

Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents

Today was a day filled with amazing '**Crazy Hairstyles!**' The children and staff had lots of fun participating and looking at all the different styles and colours. Well done to the Y6 girls who planned it all – they raised £235.69 for the RSPCA.

Please could Parents complete our 2019 parental survey. It takes about 10-15 minutes and needs to be done in one session. One response per family please:

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=1108fb2b-b02a-4f41-b4a7-130b4ea0cae6>

Junior first playtime health snacks: Please can everyone be reminded that the Junior children are only allowed 'healthy snacks or fruit' in school for first break. We have had a few children who appear to be bringing in crisps, sweets and chocolate for a break time snack which is not appropriate.

Road Safety Week: Next week is road safety week. Children will be having PSHE lessons about a variety of road safety issues including walking safety to and from school. Please use next week as an opportunity to share your experiences and expectations about road safety to your children. **Walk to School, Cycle, Scoot or Park and Stride:** We encourage you all to walk, scoot or cycle to school or if you drive, to park and stride. Little badges will be available for those children who do this at least once in the week.

On this note - **Dangerous Driving:** Yet again we experienced dangerous driving today at pick up time – a black car, parked in our staff carpark, drove out and straight across the grass roundabout this evening – not on the road! Please do not park in the staff carpark – at the end of the school day you are very likely to get blocked in. At that time, we have cleaners and club staff arriving and our own TAs leaving for the day to go and collect their own children from other schools. Unfortunately, we do not know who this was – or if it was even a St Francis' parent. This is clearly totally unacceptable and adds to the case for closing the whole school site to parents. This is not something we want to happen as it will inconvenience so many parents, but safety of the children is paramount and when these things happen it makes it more likely that we will have to take steps to implement this.

Christmas Lunch and Diary Dates: Please scroll down for details



Communication

As we are trying to be a more environmentally friendly school we are aiming to send out more correspondence via global email. Please keep an eye on your email account including your junk.

Ways we communicate with you:

Email- Via your personal email or your Tucasi email if it is different.

Email



Text



Website



Facebook



Telephone



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

As the school has become too big for all the children to sit and have Christmas dinner together in one sitting, we have split this over two days.

Caroline our Cook and her team will be providing Xmas dinner on the **17th & 18th December 2019**. As this is a mammoth task, the grid below shows how the kitchen will cater for the children over both days.

Children who normally have a packed lunch were given a letter yesterday asking if they would like to opt in for the Xmas dinner. Children who do not want Xmas dinner will still join in the festivities in the hall with their packed lunch.

Any alterations to your child's dinner choices for that week need to be communicated to the office no later than **Friday 22nd November** as the kitchen need to place the food order.

	Tuesday 17th Dec 2019	Wednesday 18th Dec 2019
Junior children	Xmas dinner	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.
Infant Children	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.	Xmas dinner



Individual & Sibling Photographs

Photograph proofs went home this week. Please remember to order promptly, if you wish to make a purchase via cash or cheque, please complete the order form with payment and return to school office no later than **Monday 25th November**. We cannot accept any orders at the office after this date. Van Cols photographers offer online purchases. Please follow the instructions on your order form if you wish to use this method.

Nasal Flu Sniff Vaccination

Thank you to all the parents who have already consented. Please can we remind you to complete your 'e consents' for the nasal flu programme. The date booked for nasal Flu vaccination is the 3rd December 2019. The deadline to consent is 28th November 2019 and as there is absolutely no way you can consent after the deadline date; we ask that you consent as soon as possible.



Food Bank and Support for Families in Need

Please can our families be aware that the school has some access to support networks for families in need. This might be particularly important as Christmas can be a difficult time of year 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

E-Safety Update

In order to support our ongoing E-Safety work in school, we will be sharing regular ideas with parents via this newsletter. The first is a handy guide from <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> on age-related suitable apps for children. https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/suggested-apps/?utm_source=Socials&utm_campaign=WUW

