

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## Value of the month - Perseverance

### Dear Parents and Carers

The first two and a half weeks have flown by. The children have been amazing with settling back into new routines; they are cheerful, positive and hardworking. Well done to them all – we are so proud of them.

### Welcome to our new Reception Classes!

We wish our new Reception pupils and their Parents a very warm welcome to St Francis'. It has been an unusual start, but you have all managed it brilliantly! The children are a delight and are settling well into school life. If you have any queries, please do ask the class teachers, or email in to the office and we will reply as soon as we can.

### Drop off and Pick Up

As you will have heard over the weekend, nationally the Covid situation is worsening, though still quite low locally for Tandridge. Please can we remind everyone to drop off and pick up very promptly at the start and end of the day. We do thank you all for your cooperation in this so far, it is very much appreciated. Please remember the teachers and TAs are just getting to know you all and may not yet recognise your faces. To help staff hand over promptly we encourage you to come forward a little when you see your child. That way staff get to know you and we can speed up the pick-up.

The soft start works well and at the end of the day we have managed to be out very quickly – the whole school out in 35 minutes. Please continue to leave the school grounds as quickly as you possibly can.

**We are more than happy for those of you who wish to, to wear a mask into school at pick up time.**

Once our last group of Reception children have started and settled in this week, we will review the staggered pick-up times to try and reduce the timings further. We are also aware that the lovely weather will eventually break and we need to consider how we can keep the children warm and dry as Autumn and Winter progresses.

**Drop Off Volunteers:** Just to say a **big thank you** from us all for volunteering and managing the drop off with all the additional gloves, masks and sanitising!

### A few updates:

**Y6 Mobile Phones:** Please remind your children that phones must be fully switched off when in school. At the end of the day they should be kept in school bags until the children are completely off site and out of the school gates. We are finding a minority of children with phones on and texting between the cloakroom and gates, before they have been dismissed. The Teachers have given reminders, but if this persists we may have to reconsider allowing phones in school.

**Trainers:** Children should keep their trainers in school at all times and not take them home, this is so they are there ready for any opportunities we may have of using the field and no one has to miss out.

**PE Days:** Children should come to school in their PE kits and wearing their school shoes. When it is PE they will be asked to change into their trainers, which should be in school. After PE they should change back into their school shoes. Please help us by reminding them to leave trainers at school.

This is to help us in the Autumn and Winter months when it can get wet and muddy on the playgrounds and fields during playtimes and PE – it saves water and mud from 400 children's feet from coming in school and onto the carpets. We have been very lucky so far with dry weather, but it may not last!

### Masks in Schools:

Children under the age of 11 in primary school do not need to wear a face covering. If there is a reason for your child to wear a mask in school please ring the office and speak to us so that we can understand your child's requirements and make sure we help your child to follow the rules for masks.

When wearing a face covering you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- avoid wearing on your neck or forehead
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
- avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession (for example, when leaving and entering shops on a high street)

When removing a face covering:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- do not give it to someone else to use
- if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a residual waste bin and do not recycle
- if reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed

**Masks and Adults in School:** In primary schools, where social distancing is not possible in indoor areas outside of classrooms between members of staff or visitors (for example, in staffrooms), head teachers will have the discretion to decide whether to ask staff or visitors to wear, or agree to them wearing face coverings in these circumstances.

**Parent Booklet:** This has been updated with the above and is on the website.

- to clarify the PE and trainer requirements – pg3
- To clarify expectations around masks in school – pg4

### **Parents Evenings**

This year these will be held after the half term. We shall let you know how these will work nearer the time.

### **Procedures for if your or your family have Covid symptoms:**

We have a grid that will help in the event of you or your children experiencing symptoms. It has been emailed out to all parents and is also on the website. If in doubt, please err on the side of caution. Do ring the office and speak to us, we can try and help you talk it through through it. We are fully aware of how hard it is getting tests at present – we all wish it was easier and that the system was fully functioning.

The Government still give these as the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – **this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours**
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

As you may have heard, children appear to experience differing symptoms to adults, which is also causing confusion when trying to decide if it is an ordinary cold and cough or the virus. You can read the research here: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/back-to-school> .

If you cannot access the internet and you are in doubt and need advice you can call 119 or 111 for help and information.

