Reminder

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.

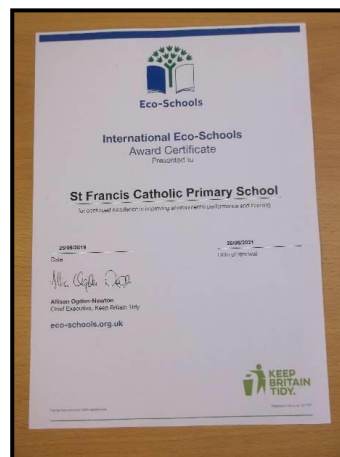
E-Safety 'Acceptable Use Agreements'.

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.**

Eco News

The Eco Warriors were super busy last year working towards the Green Flag Award. We picked rubbish from the school grounds, made Eco Bricks, presented an Eco assembly, had walk to school days and monitored our use of electricity /dripping taps etc. As well as this, the whole school took part in Plant a Seed Day, World Environment Day and two outdoor days!

The Assessor who inspected the school was delighted with the discussion she had with the 'very engaged' Eco Warriors and she commented positively on the organisation of all the activities we covered. We are very proud to receive our Green Flag, the certificate and permissions to display the Eco Schools Logo. Here's to another year with our new team of Eco Warriors!



Music Lessons

Music lessons available from Surrey Arts Music - please apply online <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/lessons-for-children/apply-and-pay>

Instruments available include Woodwind - recorder, flute, clarinet; Brass - trumpet, trombone; Strings - violin and cello; Percussion, Guitar, Piano.

Individual and **Group tuition**. Stringbabies offered to KS1 children only.

Apply now to book your tuition for the new Academic Year 2019/20.

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

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.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th Sept: Meet the Teacher – Reception parents only. Parents to go to the main hall after morning drop off.

Secondary School Open Days

Warlingham School	Monday 16th September	5.30pm - 8.30pm
The John Fisher School	Thursday 12 th September	4pm – 8pm
Oasis, Coulsdon	Wednesday 18th September	5pm - 8pm
Whitgift	Saturday 21 st September	9am- 1pm
Caterham School	Saturday 21 st September	9.30am – 11.15am
St Bedes School	Thursday 26th September	9.15am -11.30am
Coloma Convent	Thursday 26 th September	5pm-7pm
Oxted School	Thursday 3rd October	6pm-8.30pm
Woldingham School	By appointment only	See school's website
Reigate Grammar School		Book via reigategrammar.org

Please visit the schools' websites to check for full details, as other dates may be available and the dates may be subject to change.

Absence Procedures

Please remember to use absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk to report that your child is ill or will be in late or leaving early for an appointment.

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.

Thank you.

School Association AGM

Please come along to the AGM on 25th September at 7:30pm in the school hall. There will be drinks and nibbles and the opportunity to hear about what funds were raised last year, how they were spent, plans for the year ahead and vote in your class reps.

Welcome Disco - 11th October.

Reception parents and children are welcome to join us in the school hall from 6-7:30pm for an opportunity to have fun and get to know each other. There will be a DJ, tuck shop and refreshments. Tickets will be available on ticket tailor next week.

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 - Thursday 26th September in the infant playground and at parents evening on the 21st and 22nd October. If you can help with these sales please let Rachael Wood know as volunteers are needed to help set up and run the stall - thank you.

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 is due by the end of September so don't delay!

Save the date

Mufti Day - 6th December - please bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola
Christmas Fayre - 8th December



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.

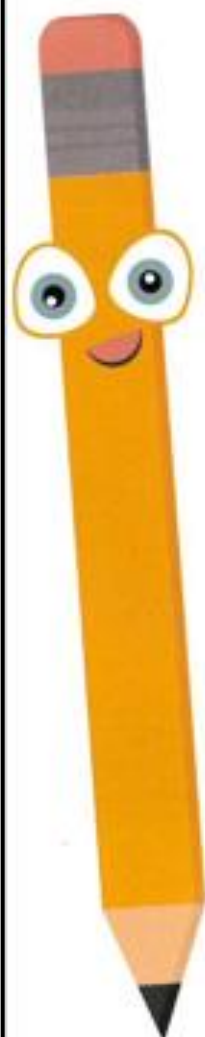
The top 3 winners will get a vegetable hamper with recipes, together with a chef's hat and apron.

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!!!!!!!!!!





ADULT: £3
CHILD: £1

<http://cms.hqr.im>



Refreshments
LEGO prizes
LEGO activity tables

CATERHAM MODEL SHOW

Fund raising for the 5th Caterham Scout Group



Sacred Heart Centenary Hall,
Essendene Road, Caterham, CR3 5PB
21st Sep 10:30-16:30