



Value of the month – Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers

World Book Day

Yesterday, both children and staff had a fantastic day learning about a wide range of children's books, inspired by their teacher's favourite book as a child. Throughout the day, the children were able to share their favourite books with the rest of their class and explain why they loved it so much. Afterwards, the children were able to complete a range of activities about their class book including: artwork, drama, character descriptions and discussions.

We were also fortunate to have some lovely helpers from our school and local community come in and read stories to each class. Some of these were even in other languages. I would like to say a huge thank you to: Mrs Rodriguez-Williams, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Stone (one of our local librarians) for coming in and enthusing our children to love reading.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all of the children, the parents and school staff for helping to make World Book Day such a fun, inspiring and exciting day! We greatly appreciate the effort everybody made with creating such fabulous costumes – everyone looked absolutely amazing!

I hope that you are all enjoying completing our Readathon to support children who are in hospital, to have books that they can read (these have to be new so that they don't bring in any infections) and for them to have storyteller visits. It really does brighten up their hospital experience!

Thank you again for all your help and support in inspiring a love of reading within St Francis School's children.

Poetry by Heart Competition Winners

Congratulations to Nithali & Archie who are our winners. Our thanks goes to Mrs Shannon for her hard work and dedication.

Palmer Dram and the Caterham School Drama Festival

The Drama Group took part in the Caterham School Drama Festival yesterday evening. They performed a shortened version of A Midsummer's Night Dream. They were truly amazing and all demonstrated great talent! A big thank you to Mrs Palmer and Mrs Morris for all their time spend preparing and supporting the children. Well done to them all.

Y4 Parents – please note - Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 will be taking the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) in June this year. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify pupils who may need additional support. The Y4 teachers are helping the children in school. All classes have access to and should be using Timestables Rockstars and Purple Mash, both of which have a timestables section. Year 4 are encouraged to do extra on these as the test will be an online one and this will help them in preparation for the test.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869846/2020_Information_for_parents_multiplication_tables_check.pdf

Best Wishes,
Mrs Wheeler
Headteacher



Save The Dates			
TBC	July	Year 6 Leavers' Production	Early Evening
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Friday	July 17 th	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	Evening
Monday	July 20 th	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	TBC
Wednesday	July 22 nd	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	AM

2020 Upcoming Events		
9 th /10 th	March	Science Week begins with an amazing visit from 'The Science Planetarium' for all children. They are visiting on both days in school.
11 th	March	Outdoor Day (details to follow)
13 th	March	YR3 & YR4 Parent Partnership Meeting @ 9am
16 th	March	Egyptian Day (Year 3)
17 th	March	Year 3 Class Assembly @10am Parents are welcome
20 th	March	YR5 & YR6 Parent Partnership Meeting @ 9am
27 th	March	YR R, YR1 & YR2 Parent Partnership meeting @9am
29 th	March	British Summer time Begins (clocks go forward)
30 th	March	Parents Evening
31st	March	Parents Evening
3 rd	April	School Closes @1pm for the Easter Break

Parents Evening Appointments

The deadline for booking parent evening appointments is **March 27th @12pm**

Deadline for school trip payments KS1 27th March

Bocketts Farm – Reception
 Gatton Park – Year 1
 Rural Life – Year 2

Deadline for school trip payments KS2

Wisley -Year 3 – **6th July**
 Wintershall -Year 5-**23rd June**

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

9^{AM} (after drop off) Friday 13th March

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.)



We are writing to warmly invite you to our first
**Parent Partnership Meeting for
Year 5 and 6**

9^{AM} (after drop off) Friday 20th March

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Lunch Details 9th&10th March

As the hall will be in use on Monday 9th and Tues 10th March for the Planetarium visit, the kitchen will be providing the follow menu so that the children can eat in class.
An alternative will be provided for any child who has a special dietary requirement.

Monday

Tomato Pasta with garlic bread
Crudites
Cookie
Juice
Fresh fruit will be available

Tuesday

Beef Burger with tortilla chips
Crudites
Flapjack
Juice
Fresh fruit will be available



Lunch Money

The amounts due for the Spring term are as follows:

Weekly - £11.75 Second half term - £70.50 Whole term - £138.65

Communicating with staff (first port of call should be via the class teacher)

1. School Planner- all general messages that are non-confidential.
2. For the attention of the class teacher, please email the school office.
office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk
3. Requests for meetings should come via the school planner or office.
4. Confidential messages should be sent via the school office (email or hand-written) and should be marked for the attention of the staff member and marked confidential.

School Association.

Quiz Night - 25th April. Tickets will be on sale for this at the normal ticket tailor site soon.

Circus - 25th June

Leavers Disco - 17th July

Next PTA meeting is on the 22nd April at 7:30pm in the school hall

St Francis' School has been invited to take part in Surrey's

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Transformation Programme

Together with five other local schools, St Francis' is working with Surrey to develop a model of support which, if successful, can be replicated Nationally across schools.

One example of working differently, the schools involved in the programme are trialling, is having a primary Mental Health Worker based in each school every week; this has proved to be extremely valuable to both adults and children in all of the schools.

This Half Term we are introducing Wellbeing Ambassadors for Children and Staff. Children in Year 5 have been invited to volunteer for the role and their class have held a vote to select the candidate. The successful candidates will be trained this week. Their role will be to work with Key Staff to promote wellbeing across the school through activities and events. They will not offer 1-2-1 sessions with children. We will be providing our staff with similar support.

Our goal is to ensure our whole school community can be a:





I'M NOT NAUGHTY – I HAVE AUTISM

Interactive and intensive 3 week course to help understand autism, share experiences in friendly, non-judgemental environment

start: Tuesday 17th March 2020 end: 31st March 2020

9:30–2:30 pm

Coffee/Tea from 9:15 am

Caterham Children's Centre Marden Lodge Site

Croydon Road CR3 6QH

*Booking via Caterham Children's Centre
tel: 01883 348641*

During the course we will cover:

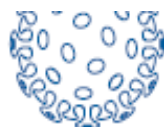
- what autism is
- problems with social interaction and communication
- sensory processing and self-regulation
- link between autism, anxiety and meltdowns
- strategies to support including available therapies
- your rights as parents and your mental well-being
- hands on practice including making visuals, social stories and playing with blocks

**The workshop is delivered by Ola Malanska,
MA Ed, experienced practitioner and parent of an autistic boy**

www.caleidoscope.org.uk Registered CIC number: 12219552



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately





Bunnies are you ready?



Sunday morning 5th April 2020 will see the 13th annual Caterham Rotary Easter Bunny Fun Run take place in Queens Park, Caterham on the Hill.

The two events, 1k and 5k are open to runners and walkers who may choose to raise money for their own charity or organisation or Rotary charities or simply to take part and enjoy this community as well as helping to keep fit.

Every finisher will be given an Easter egg with additional prizes to the winning best dressed bunnies and fastest runners getting larger eggs.