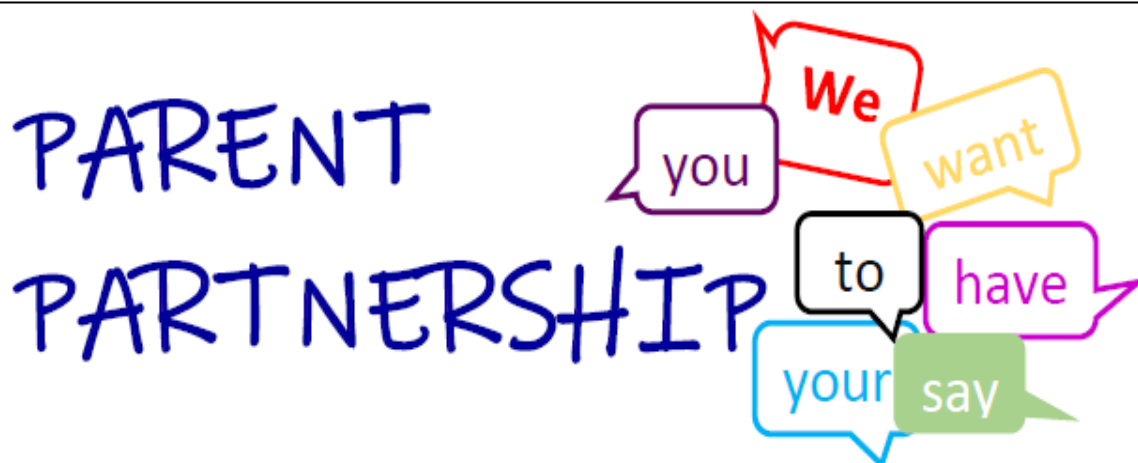
There are still some outstanding 'Acceptable User Agreements' for using technology in school that need to be returned. Please do this as soon as possible.

November/December		
18 th	November	Road Safety Week
21 st	November	Parent Partnership Meeting Year 3 & 4 @ 9am
22 nd	November	PTA Film Night – for years 1-6
25 th	November	Great Fire of London Year 1
27 th	November	Wear Red Wednesday (details to follow)
28 th	November	Refugee Goods Sale
28 th	November	Parent Partnership Meeting Year 1 & 2 @ 9am
29 th	November	Inset day. Please remember – school is closed for staff training.
30 th	November	Sacred Heart Church Christmas Fayre
1 st	December	Cedar Tree Lights - Letters handed out at Choir
2 nd	December	Travelling Book Fair Week
3 rd	December	Whole School Nasal Flu Sniff
4 th	December	Year six height and weight
5 th	December	Christingle Reception - Letters have been sent home today
6 th	December	Mufti Day bring a bottle for the school Christmas Fayre
8 th	December	St. Francis' Christmas Fayre
9 th	December	Westminster Junior Choir (Years 4-6) Year 1 Nativity 2pm
10 th	December	Year 1 Nativity 9.30am – Letters have been sent home today
11 th	December	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto in School
12 th	December	Year 2 Christmas Showcase - Letters have been sent home today Year 6 carols at Caterham Lodge – 1.30pm – Letter emailed
16 th	December	Junior Carol Concert
17 th	December	KS2 (only) Christmas lunch
18 th	December	KS1 (only) Christmas lunch
19 th	December	School Closes @ 1pm
20 th	December	Inset Day School Closed
6 th	January	School re-opens 9am



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



We are writing to warmly invite you to our first
Parent Partnership Meeting for
Year 3 and 4

9^{AM} (after drop off) Thursday 21th November

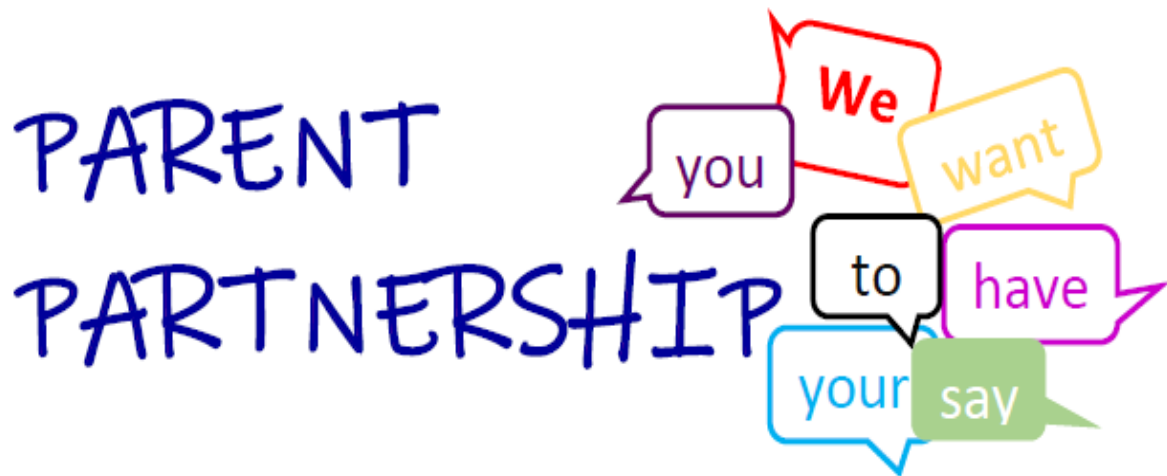
This is an invitation for parents, family members, guardians and carers of children in **Years 3 and 4** to come along and discuss a wide range of issues, such as e-safety, homework, after school clubs and year group learning expectations, but it really is about anything that affects you and your children that you may wish to bring to our attention.

