

## Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents

Christmas rehearsals are all under way and we have a full few weeks ahead of us! Please check the diary dates below and make a note of them. **Film Night** is all organised and we look forward to watching a Christmas film to begin the festivities. The Choir will be singing on 1<sup>st</sup> December at the annual **Lighting of the Cedar Tree** – do come to watch and support our local Caterham community. The **PTA** are looking for donations and help for the **Christmas Fayre** – please see their Facebook page and information below for details.

The first two of our **Parent Partnership Forums** have been very successful and parents who attended have said how useful they have been. Please note the next one, **for KS1 and Reception Class** that is on 28<sup>th</sup> next week. *If you wish to attend please let the office know, so we can plan for seating and teas!*

### Red Wednesday

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, ALL pupils (and staff) are asked to come to school dressed in their uniform with an item of clothing or accessory that is red for world-wide Red Wednesday. This is to raise awareness and give support those around the world who are not allowed to practise their faith. We shall be prayers. No donation is requested.

**Safeguarding Training for Volunteers:** We have another date in the diary – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. If you have not already attended one session, please do try to attend this one.

### CAFOD World Gifts

It is that time of the year when we do something extra-special for those less fortunate than ourselves by taking part in CAFOD's World Gifts. Each class has chosen a gift that they would like to give someone this Christmas, and as a group, they will be raising money to purchase their gift, whether a Vegetable Garden, Water, Chickens or even a Pig! Please encourage your child to bring in whatever they are able to afford in order to help others improve their lives. Please see the list below on class choices.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wheeler

### **Travel Plan Award**

We had a lovely surprise on Thursday this week when two of Surrey's School Travel Plan Advisers arrived at school to present us with our Silver School Travel Plan certificate and a silver star for our Travel Plan plaque. Well done to all children and parents who have supported all of our walk to school events. We are the first Surrey School to receive a silver award!

We will be having another **Cycle, or Scoot to School Day** in the Spring term – when the weather improves! As it proved popular, we shall have **Bikers Breakfast** again on the day. Keep an eye out next year for the date.



## 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.

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



## St Francis' Netball Team

A massive well done to our netball team who have won all four games they have played so far! They are doing brilliantly. Keep up the excellent work.



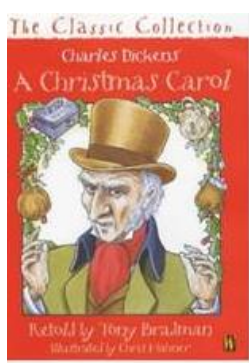
## St Francis' Swimmers

Well done to our swimming team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the inter-schools gala on Tuesday! We are very proud of you all.



## LAST SESSION OF AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THIS TERM

CLUB	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Gymnastics	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec				13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Art Workshop	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec				6 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Multiskills	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec				6 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Badminton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec				
Cross Country		19 <sup>th</sup> Nov			
Arts & Crafts		3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec			
Palmer Drama		19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov		22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Football		3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec		5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Netball		19 <sup>th</sup> Nov			
Taekwondoh			27 <sup>th</sup> Nov		
ICT			4 <sup>th</sup> Dec		
Short Tennis			4 <sup>th</sup> Dec		
Chess			4 <sup>th</sup> Dec		
Poetry				12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Choir				5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	



### Can you help please?

We are looking for donations of this version of A Christmas Carol and also copies of Twas the Night Before Christmas. If you have a copy of either of these that you are happy to donate to the school, please bring to the office on Monday. Thank you

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Food Bank and Support for Families in Need

Please can our families be aware that the school has access to some 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.

### Cafod World Gifts

As in previous years, each class has chosen a gift that they want to donate to Cafod and the children have been asked to bring in a donation instead of sending individual Christmas Cards.

