



Value of the month – Caring & Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

We are so fortunate that our two parish priests, Fr Sean and Fr Stephen, are so dedicated to our school. This year, Fr Stephen came to prepare all of us for Lent. Children and staff in both Key Stages enjoyed a beautiful, reflective liturgy, followed by ashes on their foreheads. Thank you to Fr Stephen for his time and to everyone else involved in our preparation for Lent.

Poetry by Heart Competition

We have been entertained the last two days by listening to Poetry during lunch-time. The children, supported by Mrs Shannon, recited their poems beautifully. The winners will be announced next week. Thank you so much to Mrs Shannon for her dedication and support, and also to Mrs Lambe and Mrs Linehan who adjudicated so competently!

New 'School Leaders'

As you are aware, our School Leaders change half-way through the year in order to give other pupils an opportunity. Congratulations to Rosa and Romeo who, after several rounds of speeches, have been voted for as our new Head Boy and Head Girl.

Just before we broke up, the four different Houses voted for their new House Captains and we congratulate the following pupils who will lead their Houses until the end of the year:

John Fisher: Kristina and Thomas
Anne Line: Leah and Lottie
Thomas More: Regan and Bella
Margaret Clitherow: Max and Milly

We congratulate, too, our new RE Prefects, Class Librarians, Play Leaders and the new School Council, who will take up duties next week; voting for the new Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be done by the School Council shortly.

Pancake Sale

A huge well done and thank you to Alessia and her friends in Maple Class for organizing a Pancake Sale on Shrove Tuesday. £228.38 was raised for the WWF to support the animals injured in the Australian bushfires. Alessia donated the cost of all the ingredients (pancakes and lovely toppings) out of her pocket money! We are also very grateful to our parents who support their children in this venture as without your effort and support, this would not have been possible.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Wheeler
Headteacher



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.

2020 Upcoming Events

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)
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
31 st	March	Parents Evening
3 rd	April	School Closes @1pm for the Easter Break

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



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**Parent Partnership Meeting for
Year 3 and 4**

9AM (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**

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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.

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

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:

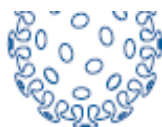
- what autism is
- problems with social interaction and communication
- sensory processing and self-regulation
- link between autism, anxiety and meltdowns
- strategies to support including available therapies
- your rights as parents and your mental well-being
- hands on practice including making visuals,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