It's a chance for you to ask questions, express any concerns that you may have, and gain information about any future plans and developments for the school.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

It will be a relaxed and informal chance to meet with staff and share your views about how things are going at the school and how we can improve.

If you are interested in attending, please email: office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk or call the school office 01883 342005. (We just need an indication of numbers.)



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9^{AM} (after drop off) Thursday 28th November

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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.

REMINDER:

Please do not drop off your children at the school gate before 8.45am. There is no one on drop off duty before that time and therefore your child is unsupervised by an adult

Coats

The days are now much colder and very changeable. We still have some children arriving in school without coats. Please ensure your child remembers to bring a coat to school.

We are never quite sure what the weather will be like, but it is important for children to get plenty of fresh air, so they will still go out in light rain conditions and will need their coats.

Thank you.

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.

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. 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.

Please provide details of why they are off, unwell is not sufficient. In the event of vomiting or diarrhea would you please keep your child at home until they have been free of all symptoms for at least 48 hours.

School Association

Christmas Themed Movie Night - 22nd November. We are looking forward to this next week. We still need a few volunteers so if you are able to offer help please let Helen Byrne know. Thanks! There will be a tuck shop on the night and there is a suggested maximum spending money of £3.

Cinderella Pantomime at Fairfield Halls. Tickets will be distributed soon - more details to follow.

Christmas Fayre - 8th December 12-3pm. Thankyou to everyone who brought in empty bottles - we have enough now so please do not bring in anymore. However, please do continue to bring in toys (in new or good condition), fancy goods and wrapping paper in before or after school - there will be volunteers collecting each day in the infant shelter.

Jolly Jars - please start making jolly jars - these will be collected soon. There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most.

We are running the 5p challenge again and the class that brings in the will get to keep the money they raise and spend it on something of their choice. Please check your pockets/purse and send in any 5p's you may have.

Raffle tickets are being sent home this week in book bags. There are some great prizes up for grabs so please sell as many tickets as you can. Please return stubs with money (along with any unsold tickets) to the office.

All queries, ideas and donations can be emailed to stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Movie Night -22nd November

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

Christmas Fayre - 8th December

Winter Disco - 24th January

Quiz Night - 25th April

Spring Ball - 7th March 2020

Circus - 25th June 2020 (evening)

St. Francis' RC Primary School

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 8th December
12pm – 3pm



Cash raffle prizes £125, £75, £50 ★ Lots more prizes
Christmas shopping stalls ★ Bottle stall ★ Christmas crafts
Mulled wine & cakes ★ Festive food ★ Lots of fun games
Face painting ★ Santa's Grotto

Entry £1 per adult, children free

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WHAT IS A JOLLY JAR?

Jolly Jars are a non-sweet alternative to a lolly jar – a little treat that a kid can purchase with their own pocket money at the Market.

Jolly Jars are a jam jar filled with something **small** and **fun** or **interesting** for a kid. We will collect them instead of a gold coin during a mufti day at school. Your kids can choose what goes inside the jar, and decorate it to make it eye catching. This doesn't need to cost money – you can donate a jar of 'unwanted' birthday presents, leftover party bag fillers, or toys that are no longer age appropriate.

Some Ideas:

- Hair clips/hair ties
- McDonalds toys
- Random lego pieces
- Miniatures
- Water balloons
- Marbles
- Crayons or pencils
- Loom bracelets/bands
- Collectible cards
- Kids craft bits & bobs
- Matchbox cars
- Barbie accessories
- Card game
- Sticker sheets
- Play jewellery



MATCH FUNDING

Do you, or anyone in your family, work for a company which has a match funding scheme? If so you could make a real difference to our fundraising totals.

If you are not sure please do ask your employer as match funding can double the funds we raise. This makes a huge difference to the school, raising extra thousands in recent years. We are really grateful to the parents who are already supporting us with this.