Class	Gift	Cost	TOTAL
Cherry	Chirpy Chickens	£20.00	£20
Apple	Teach someone to read Happy Queen Bee Fab Football	£10.00 £ 4.00 £10.00	£24
Oak	Vegetable Garden Emergency Water	£10.00 £ 5.00	£15
Elm	Emergency Water The Net that Protects	£ 5.00 £ 7.00	£12
Beech	Emergency Water Vegetable Garden	£ 5.00 £10.00	£15
Larch	The Net that Protects Happy Queen Bees Trees for Life Emergency Water x2	£ 7.00 £ 4.00 £ 8.00 £10.00	£29
Cedar	Emergency Water x2 Net that protects x2 Trees for Life	£10.00 £14.00 £ 8.00	£32
Rowan	The net that protects Happy Queen Been Tree for Life Fabulous Football	£ 7.00 £ 4.00 £ 8.00 £10.00	£29
Pine	The net that protects Chirpy Chickens	£ 7.00 £ 20.00	£27
Hazel	Happy Queen Bee x2 Emergency Water x2 Vegetable Garden	£ 4.00 £ 10.00 £ 10.00	£28
Hornbeam	Happy Queen Bee Emergency Water The Net that Protects	£ 8.00 £ 5.00 £ 7.00	£16
Maple	Healthy mum and Baby Fabulous Football Terrific Toilet	£30.00 £10.00 £85.00	£125
Willow	Happy queen bee Emergency Water The Net that Protects Trees for Life Drought resistant Crop	£ 4.00 £ 5.00 £ 7.00 £ 8.00 £12.00	£36
Linden	Emergency Water Trees for life Teach someone to read Drought Resistant Crops School Starter Pack	£5.00 £8.00 £10.00 £12.00 £25.00	£60



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



### Secondary School Admissions

If you have not already done so, please can **Year 6 parents** inform the school office of all schools you have applied for. If we know, then when places are allocated next year, we can be aware of any family who may face problems if they have not got their school of choice, and we are then able to support children in school.

Thank you

### Volunteer Helpers: Safeguarding Confidentiality & Code of Conduct Training

Dates for updating and or renewing our safeguarding, confidentiality and code of conduct training for our volunteer helpers will be as follows:

Please can anyone who volunteers on a regular basis in school try to arrange to attend.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – 2.30pm

### 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

PARENT  
PARTNERSHIP



### House Winners



We are writing to warmly invite you to our first  
**Parent Partnership Meeting for  
Year 1, 2 and Reception**

**9AM (after drop off) Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

This is an invitation for parents, family members, guardians and carers of children in **Years 1, 2 and Reception** 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](mailto:office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) or call the school office 01883 342005. (We just need an indication of numbers.)

### E-Safety Update

E-Safety Update This week's link is to the Internet Matters website, and provides information on how to help children use the internet in a balanced, healthy way.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-diet-with-screen-time-tips/>

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.

### 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.

### 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

### Commercial Services has a new name.... We are now Twelve15.

#### Our story

We have been cooking good food in schools for over 70 years. We have had an incredible year, taking all the good things from our amazing past, adding a sprinkle of culinary magic and a new look, serving it with a new name that perfectly tells who we are.

Twelve15 comes from our deep roots here in Surrey, the home of the Magna Carta that was signed in 1215 on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede. This iconic great charter resonates with our own values in its belief of fair rights for every individual. It is our belief that every child has a right to good food.

We take our responsibility of influencing young people to make good food choices that will impact on their health and wellbeing so that they can enjoy long happy lives. 12- 15 is also the body fat percentage that the world's top athletes strive to achieve so our name also reflects how seriously we take the healthy body development of future generations.



### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

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 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 Association

Movie Night - we are looking forward to seeing all the children at movie night tonight and will let you know how much money we raise for the school next week.

Cinderella Pantomime - Sharon Evans will be distributing tickets for this in the next two weeks. Further details to follow.

Christmas Fayre - 8th December 12-3pm.

Please help us make this year's Fayre great by helping in any way you can. You can bring in toys (new or good used condition); wrapping paper or fancy goods. There will be volunteers collecting these in the infant shelter.

Jolly Jars - these are always a big hit with the children so please make one or two and give them to your children to bring into class. There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most.

5p challenge - please continue to rid your purse and pockets of those annoying 5p's by giving them to your children to bring into school. All the money raised goes towards buying things to improve the school for our children. The class that brings in the most will be able to purchase something (agreed with their teacher) with the money they raise.

Raffle tickets - there are some fab prizes up for grabs so please sell as many tickets as you can and return stubs and cash (along with any unsold tickets) to the office.

