

Value of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents

The **NSPCC** came in to our Thursday assembly this week to thank the children (and yourselves) for the fundraising. Larch Class were the overall fundraising winners. Overall £532 was raised, for which the charity is very grateful.

Caroline our Cook has asked me to thank everyone for their entries to the art **Hello Veg Competition**. The shortlist was:

- Lena- Apple Class
- Joseph- Elm Class
- Connor –Beech Class
- Lola –Rowan Class
- Alexandra –Hazel Class
- Chloe-Hornbeam Class
- Ruben- Linden Class

The overall winning entry from St Francis', which is being put forward to compete with other schools, is Alexandra's. Well done!

Congratulations to our wonderful **Choir** who, along with other primaries, all performed on the stage at **Woldingham Girls School Choir Competition** this week. They were, as always, so amazing with a particular 'well done' going to Jeremy in Year 5, who performed a solo as part of the song. We have such talented children! Of course this would not be possible without the expert teaching and support from Mrs Hardy – thank you Mrs Hardy! We are now looking forward to hearing the Choir sing this Saturday at **St Mary's Church**.

We have been learning about a variety of different positive black role models as part of our **Black History Month**. Do take time this month to talk to your children about what they have been learning in class.

Well done to our **Reception children** who came to their very first **Celebration Assembly** today – they were great and those that received certificates looked very proud. Well done!

Trim Trails – Please remember that children should not be playing on the trim trails at the start or end of each day. Please can you remind the school age children and monitor toddlers closely. We do not want any accidents.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wheeler



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.



Making Sense of Money

We are working towards becoming a MoneySense Accredited School as part of our commitment to teaching our pupils how to use money safely and responsibly. We will be joined in the next few weeks by volunteers from NatWest to run workshops with years 2 and 4.

The Year 2 classes will learn about how we use money, how it can be spent, saved or donated. They will also explore the difference between “needs” and “wants.”

The Year 4 classes will research and present to the rest of the class a fully costed, reasonably priced birthday party, including ideas about how to reduce costs. They will also be asked to make suggestions about the best way to save and pay for different aspects of the party.

Diary Dates

19th	October	Junior choir singing at St Mary's - letter to follow
21 st	October	Parents Evening
22 nd	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 nd half of Autumn Term Individual school photographs
11 th	November	Year 2 Visit to St Luke's Church War Memorial
14 th	November	Year 3 Science Museum Open afternoon 1.30pm. prospective parents September 2020
18 th	November	Road Safety Week
22 nd	November	PTA Film Night – for years 1-6
29 th	November	Inset day. Please remember – school is closed for staff training.

Clubs

Please note that **not all** after school clubs are scheduled to run next week. These are the clubs that will run.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
NO CLUBS	NO CLUBS	Taekwondo	BB Soccer	Drama
		Drama	Choir	Art Workshop
		Tennis		

After half term year 3 are invited to join **Junior Choir**. Please log on to Tucasi to secure your place.

Chess club has one space available for junior children.

We would like to welcome **Flexi Flics Gymnastics** who will be running a club after half term on a **Monday mornings for Years 1 & 2 and Friday mornings for Years 3-6**, Please see flyer for more information.

House winners for the week – Red House



Secondary School Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions for Sept 2020 is Thursday 31st October 2019. However as the deadline is in half term, it is recommended by Surrey that you apply before Friday 25th October.

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 of all schools you have applied for. 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.

Reminder to Choir Parents

Please remember to purchase your tickets to the Caterham Community Choir.

Saturday October 19th 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

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.

Open Afternoon and School Tour for next year's Reception Parents

There will be the following event for prospective parents:

Open Afternoon & Tours 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday 14th 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.

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

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.

New Lunch Menus

The new menus have been sent home today. Please note that where a fish option fall's mid-week, it will be changed to a Friday and the Friday menu changed to the other day. Please see menu below.

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.

Illness

When a child is absent from school, the school should be notified on each day by 9.30am, either by telephone, or email to absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk or in person at the school office.

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.

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.

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.

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.

School Association

Welcome Disco - a big thank you goes to all the reception children and parents who came along to support raising funds for the school last week. We hope you had fun! The event raised £650 which will go towards buying essential items for our school. Morrisons in Caterham Valley kindly donated the hot dog buns for this so we are very grateful for their support. Thanks to the year one parents for organising the event.

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 next week via ticket tailor.

Second hand uniform sales - Second hand uniform will be available to buy at the parent's evenings next week. If you are able to help manning the stall for a short while on either day please let Rachael Kay (year one) know.

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.

We are looking for donations of soft toys and Christmas clothes/jumpers. There will be a box available at parents evening for you to leave any items you may have so please have a look and see what you can donate. Thanks.

