

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> September 2019



## Value of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents

### Assembly

Today's Celebration Assembly was a busy one. Apart from our usual certificates we were introduced to our new **School Council, House Captains, Librarians, RE and Fairtrade Monitors** congratulations to them all. They have already started executing their duties, and are all doing a sterling job!

We also met three of our Governors, Mrs Nathalie Walsh (Chair), Mrs Emma Gawn (Vice Chair) and Mrs Angela Eade (RE Link Governor), who came in to introduce themselves and to explain to some of the jobs that the Governing Body do. Our Governor's meetings we always begin with a prayer and the children have been asked to write some prayers in class that we can put together in a book and use at the start of the meetings. We look forward to seeing them and using them in the coming year.

Our final groups of new **Reception children** have started school this week and we welcome them and their Parents to St Francis'. We look forward to getting to know you all in the coming years and hope that you will have many happy times at St Francis'.

Have a lovely weekend with your families. The weather is looking good, let us hope it stays that way!

Mrs M Wheeler  
Headteacher

### 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.**

### 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.

### Meet the Teacher – Reception Parents Only

Our Reception parents are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' this coming **Tuesday - 24th Sept.**

Please can Apple and Cherry Parents go from the playground, through the school via the double blue doors to the main hall after morning drop off. There will be a 'sign in' register in the hall. The teachers will give you further information about Reception and there will be opportunities to ask questions.

### Reminder for Year 6 Parents: Permission to leave the site at the end of the day

If they have permission to walk home, or to walk and meet you off site please can you remind your children of the following:

1. They should walk straight home quickly and sensibly – do not delay or go via shops etc.
2. If they normally meet you off site and you are delayed they should know that **at 4pm**, if you have not turned up, to walk quickly back to the school and go to the office. Someone is always around and we will keep the children here and phone to check on parents' whereabouts.
3. On the way home they are in school uniform and as such are representing the school. They should behave sensibly and politely at all times on the journey home.
4. If they are worried at all on the journey, they can always return to school and go to the office.

### 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.**

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

## Secondary School Open Days

Warlingham School	Monday 16th September	5.30pm - 8.30pm
The John Fisher School	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	4pm – 8pm
Oasis, Coulsdon	Wednesday 18th September	5pm - 8pm
Whitgift	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9am- 1pm
Caterham School	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.30am – 11.15am
St Bedes School	Thursday 26th September	9.15am -11.30am
Coloma Convent	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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.

### 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.

**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

**VERY IMPORTANT DATE.... Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 (EVENING)**

**To help us celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the school – The Circus is coming to St Francis!**  
**SAVE THE DATE AND THE EVENING!!! Details to follow.**



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.

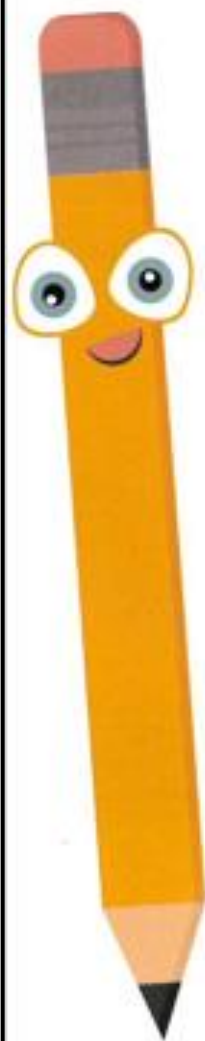
The top 3 winners will get a vegetable hamper with recipes, together with a chef's hat and apron.

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**