**Best Wishes**  
**Mrs Wheeler**



## Treetops

Our new Treetops wrap-around club has been a massive hit with the children who have attended this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed the new games room, especially the air hockey table, and absolutely loved the races we had with the remote-control cars. The children all arrived and left with lovely smiles on their faces and some asked their parents if they could stay later the next day, which is a great sign. Next week we have a treasure hunt planned and a bingo afternoon, as well as helping children with reading and any homework they would like to complete at the club.

### To book a session

1. Complete a registration form - this only needs to be done once for each child, but **must** be completed before a child attend Treetops
2. Send the completed form to [office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) and give details of whether or not you intend to pay with childcare vouchers or via the government tax-free childcare scheme. If so, please email the following details to [office@stfrancis.surrey.co.uk](mailto:office@stfrancis.surrey.co.uk)
  - a. The name of the provider
  - b. Account holder's name
  - c. Reference (if you don't have a specific reference, this can be your child's name)
3. You will receive confirmation from the office that your Tucasi account is set up
4. Log onto Tucasi scopay and go to the extended day module to book a place. If you are not paying by vouchers, you will need to make a payment before booking sessions. If you are paying with vouchers, it will let you book sessions and pay later
5. You can use Tucasi to book sessions 2 days or more in advance, for bookings for the next day, you will need to call the office (01883 342 005)
6. Any payment via vouchers will be made later when we have the reference numbers for all providers.

The sessions are:

- breakfast (7.30am-9am, cost £7.50)
- short after-school (from the end of school until 4.30pm, cost £5.50)
- long after-school (from the end of school until 6.15pm, cost £12.50)

Please call the school office (01883 342005) or email [office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) with any queries about bookings.

## Class Emails

The Teachers felt that the class emails will continue to be useful for sending you messages, reminders and homework – spellings etc. Please see the list of class emails below and 'opt in' to your child's new class by sending a short 'hello' email giving your child's name and surname. If you have more than one child, you need to sign up for each child.

As teachers are now back to whole class teaching, the emails will only be used for quick messages from the teachers to you and they will only be monitored once a week. They will not be used as the main communication method, unless we go back into a lock down. Parents should still email via the office for important, or urgent messages regarding the children (medical appointments, changes to pick up arrangements etc.) and via [absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) for absences. Please remember that emails should be polite, courteous and respectful.

### EYFS & KS1 Email

Username: [appleclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:appleclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

Username: [cherryclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cherryclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

Username: [oakclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:oakclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

Username: [elmclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:elmclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

Username: [beechclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:beechclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

Username: [larchclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:larchclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

### KS2 Email

[rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

[pineclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pineclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

[cedarclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cedarclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

[hazelclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hazelclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

[hornbeamclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hornbeamclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

[mapleclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mapleclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

[willowclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:willowclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

[lindenclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lindenclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

### Absence Procedures

Please remember to use [absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### 2020- 2021 Dates

9 <sup>th</sup>	October	<b>Inset Day- Whole School Training</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	October	<b>Inset Day- Whole School Training</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	June	<b>Inset Day- Whole School Development Day</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	October	<b>Bags2school</b>
<b>Parents Evening Dates TBC after the half term.</b>		

### Lunch Money

A reminder that lunch money is now due for the new term. The cost is now £2.40 per day, making the totals as follows:

Weekly - £12.00

First half term - £86.40

Second half term - £84.00

Whole term - £170.40

payments can be made via Tucasi online.

Meals are ordered on a weekly basis; you **cannot** alter midweek. Anyone wishing to change from Packed Lunch to School Dinners or vice versa, must let the school office know by the Friday of the previous week. You will be charged for dinners if you have not informed us. Thank you

### .Polite Reminder

**JEWELLERY - *no jewellery should be worn in school.*** It is County and school policy that children are not permitted to take part in any form of Physical Education if wearing jewellery. This includes earrings, or retainers even if they are covered up with tape.  
Thank you.

### Crisp Bag Collection

Thanks so much to everyone who has brought in empty crisp bags for our recycling collection. We will not be collecting any more due to the new safety regulations and will let you know when this will be resumed. Thank you.

## **“de Stafford School Open Event**



“de Stafford School will be hoping a Virtual Open Event on Thursday 8 October.

