

St. Francis' School Newsletter

18th December 2020



Value of the month – Patience



All the staff wish to thank parents and children for the many gifts, cards and kind wishes received. We wish everyone a Happy, Safe and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year with your families.

Mrs Wheeler and all the Staff



Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Pick-Up Arrangements for Friday and Test & Trace Information for the holiday period.

It is really important that you make sure that you have read the letter sent out yesterday about test and trace arrangements for the coming week.

Pick-Up Tomorrow: Please note the arrangements for staggering Friday's Pick-Up so that we can maintain safety and social distancing. Please collect promptly at the allocated time and remember to wear your masks on site.

- 13:00 YR, Y5 & Y6
- 13:10 Y3 & Y4
- 13:15 Y1 & Y2

Christmas Videos

The children have been recording some events, songs for you all. The link for each class will be sent out tomorrow. As this was a very unusual year, we have already discussed next Christmas (!) and shall make sure that next year the Y1 children who missed doing the traditional Nativity performance, will have the opportunity to do this when they are in Year 2. Let us hope by then 'normal service will be resumed', as they say!

Christmas Party

We have all had a fun packed Christmas party day at school. There are some pictures below to give you a flavor of the day. The video message and presents from Father Christmas were a big hit! We spent a lot of time wondering about how he got into school when Mr Colyer and I had locked up the school!

Memory Tree

The winner of the star from the memory tree was Chloe from Larch Class.

The Teddy Name will be drawn tomorrow by our Head Boy and Girl at our final Celebration assembly.

Westway Community Centre

Well done to the Year 6's for raising £595.12 by taking part in a fun run around the school field. This was topped up with £23.88, which was the amount of coppers collected by the classes. The grand total that we have sent to The Westway Community Centre is £619.00.

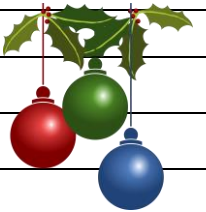
Foodbank

Thank you all for your donations to the Caterham foodbank, these were taken there today and your donations were very much appreciated.

Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

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2020- 2021 Dates		
18th December	School Closes 1pm to 1:15pm See details above	
2021		
4th January	School re-opens 9am	
15th January	Deadline for Reception Place applications – see Admissions Section below	



PARTY



Cafod Money Raised £160

- 1 Keep Clean Kit
- 3 Net that Protects
- 1 Teach Someone to Read
- 1 Weatherproof Crops
- 1 Chirpy Chickens
- 1 Goat that Gives
- 1 Solar Lamp
- 1 Water for a Family

World Gifts
by **CAFOD**

Poetry

Congratulations to all the St Francis Speech and Drama children who received long service (Bronze/Silver/Gold) medals and book awards last week.

Particular congratulations to Ethan for a Six Year Trophy and both Isabella and Nithali for their Five Year Plaque.

Congratulations also goes to the 14 children who took part in the Poetry By Heart Advent Calendar Challenge. Both costumed presentations have been accepted by Poetry by Heart and will be available on the Poetry by Heart Advent Calendar on 16th and 23rd December respectively, See - <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/advent-calendar/>

For the Parishes of Caterham, Whyteleafe, Oxted and Warlingham

2021-22 Catholic Applications – for Reception places for St Francis' Catholic Primary School

For those needing a **Reception place in 2021-22**, there is a [Virtual Tour of the School](#) on the Admissions page of the website. Please do remember to read and follow the Admissions instructions below. If you need any help or advice on Admissions, do contact the School Office

Extraordinarily for this year, due to the COVID situation and to best protect Fr Seán and Fr Stephen, they will not be meeting parents in person to sign the SIF forms.

The general process for applications remains the same. Before the closing date for applications:

- Parent/Carers complete their Local Authority Common Application Form online.
- Parent/Carers must also complete the **SIF** and return it **to the school minus the section usually completed by the priest**.
- The school will formally log receipt of each SIF form from each Catholic applicant.
- The school will then take all the Catholic applicants' SIFs to the priest in one go for the priests to complete the relevant section for each applicant and return to the school.
- If you wish to receive a copy of the final signed SIF, please email the School Office on office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk.

Links for Wellbeing for all

<https://sabp.orchs.co.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-survival-guide/>

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/downloads>

