

Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents

Parent Partnership Forums: The first Forum meetings (Y5&6, Y3&4 and YR 1&2) were a success with a variety of subjects pertinent to each year group discussed. There will be further Forums arranged for later in the academic year – dates to be decided.

Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Anton Padmasiri and Rachel Kay who are our new Parent Governors. We welcome them to the Governing Body.

Red Wednesday

Thank you for supporting our first ever Red Wednesday. The Juniors, surrounded by candles in a dimly-lit hall, started the day with a quiet reflection. We listened to a Christian-Jewish-Muslim choir singing Bob Marley's "One Love" at the Tower of David Museum in Jerusalem and recognized how special it is to be able to create something worthwhile with others, even if they are different. We reflected, too, on how fortunate we are that we are able to practise our faith safely. Our prayers to God were for Him to help those who are being treated unfairly and persecuted throughout the world.

The Infants held little liturgies in class where they were able to reflect and pray. Badges, red glasses and prayers were handed out to the children to encourage them to think and talk about the importance of this day.

Lighting of the Cedar Tree

The Choir sang beautifully on 1st December at the annual lighting of the Cedar Tree. Audley Choir joined us in singing and it was a wonderful opportunity to support our local Caterham community.

E-Safety Please remember to check the age expectations for social media apps – eg. Whatsapp children under 13 should not be using it. If your children use apps such as these please monitor them closely.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wheeler

Guess the Name of the Teddy!

Several of our year 6 pupils, led by Seren, held a fundraiser last week to raise money for the Brompton Fountain. The aim was to guess the name of a delightful honey-coloured bear. The winner of the prize was Milly year 4. Well done to all – the girls raised £70.00



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

The deadline for opting in for Christmas lunch has now passed!

	Tuesday 17 th Dec 2019	Wednesday 18 th Dec 2019
Junior children	Xmas Lunch	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 Lunch



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.

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.

Nasal Flu Sniff Vaccination

The date booked for nasal Flu vaccination is the 3rd December 2019.

LAST SESSION OF AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THIS TERM

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

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

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

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-digital-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.

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

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. Please make sure all donations are in by Friday 13th December.

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

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.

November/December		
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

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 resonates with our own values in its belief of fair rights for every individual. Every child has a right to good food.

We take our responsibility of influencing young people to make good food impact on their health and wellbeing so that they can enjoy long happy lives. We aim to reduce the body fat percentage that the world's top athletes strive to achieve so our new name tells you how seriously we take the healthy body development of future generations.



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 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 - thank you to everyone that came and helped last week. Papa Johns kindly gave us a discount again on the pizzas so a big thank you goes to them. The children were very well behaved and we had a lovely evening raising a brilliant £413.98.

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. We appreciate that at this time of year we ask for lots from you so thank you for your support.

Thanks to everyone who has brought in toys etc so far. It's a good opportunity to have a little clear out before Christmas so please have a look and bring in toys (new or good used condition); wrapping paper and fancy goods. Donations can be left in the office or Nicky Leaker will be able to take them after school any day next week.

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 - so far not many tickets have been returned so please try your best to sell those that you have been given to friends and family. There are some really great prizes up for grabs (see poster) so please sell as many tickets as you can and return stubs and cash (along with any unsold tickets) to the office. Remember that all the money raised goes towards helping our children at school so it's such a worthwhile cause.

Next Friday it's mufti day! Please send your child in with a donation for the bottle tombola (years 1-6) or for reception children a donation of chocolate for the chocolate tombola. Thank you.

