# St. Francis' School Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020



# Value of the month – Faith

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Following the unexpected and very sad news today about one of our Y3 Parents, a letter and leaflet has been sent to all families via Tucasi, we ask that you keep the Eade Family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. Following a prayerful assembly this morning, staff have spoken to the children and made sure they know that they can discuss any worries with them. If the children talk with you about the situation and have any worries, and you need to share any concerns with the staff, please do contact the school.

**Head Girl and Boy and House Captains - Year 6 Children**: Just a reminder that, if your child wishes to be considered for any of these positions, they need to be preparing their speeches this week. The first round takes place in class and the finalists from this round go forward to round two. Their speeches are then heard in a Junior assembly. Speeches are then discussed by the pupils and the staff before final choices are made.

School Disco: We wish everyone a lovely time at the disco this evening.

SEND Coffee Morning: 6th February: See details below. This is open to all parents.

**Thank you**: I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those who said prayers and expressed kind thoughts following the recent death and funeral yesterday of my Father-in-Law.

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Wheeler



### **Head Lice**

Unfortunately, we have an outbreak of head lice in school. Please make a special effort this weekend to check your child/children's hair.

### **Polite Parking Reminder**

Please be mindful when parking on in or around the cul-de-sacs surrounding the school.

2020 Upcoming Events		
31 <sup>st</sup>	January	Talent Show
11 <sup>th</sup>	February	High Ashurst - Outdoor Team Building Day for Year 4
13 <sup>th</sup>	February	School closes for half term @3.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	February	Inset Day School Closed Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	March	Fairtrade Fortnight Begins
4 <sup>th</sup>	March	Down House (Year 6)
5 <sup>th</sup>	March	World Book Day
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	March	Science Week begins with an amazing visit from 'The Science Planetarium' for all children. They are visiting on both days in school.
11 <sup>th</sup>	March	Outdoor Day (details to follow)
16 <sup>th</sup>	March	Egyptian Day (Year 3)
29 <sup>th</sup>	March	British Summer time Begins ( clocks go forward)
30 <sup>th</sup>	March	Parents Evening
31st	March	Parents Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup>	April	School Closes @1pm for the Easter Break

### Wow- Living Streets, Lets Walk To School

St Francis has chosen to be part of an exciting nationwide challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school during the academic year.

**The WOW**- year round walk to school challenge is being delivered by Living Streets a UK charity to get as many children as possible walking.

**WOW** rewards children who walk to school at least once a week with a collectible badge each month. There are 11 badges to collect across the year and daily journeys are logged on our interactive **WOW Travel Tracker** accessed through the school's computer in the classroom. If your family already cycles or scoots to school these count towards earning a **WOW** badge. You can also Park and Stride, just park at least 10 minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates and get as many children as possible experiencing the benefits that walking to school brings.



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. <u>office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk</u>

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.

### On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 14 we will be having a Chinese New Year menu to celebrate Chinese New Year.



### **Lunch Money**

The amounts due for the Spring term are as follows:

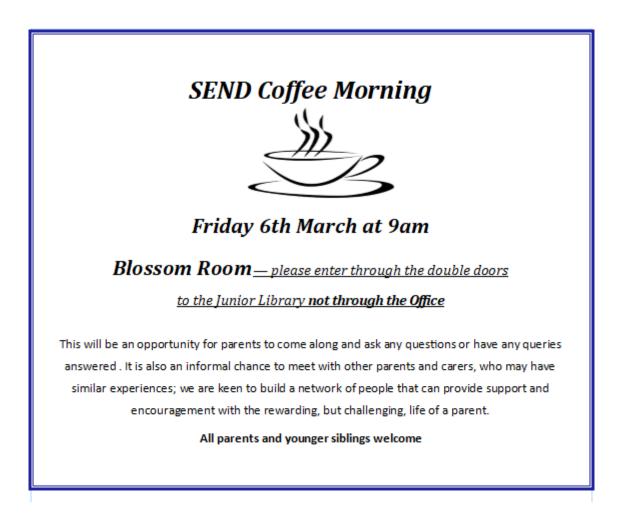
Weekly - £11.75 First half term - £68.15 Second half term - £70.50 Whole term - £138.65

### **Absence Procedures**

Please remember to use <u>absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk</u> 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 Association.**

#### Winter Disco

We are looking forward to seeing all the children tonight at the disco. There will be a tuck shop open and suggested maximum spending money is £5. Please remember that no mobile phones/ipads etc are allowed. Thank you to all the parents that have kindly offered to help.

### Spring Ball

Unfortunately due to poor ticket sales we have decided to cancel the Spring Ball. Refunds will be made to those people who have already purchased tickets.

