



Value of the month – Caring & Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

Inter-Schools Cross Country Rally: Well done to all our children who took part in the Inter-Schools Rally this week. Everyone tried their very best and we are proud of them all. St Francis' achieved 2nd place. Thank you to our PE Leaders, Miss Steward and Miss Riddell for all their hard work in the background organising the event, and to our Staff who all supported and helped on the day to make the event run smoothly.

The **Year 6 Cake Sale** went well, raising £331.74p to be split between the MS Charity and Year 6 fundraising.

The **Year 3 Class Assembly** is on Tuesday 17th March at 10am. Parents and Carers are most welcome to attend. The teachers will be sending words home for each child, so if you get a chance please start learning them.

World Book Day: This year we will be celebrating World Book Day (WBD) with a 'Readathon' where we are fundraising for 'Read for Good', the WBD charity that ensures children spending time in hospital have access to new books and storytellers. Our school benefits too, with 20% of funds raised buying vouchers for our school library. **Please note that we shall be dressing up this year on WBD itself - the Thursday 5th and not the Friday.** There is no specific theme, children should dress as their favourite book character.

St Francis' Speech and Drama Club: Please scroll down to see important information from Mrs Shannon.

Parent Forums: Our first Parent Forums were very successful and we are planning our next ones. Dates and times will be confirmed when we are back after the holiday.

The Teachers are all joining our other Deanery Schools this Friday for our **Inset** training on curriculum planning, metacognition and retrieval strategies, while our Teaching Assistants are having training, already undertaken by the Teachers, on aspects of Mental Health.

Best wishes for a lovely half term holiday,

Mrs Wheeler
Headteacher

URGENT APPEAL FOR DROP OFF HELPERS

There have been a number of people leaving the rota due to work and other commitments, and numbers are dwindling and we urgently need new drop-off helpers.

Drop off runs 8:45-9, and you just need to open car doors and allow children to get into school. It's only every 2/3 weeks depending how many helpers volunteer. All mums, dads and carers are warmly welcomed!

For this service to continue, we need more helpers.

If you can help please email dropoff.stfrancis@gmail.com with which weekdays you are available and your contact details.

2020 Upcoming Events

14 th	February	Inset Day School Closed Friday 14th
2 nd	March	Fairtrade Fortnight Begins
4 th	March	Year 6 Trip to Down House
5 th	March	World Book Day
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)
16 th	March	Egyptian Day (Year 3)
17 th	March	Year 3 Class Assembly @9.15am Parents are welcome
29 th	March	British Summer time Begins (clocks go forward)
30 th	March	Parents Evening
31 st	March	Parents Evening
3 rd	April	School Closes @1pm for the Easter Break

Parent forums are being planned for later this term and dates will be confirmed by the end of February.

.St Francis' Speech And Drama Club

The national **POETRY BY HEART** event was launched in school two weeks ago by *Eloise* and *Imogen* (Year 3) who were amongst the first to learn their competition poems from memory. The school competition will take place at the end of the month and our winner will be put forward to the regional competition. Good Luck everyone!

REIGATE & REDHILL FESTIVAL. The online application deadline is 23rd February. Mrs Shannon's deadline for dealing with queries is 21st February. Should you require help/advice, please contact Mrs Shannon on 01883 344373 and leave a message with your name, child's name and your phone number. Her email address is faboshannon@hotmail.co.uk (allow 48 hours for reply)

LONDON ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ART (LAMDA) Exams. Having entered 22 St Francis children in their first set of exams last Summer, Mrs Shannon will be entering her next set of examinees in the July 2020 Public session at LAMDA. If you are interested in your child taking a speech and drama exam, please email Mrs Shannon (as above) for further information.