All queries, ideas and donations can be emailed

to stfrancischristmasfayre@hotmail.com

Save the Date

Mufti day - 6th December - please bring in a bottle for the tombola or chocolate (reception children)

Christmas Fayre - 8th December

Winter Disco - 24th January

Spring Ball - 7th March

Quiz Night - 25th April

Circus - 25th June



St. Francis' School
Association



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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St. Francis' RC Primary School, Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5ED



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Christmas Raffle

Many thanks for the kind donations and
generous sponsorship from:

£125 Cash

£75 Cash

£50 Cash

18 holes Farliegh Golf Club for 4

4 Ball Addington Golf Club

Aladdin Panto Tickets at Dorking halls
for 2 Lingfield Race Day

Claire Campbell HD Lash Voucher

Free MOT from Cars 4 You Direct

Willow Dance and Fitness Fred
Dance Classes

Bocketts Farm Family Pass

Leeds Castle Family Voucher

Chartwell Family Voucher

Sweet Pea Photography Session

Llama Park Family Pass

Sinfit Fitness/Fight Klub Pass

Annabel Yoga Voucher

AM Goodlife Eye Treatment Voucher

Pizza Express Voucher

Nandos Discount Voucher

Barons Pub Discount Voucher

British Wildlife Centre Voucher

Priory Farm Discovery Walk

Family Pass

Kidspace Family Pass

Godstone Farm Family Pass

Head 2 Toe Osteopathy or Sports
Massage Voucher

Tesco Hamper

Waitrose Hamper

Morrisons Hamper

Digital Radio

Giant Gingerbread
House

Bollywood Meal for 2

Vujon Restaurant £50
Voucher

And many more...



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**DRAW AT 2.30pm
SUNDAY 8th DEC**

Spring Ball

7th March 2020

Surrey National Golf Club

7pm arrival for 7.30pm
dinner, carriages
at 1am

*Smart
Dress*

Tickets are available online at:

www.tickettailor.com/events/stfrancisschoolassociation

£37 for a three course meal & reception drink

Do you know any autistic children in the Caterham area who like trains?

We're bringing our huge Brio and Tomy train sets to **The Arc** in Caterham this **Sunday afternoon** from 2-4pm for autistic and SEN children to build and play with.

The cafe will be open, and we will also have a "Quiet Zone" if the children need somewhere to chill out for a while.

Tickets are still available:

<http://engineshedcaterham2.eventbrite.com/>



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

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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

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.

CONTACT US

Drop in and speak to our Primary Mental Health Worker for a friendly, informal chat from 9 to 9:30 every Thursday.

Phone consultations
by appointment only

One to one meetings
by appointment only

Call Mrs Dommett on:
01883 342005
Email:

lorna.dommett@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk

Useful Contact numbers:

Samaritans: Free phone 116 123

Parentline: 0808 800 2222

Child line: 0800 1111

NHS direct: 111 – non emergency helpline

Family Information Service:
new.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service

Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
0808 802 5444

Kooth: kooth.com

PMHW

Confidentiality

We believe you have a right to privacy so we offer a confidential service.

Everything you tell us can remain confidential. This means we won't talk about any details you tell us to anyone else unless there is a serious risk of harm to you or another person.

How are we doing?

We want to hear what you think about our service to help us offer the best service possible. Please let us know what we are doing well and how we could improve. You can do this by completing an evaluation form available from our Primary Mental Health Worker.

Primary Mental Health Worker (PMHW)



A service for children, parents and staff who would like to discuss mental health difficulties with a professional in school.

Tandridge
Accelerator Site
in partnership with

**CAMHS &
SURREYCC**

Helping our children help themselves

What is a Primary Mental Health Worker?

We work with anyone aged 6 to 18 that is experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

Working on a short term basis to benefit young people around their struggles.

This could include things like:

- Anxiety
- Self-harm
- Suicidal thoughts (without attempting or making plans to commit suicide)
- Low moods
- Consistently angry
- Withdrawn from others
- Self Esteem / Body Image/ Self Worth
- Bullying
- Help to minimise the impact of negative life experiences
- Bereavement/Loss

You can see our PMHW in school.

How to refer

If you would like to find out more or to be referred to our Primary Mental Health worker:

- Speak to our Inclusion Manager Mrs Dommett
- Speak to our ELSA Mrs Hamilton
- Come to a drop in session on Thursdays at 9am
- Call or email us (see over for details)

Ways our support is delivered

There are many different ways in which we can provide support, these include:

- Solution focused intervention
- Guided self help
- Group Work
- One to one



All Saints Church, Sunday 1st December, 3pm



[This is a fun event being held at All Saints in Oxtd 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.