#### Leavers Disco

We are looking for volunteers to organise the year 6 Leavers Disco. If you have a child in year 6 and would like to help with this please let us know.

Save the Date Quiz Night - 25th April Circus - 25th June Sports Day - 3rd July Leaver's Disco 17th July



# **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 Assistant Curriculum Manager Telephone 01483 518435 07800 728452 E-mail jane.lawrence@surreycc.gov.uk Website surreycc.gov.uk/.../familylearning

**Location** 

Marden Lodge Primary School Address Croydon Road Caterham Postcode CR3 6QH

**Time / Date Details** 

Thursday 16 January - 13 February 2020 - 1pm - 3pm Session Information Pre-booking essential

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.



## You are warmly invited to a

# **Mothers Prayers Talk**

# Nothing is impossible for God -There is Hope for Your Children

# Date: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Time: 2.00 p.m. – Registration and Tea/Coffee

2.30 p.m. – Talk by Carolyn Hart

National Coordinator for England & Wales

# Place: Sacred Heart Church,

Old Hall (behind the church)

Essendene Road, Caterham CR3 5PB

- Cost: Voluntary donations are welcome.
- Notes: Plenty of car parking.
- Contact: Allison tel: 07986511514 or <u>al.pullin@ntlworld.com</u> Anneliese - tel: 07956241427 or <u>anneliesem2@yahoo.com</u>



Dear Parents,

We help parents, just like you, transform their children into Highly Confident, Focused Leaders by developing lifelong Character and Success in just weeks!

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Our small but driven team of instructors have a passion for developing character in young people and aim to make a massive impact, very quickly on areas your child needs to develop. Each child is taken on an exciting journey guiding them to become more resilient, determined, courageous and positive with their own personal instructor.

If you want to see your child develop a <u>blackbelt</u> character, we can turn that vision into a reality. To ensure your child doesn't miss out please follow the details below.

Spaces are very limited.

- 1. Search "LondonTKD" on the App Store or Google Play Store
- 2. Download our App
- 3. Click New User, enter Studio Code: LondonTKD
- 4. Create your new account
- Go to Menu buy clicking the in the top left hand corner
- 6. Click Memberships to select your preferred membership plan
- You will recieve a booking confirmation via email when registration is complete









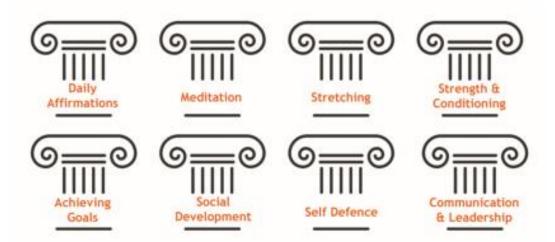


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We believe the environment dictates performance and that's often quite hard to achieve at home, and it's impossible to achieve without some extra help and support. If you feel your child would benefit from development in any of these key areas, register your child now to avoid missing out as places are very limited.





<u>Contact information:</u> Text: 07557 351405 Email: flexiflics@omail.com

### Monday and Friday Morning Gymnastics Club At St Francis

A gymnastics club will be running in the hall on a Monday and Friday morning. Monday morning sessions are for year 1 and 2 and will run from 8:00 – 8:45am. Friday morning sessions are for run for year 3 – 6 and will run 8:00-8:45am. Children are dropped off at the school office, and will get changed ready for class at the end of the session.

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 10 weeks this term. Monday class will run from 13th January – 23<sup>rd</sup> March Friday class will run from 10<sup>th</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> March. (excluding half term and inset days) The cost for this term is £50.00 (£5.00 a session)

### To book a space at before school gymnastics club please contact Flick on 07557 351405 or email her at <u>flexiflics@gmail.com</u>.

A link and payment information will then be sent to you to register your child's place via our online booking system. Please complete the form and follow payment instructions.

Please note, new starters are allocated spaces, on a first come first served basis. If the class is full when you contact us we will let you know and you can be added to our waiting list in case a space becomes available. Spaces will not be held without payment, so please ensure you do both.

Please also note, all fees are non-refundable once your child has been received a space.

We hope To See You At Gymnastics

The Flexi Flics Team

## Supporting children through the loss of a loved one







# **INFORMATION EVENING**

# How to support your children when someone close to them is dying

# Wednesday 29th January 2020 7 - 9pm

- Exploring when to tell the children
- Choosing the right words
- Age appropriate information

- Physical and emotional responses from children
- School issues
- Making memories
- Family advice and support

## Kindly hosted by: East Surrey Macmillan Cancer Support Centre Canada Avenue, Redhill, RH1 5BF

Free parking (if car registration is provided in advance)



# To book: 01342 313895 | info@jigsawsoutheast.org.uk

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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



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