If you work for one of the companies below, or another national retailer, bank, service provider etc. please do get in touch for more information.
Talk to XXXXXX or email: XXXXXX

- Abbey National
- Alliance and Leicester
- Anglian Water
- Argos
- Asda
- BAA
- Barclays
- Boots
- BP
- British Gas
- Boots
- BP
- BT
- Cable & Wireless
- DHL
- Dunhill
- Fidelity
- Ford Motor Company
- Halifax
- HSBC
- Johnson & Johnson
- Lloyds
- Marks & Spencer
- Microsoft
- Natwest
- National Power
- Norwich Union
- O2
- Royal Bank of Scotland Group
- Sainsbury's
- Shell
- Southern Electric
- Stagecoach
- Tesco
- Thames Water
- TSB
- Vodafone
- WHSmiths

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For 5 - 11 years

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Communication Skills

Fun and engaging activities that encourage positive emotional development & robust mental well-being.

Team Building

Confidence Building

Awareness of Self & Others

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- Safe Guarding Training
- Paediatric First Aid
- Insurance
- Data Protection

NLP4Kids provides workshops and coaching sessions for young people in the UK. We increase their confidence, reduce anxiety, improve communication skills and other aspects of mental and emotional wellbeing.

Our after schools clubs are a great way for children to access our techniques in a fun and friendly environment.

Termly Session Evaluations Provided for Schools

How to Book

Call: 0203 6677294
Email: info@NLP4Kids.org
Or visit: www.NLP4Kids.org/asc

Free Art Workshop

You are warmly invited to attend a creative workshop in our Art Department at Caterham School. The focus will be transfer printing onto a tote bag.

Sat 30 November

Suitable for KS2 children aged 7-10. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Session One: 9.30-10.30

Session Two: 10.30-11.30

To book your place at one of the sessions

email

rachel.veldtman@caterhamschool.co.uk





Contact information:

Text: 07557 351405

Email: flexiflics@gmail.com

Website: www.flexiflics.co.uk

**Monday & Friday Before School
Gymnastics Club at St Francis Primary School**

A gymnastics club will be running in the school hall after half term on a **Monday mornings for Years 1 & 2 and Friday mornings for Years 3-6**. The club will be run by qualified coaches and it will run 8:00-8:45am. Children will then get changed for school and go to class in time for registration.

If you wish to sign up, your child will learn different gymnastics moves and progress through the Winstrada award scheme, hopefully achieving a badge and certificate at the end of the term, which can be purchased for £3.50. In addition to this your child will develop their coordination, balance, confidence and general gymnastics skills, while being in a fun and safe environment.

The course will run for 5 weeks this half term.

It will run from Monday 4th November – Monday 2nd December 2019.

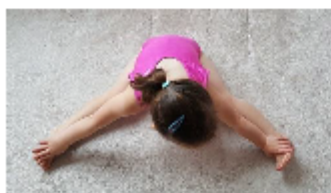
Or Friday 8th November – Friday 13th December 2019

The cost for this term is £25.00 (£5.00 a session)

Spaces are limited, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. To book onto the course please contact Flick on 07557 351405 or flexiflics@gmail.com. You will then receive a link to our online form to register your child. Once the form is filled out you will be added to the register and asked to make payment by bank transfer to secure the space.

Please note, all fees are non-refundable once your child has received a space.

We hope To See You at Gymnastics
The Flexi Flics Team





Dear Parents,

London TKD at St Francis' - Wednesday Mornings 8am- 8.45am

We help parents, just like you, transform their children into Highly Confident, Focused Leaders by developing lifelong Character and Success in just weeks!

Having helped over 5,000 children inside our school clubs we have a world class programme with a great track record for results. We are now one of the most successful and forward-thinking martial arts organisations in the UK.

Our small but driven team of instructors have a passion for developing character in young people and aim to make a massive impact, very quickly on areas your child needs to develop. Each child is taken on an exciting journey guiding them to become more resilient, determined, courageous and positive with their own personal instructor.

If you want to see your child develop a blackbelt character, we can turn that vision into a reality. To ensure your child doesn't miss out please follow the details below.

Spaces are very limited.

1. Search "LondonTKD" on the App Store or Google Play Store
2. Download our App
3. Click New User, enter Studio Code: **LondonTKD**
4. Create your new account
5. Go to Menu by clicking the ≡ in the top left hand corner
6. Click Memberships to select your preferred membership plan
7. You will receive a booking confirmation via email when registration is complete



Each school club has an instructor to personally mentor your child, encouraging life changing self-belief without setting limits on what they can achieve.

In just a few short weeks, children develop vital skills for life that physically and mentally empowers them.

Our high impact classes take children on a journey to develop these **8 Pillars of Success**.



We believe the environment dictates performance and that's often quite hard to achieve at home, and it's impossible to achieve without some extra help and support. If you feel your child would benefit from development in any of these key areas, register your child now to avoid missing out as places are very limited.