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 tombola

Christmas Fayre - 8th December

Winter Disco - 24th January

Spring Ball - 7th March

Quiz Night - 25th April

Circus - 25th June



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

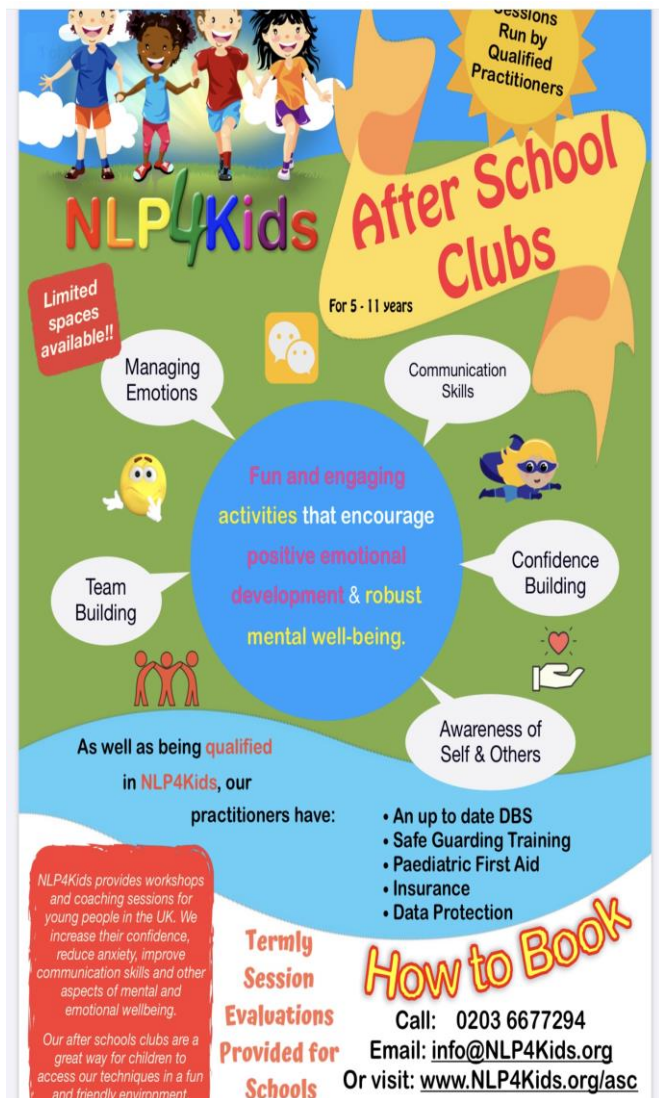
Do you, or anyone in your family, work for a company which has a match funding scheme? If so you could make a real difference to our fundraising totals.

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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Email: [info@NLP4Kids.org](mailto:info@NLP4Kids.org)  
Or visit: [www.NLP4Kids.org/asc](http://www.NLP4Kids.org/asc)



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat. 30th November 2019

11.00am – 2.30pm  
Sacred Heart Parish  
Centenary Hall,  
Essendene Road,  
Caterham,  
CR3 5PA

Toys ★  
Cakes ★  
Gifts ★  
Grand Draw ★  
Snacks, Tea / & Coffee ★  
Father Christmas ★  
Tombolas ★  
Jewellery ★  
Decorations ★  
Art and Craft ★  
Mulled wine ★

In aid of:

- 5th Caterham Scout Group.
- Helping Iraqi refugees in Jordan.
- SVP which supports those who need help in the local area.

## 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](mailto:rachel.veldtman@caterhamschool.co.uk)





**Contact information:**

Text: 07557 351405

Email: [flexiflics@gmail.com](mailto:flexiflics@gmail.com)

Website: [www.flexiflics.co.uk](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> November – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

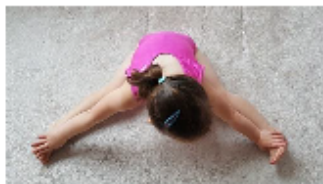
Or Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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](mailto: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



## Christingle

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**All Saints Church, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 3pm**



[This is a fun event being held at All Saints in Oxford and aimed at families.

We will have a craft activity for the children to make the Christingle candle and then enjoy processing around the church with their lit candles. They can also take them home to enjoy (and to eat the sweets!).

There will be some singing and time spent discussing the symbolism of the occasion.

‘Christingle’ means Christ light and is a celebration of Jesus Christ as the light of the world. The making of the Christingle candle is a lovely tradition during the run up to Christmas.