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

Spring Ball - 7th March 2020

Circus - 25th June 2020 (evening)

Lunch Menu

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WEEK 1

Week starting: 4 Nov | 25 Nov
16 Dec | 20 Jan | 10 Feb | 9 Mar | 30 Mar

MONDAY	BBQ chicken fillet with not so spicy rice	
	Seashell pasta pesto	Y
	Homemade tomato soup & croutons	Y
	SIDE: Help yourself salad bar	Y
	DESSERT: Melon sails*	Y
TUESDAY	Beef enchilada with garlic bread	
	Red dragon pie	Y
	French bread margherita pizza	Y
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Fruit yoghurt selection	Y
WEDNESDAY	Classic roast pork with apple sauce, stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy	
	Squash-age roll with roast potatoes & gravy	Y
	Roast in a roll with apple sauce & stuffing	
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Oaty orange finger*	Y
THURSDAY	Veggie quarter pounder with potato wedges	Y
	Margherita mac 'n' cheese	Y
	Southern style wrap with crispy lettuce & lemon mayo	Y
	SIDE: As much as you can eat veg bar	Y
	DESSERT: Fresh fruit salad*	Y
FRIDAY	Breaded fish fillet with home (non fried) fries	
	Veggie hotdog with home (non fried) fries	Y
	Pepperoni pasta pot	
	SIDE: Baked beans & fresh carrot slaw	Y
	DESSERT: Chocolate & beetroot muffin with crème fraiche	Y

Y Suitable for Vegetarians. *Desserts highlighted with an asterisk contain a minimum of 50% fruit. †Desserts highlighted with a cross are made with no added refined sugar. Fruit or yoghurt is available daily as an alternative to the advertised pudding. Please check with the school as the menu may be changed to meet the needs of the school.

WEEK 2

Week starting: 11 Nov | 2 Dec
6 Jan | 27 Jan | 24 Feb | 16 Mar

MONDAY	Spaghetti beef meatballs	
	Veggie bean taco with savoury rice	Y
	BBQ chicken bao bun with rainbow noodle salad	
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Cheese 'n' crackers with apple slices*	Y
TUESDAY	Loaded vegetable pizza topped with slices of Quorn frankfurter	Y
	Lentil pasta bolognese	Y
	Cowboy hot pot	Y
	SIDE: As much as you can eat veg bar	Y
	DESSERT: Homebaked banana loaf* with custard	Y
WEDNESDAY	Yorkshire pud filled with British beef & gravy with roast potatoes	
	Roasted vegetable filled Yorkshire pud with roast potatoes & gravy	Y
	Hot roast beef loaded bun	
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Fruit yoghurt selection	Y
THURSDAY	Oven baked fish fingers & fries	
	Seashell pasta bake	Y
	Loaded potato boats with cheddar cheese & ham	
	SIDE: Baked beans & garden peas	Y
	DESSERT: Fresh fruit selection*	Y
FRIDAY	Lincolnshire pork sausages with mashed potato & gravy	
	Veggie sausage roll with mashed potato & gravy	Y
	Cheese & red pepper panini	Y
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Twelve15 chocolate & orange biscuit with a glass of milk	Y

WEEK 3

Week starting: 18 Nov | 9 Dec
13 Jan | 3 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar

MONDAY	Cheese & tomato pizza with herby diced potatoes	Y
	Glamorgan sausage with herby diced potatoes	Y
	Homemade carrot soup with homemade bread	Y
	SIDE: Winter vegetable slaw & baked beans	Y
	DESSERT: Great balls of fruit*	Y
TUESDAY	Fishwich (oven baked crispy pollock in a soft roll) with potato wedges	
	Vegetable fingers with potato wedges	Y
	One pot tuna pasta	
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Fruit yoghurt selection	Y
WEDNESDAY	Roast British chicken with sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy	
	Quorn fillet with sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy	Y
	Hot chicken bap with sage & onion stuffing	
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Cheese 'n' crackers	Y
THURSDAY	Build a burger with baked tortilla chips	
	Margherita pizza with garlic dough balls	Y
	Classic beef meatball sub either naked or in a homemade tomato sauce	
	SIDE: Selection of seasonal vegetables	Y
	DESSERT: Fresh fruit with crème fraiche*	Y
FRIDAY	Roast gammon served with home (non fried) fries	
	Vegan nuggets with home (non fried) fries	Y
	Fish finger & crushed pea wrap	
	SIDE: Baked beans & sweetcorn	Y
	DESSERT: Rainbow sponge with custard	Y



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)

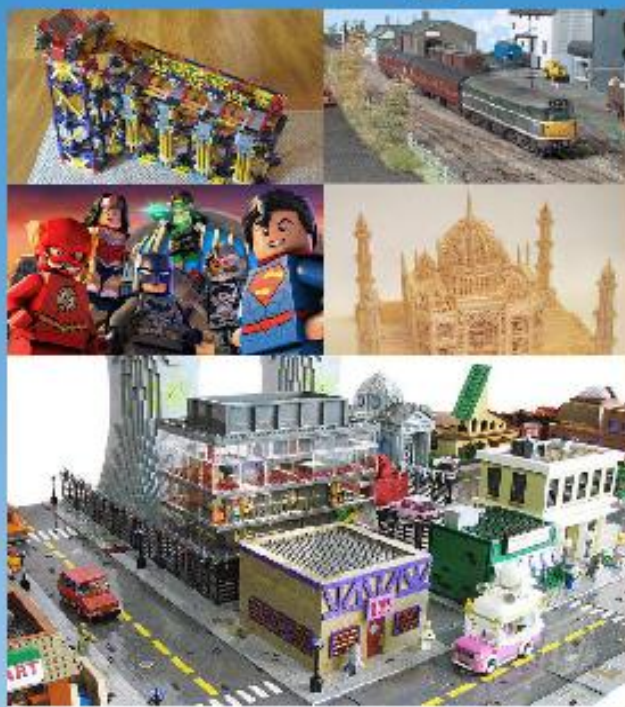
Spaces are limited, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. To book onto the course please contact Flick on 07557 351405 or flexiflics@gmail.com. You will then receive a link to our online form to register your child. Once the form is filled out you will be added to the register and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



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