Online Safety

On Tuesday this week, the school took part in 'Safer Internet Day'. Mrs Linehan ran an assembly for the whole school, focusing on the theme of diversity, of accepting that people have the right to be themselves and of the importance of always being kind online. This was followed by activities in the classrooms where children were encouraged to consider ways to explore online identities and consider what sort of information should be visible to others. Here is a link to the Internet Matters website and a guide to keeping identities safe online:

https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=CjwKCAiAvonyBRB7EiwAadauqZuBVvVZN YBfpS1_3MOgM2dd-2Wv4iRD0cO1Btj949g08t6lqR95IRoCpEcQAvD_BwE

Lunch Money

The amounts due for the Spring term are as follows:

Weekly - £11.75 First half term - £68.15 Second half term - £70.50
Whole term - £138.65

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.

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.



Public Health
England

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

**If you have a cough, or fever, or
shortness of breath and have been to
any of these places in the last 14 days:**

- China
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Macau

Stay indoors and call NHS 111

**If you have been to Wuhan, or Hubei
Province, China in the last 14 days ...**

Stay indoors and contact NHS 111
even if you do not have symptoms



Visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for more information

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SEND Coffee Morning



Friday 6th March at 9am

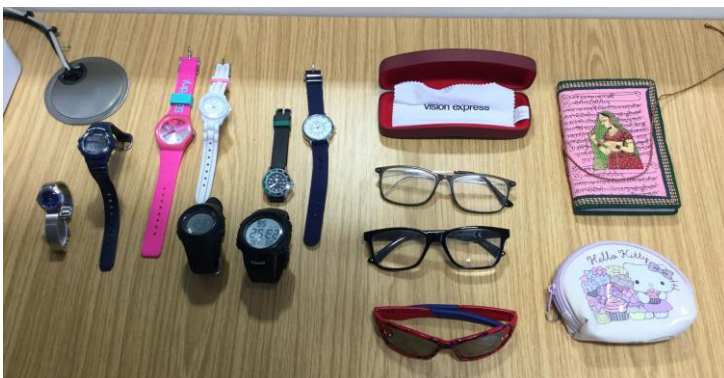
***Blossom Room— please enter through the double doors
to the Junior Library not through the Office***

This will be an opportunity for parents to come along and ask any questions or have any queries answered. It is also an informal chance to meet with other parents and carers, who may have similar experiences; we are keen to build a network of people that can provide support and encouragement with the rewarding, but challenging, life of a parent.

All parents and younger siblings welcome

Lost Property

If you recognise any of these items as your child's please come to the school office.





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

CAMHs ASD Parent Support Group. This group is organised by CAMHs and runs on a monthly basis. Session are between 9:30 and 11:30am at Gatton Place, St Matthews Raod, redhill. RH1 1TA. For further information please contact Redhill CAMHs on 01737 288700.

Understanding Children's Behaviour Course for Parents/Carers

Description

Identify different types of behaviour, how the use of routines and praise can encourage positive behaviour, explore strategies for dealing with difficult behaviour. Free Family Learning 5 week course for parents/carers of children aged up to 7. Pre-booking essential.

Who to contact

Contact Name

Jane Lawrence

Contact Position

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surreycc.gov.uk/.../familylearning

Location

Marden Lodge Primary School

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Croydon Road

Caterham

Postcode

CR3 6QH

Time / Date Details

Thursday 16 January - 13 February 2020 - 1pm - 3pm

Session Information Pre-booking essential

Thrive is a specific way of working with children that helps to develop their social and emotional wellbeing, enabling them to engage with life and learning. It supports them in becoming more self-assured, capable & adaptable. It can also address any troubled, or troubling behaviours, providing a firm foundation for academic attainment



Thrive Guiding Principles:

Every child is a unique person, constantly developing & learning in different ways and at different rates, each with their own abilities, talents & potential to be fulfilled

Children's healthy development, emotional wellbeing & learning are crucially dependent on, and promoted through positive relationships.

Children flourish when they are confident, self-assured, capable and resilient

Children thrive in enabling environments where their individual development, learning experiences and needs are understood, responded to and supported through strong relationships with parents and carers.



Let's help YOUR child to Thrive



Tara & Rachel are licensed Thrive Practitioners