Please complete this online form to register your interest: <https://forms.gle/vSSeoZ2XqQCWEsy2A>

The Virtual Open Event will include:

- Welcome presentations from the Executive Headteacher and Head of School
- A Virtual Tour of the school
- Video testimonials from staff, students and parents
- Curriculum and Admissions information
- The opportunity to submit your questions to the Senior Leadership Team”

## **St Philomena’s Catholic High School Open Events**

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding five live Webinar sessions starting from next week. These events will take place on five separate days at varying times to accommodate family needs:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 12.00 noon

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 4.00pm

These Webinar sessions will be one hour in length. Ms Noone, Headteacher, will give a Presentation regarding Admissions 2021. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to send questions through during the session, and Ms Noone will answer as many of these questions as possible.

Here is a link to the full details of the Webinars on our Website:

<http://www.stphils.org.uk/news-stories/870-open-evening-for-transfer-to-secondary-school-2021>

Parents/carers will need to book their preferred Webinar session using the Booking Form on our main school Website (<http://www.stphils.link/openday>). Numbers are limited to 40 families per Webinar.

The Supplementary Forms for 2021 Admission are available on our Website:

<http://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/admissions-2021>



## Welcome back to a fantastic dining experience for pupils in schools!

Welcome back to the Autumn term in Twelve15 kitchens, this Autumn things are a bit different; we have been working closely with all of our schools to develop a range of offers that meet the latest Government guidance and take into account the measures required to provide a healthy, nutritious, safe school lunch for your child. School lunch is an important part of your child's day providing an opportunity to eat with their friends whilst enjoying great tasting food, prepared and delivered safely. To find out more about the individual offer in your child's school, please see your school's website. These menus may be subject to change to reflect the latest Government guidelines.

At Twelve15 kitchens we fuse healthy and balanced nutrition with friendly dining. Providing safe access to quality food, our team of experts ensure that statutory standards and nutritional guidelines are met and make lunch time fun.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/A9wbXZPKPLNX3/>

## Barnardo's 'see, Hear, Respond' Service

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

See, Hear, Respond, provides support to children, young people and their families who aren't currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). See, Hear, Respond will support from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25.

See, Hear, Respond will contact every referral made, so no child is missed. Help is available in one or more of four ways:

- 1, an online hub of support and information
- 2, online counselling and therapy
- 3, face-to-face support for those most affected and at risk of some of today's most pertinent issues  
Such as criminal exploitation, and
- 4, helping children and young people reintegrate back into school

You can access via the 'See, Hear, Respond' service [self-referral webpage](#) or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

## **ALL SAINTS**(*1<sup>st</sup> November*)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

## **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

(*2<sup>nd</sup> November*)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

## **Diocesan Day of Prayer for Schools**(*20<sup>th</sup> November*)

## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING** (*22<sup>nd</sup> November*)

## **ADVENT**(*Begins 29<sup>th</sup> November*)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

## **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**(*8<sup>th</sup> December*)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**(*25<sup>th</sup> December*)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**(*27<sup>th</sup> December*)

### **Our "Values of the Month" in the Autumn Term**

***September : Perseverance***

***October : Responsibility***

***November : Respect***

***December : Patience***



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## AUTUMN TERM 2020

### COME & SEE AT HOME

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend two weeks studying Judaism

#### DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

*(7<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October)*

Early Years	<b>MYSELF</b> - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	<b>FAMILIES</b> - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	<b>BEGINNINGS</b> - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	<b>HOMES</b> - God's vision for every family
Year 4	<b>PEOPLE</b> - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	<b>OURSELVES</b> - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	<b>LOVING</b> - God who never stops loving

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it

#### JUDAISM (5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October)

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism. Ask them what they have been learning about.

#### BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

*(Suggested Dates 19<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> November)*

Early Years	<b>WELCOME</b> - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	<b>BELONGING</b> - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	<b>SIGNS AND SYMBOLS</b> - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	<b>PROMISES</b> - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	<b>CALLED</b> - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	<b>LIFE CHOICES</b> - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6 of	<b>VOCATION AND COMMITMENT</b> - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

#### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

*(Suggested Dates 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> December)*

Early Years	<b>BIRTHDAY</b> - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	<b>WAITING</b> - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	<b>PREPARATIONS</b> - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	<b>VISITORS</b> - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	<b>GIFT</b> - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	<b>HOPE</b> - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b> - Jesus born to show God to the world

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.