

St. Francis' School Newsletter

25th September 2020



Value of the month - Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been celebrating this week the appointment of our Head Boy and Girl and those pupils with positions of responsibility. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and to those children who prepared and made speeches. We are proud of you all. There will, as usual, be a further opportunity for pupils to put themselves forward in the spring term.

CONGRATULATIONS to....

***Jessica - HEADGIRL and Frankie - HEADBOY**

***House Captains :** Adi & Ruby (Anne Line)
Talía & Kieran (John Fisher)

India & Dylan (Thomas More)
Chloe & Ollie (Margaret Clithero)

*School Councillors:

Isabel (Willow), Katie (Linden), Nithali (Maple), Santino (Hornbeam), Darcy (Hazel), Caitlin (Pine), Ben (Cedar) and Ella (Rowan)

*Librarians

Lewis (Linden), Oliver (Willow), Mae (Maple), Dylan (Hornbeam), Eva (Hazel), Tom (Pine), Sienna (Cedar) and Conor (Rowan)

*Eco-warriors

Ella (Willow), Jayden (Linden), Penny (Maple), Alex (Hornbeam), Aniela (Hazel), Joaquin (Pine), Sam (Rowan) and Henry (Cedar)

Housepoints Winning House! Well done to **JOHN FISHER**, our winning House this week! In our Zoom Celebration Assembly this morning, Jessica and Frankie presented the trophy to JF House Captain, Talía.

Mufti Day 2nd October

On Sunday 4th October the church will be celebrating the Feast of Saint Francis as well as Harvest. The Year 6s will be leading a liturgy for St Francis on Friday 2nd October in school. As our school is named after Saint Francis of Assisi we would like to round up the weeks celebrations with a mufti day on Friday. We will be asking for a suggested donation of £1, which will be used to assist with the purchase of benches for our revamped prayer garden. Buckets will be outside the school on Friday for your donations to be safely collected.

Prayer Garden Cross

A big 'thank you' to Mrs Zarembski and Mrs Pullin who have been resurrecting the cross in the Prayer Garden. – It looks amazing! Thank you so much for all your creative efforts and giving up your time to create such a fabulous 'Salvadorian style' cross.



Winter Coats

Sadly, the weather has turned! Please make sure that all children have warm coats in school everyday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Headgirl & Headboy



House Captains



Year 6 Eco-Warriors



Year 6 School Councillors



Year 6 School Librarians



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 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
 - 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 with any queries about bookings.

2020- 2021 Dates

2 nd	October	Mufti Day
2 nd	October	Bags2school
9 th	October	Inset Day- Whole School Training – Talk for Writing
12 th	October	Inset Day- Whole School Training – Talk for Writing

Parents Evening Dates TBC after the half term.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 30th September 2020
7.30pm via Zoom



Dear Parents, Guardians and all St Francis teaching and non-teaching staff,
Please accept this letter as notice of the School Association AGM. The meeting will be starting at 7:30pm, due to Covid-19 safety restrictions we are unable to hold the meeting as usual at the school hall, this year the meeting will be held via Zoom, please indicate via the school association email if you wish to receive the joining details. All parents and guardians automatically become members of the School Association when their child joins St Francis. Along with providing a chance for social get-togethers, it is our aim to raise funds to purchase additional equipment for our school to enhance every child's education. The funds raised over the last few years have helped to purchase new play equipment storage for EYFS, a large amount of books for the Junior Library, along with many other donations.

If you would like to have a say or hear more about our work this past year come along to our AGM. Even better you can nominate yourself to join our Committee and have a direct say in the Association's activities. It's fun and rewarding and, more importantly, it directly impacts on the needs of your children at St Francis.

There are currently vacancies for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Joint Secretaries and Class Reps, we are pleased to report we have already received nominations for these vacancies, with only a few Class Rep vacancies left to fill.

The Agenda is attached and the main objective for the evening is to elect all Committee members and to appoint class representatives.

If you would like to stand for the Committee as a Member or a Class Representative, please fill in the form below and return it to school. On the reverse is an explanation of the Association and what is expected of a Committee Member and a Class Representative. If you would like more information on what the roles involve please contact us on stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Kolkman,
Chairperson

Stuart Johnson,
Treasurer

Helen Byrne ,Sharon, Evans and Charlotte Thompson
Joint Secretaries

What Is The School Association?

The School Association is formed of the parents/guardians of children at St Francis together with the Head Teacher and teacher representatives. Our aim is to raise funds to provide additional school equipment for our children's benefit as well as providing opportunities for parents and children to get together socially. All fundraising events are open to everyone connected with the school, as well as friends and family. A good time for a good cause!

Each parent/guardian automatically becomes a member of the School Association when their child joins St Francis. There are a number of specific roles within the Association:

Committee Members

Committee Members represent the Association, attending term-time evening meetings to discuss and plan the various social events and work-parties and put forward new ideas. Approximately 6 meetings are held every year. Within the Committee are the roles of Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Licensee. The Committee also includes staff representatives.

Being a member of the Committee is a voluntary position. We have guidelines for the different positions but ultimately the holders can make the positions their own.

Class Representatives: Each of the classes in the school has one or more Class Reps whose main responsibilities are to help encourage interest in forthcoming events and of course to sell tickets! But most importantly to communicate information from the PTA and the teachers. They keep a list of those in their class to pass on information and also in order to arrange any class functions. In addition, they are asked to help coordinate a class stall at the Christmas and Summer fayres. It is a very important role and very much key to a successful event. Class Reps can also forward any ideas for future fund-raising and social events, and also pass on any feedback.

If you are interested in standing for any of these roles or to find out more information please return the slip attached or email stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com.

N.B. These notes should be regarded as general guidelines for information only and do not form part of any rules or regulations.

To: School Association (Please return via email, PTA post box or book bags by Friday 20th September)

I will be attending the AGM via Zoom Yes / No

**I am interested in standing for the vacant committee role of:
Chairperson Yes / No**

Vice Chairperson Yes / No

Joint Secretary Yes / No

I am interested in standing as Class Representative Yes / No

If yes please advise which class: _____

Signed: _____

Print: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

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:

Tuesday 29th September at 2.00pm

Thursday 1st 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>

"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"

Health, Wellbeing and Emotional Wellbeing Support for Children in Surrey

Guide for Parents and Carers, September 2020

Your child's health and wellbeing is important to us and now more than ever we want to ensure you know how to access the right advice, guidance and support for your family at the right time. This brief guide aims to summarise the key resources available to help maintain your child's wellbeing and address any emotional needs.

Health Concerns



If your child is unwell or has an injury and you are not sure what to do call NHS 111. They are available 24/7 and will get you the right support and help.

Visit www.nhs.uk to find information and advice on health conditions, symptoms, healthy living, medicines and how to get help.

It's still important to get help from your GP if you need it. Contact your surgery for advice.

In an emergency always call 999

Family Information Service

Information and signposting service for families with children aged 0 – 19 in Surrey covering childcare, education, family finance and wellbeing plus COVID-19 resources.
www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families

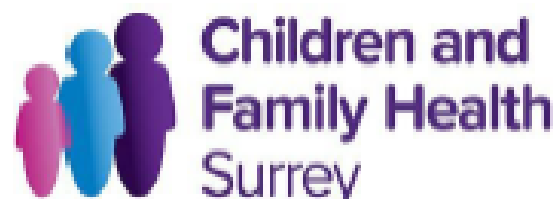
Family Community NHS Services

Children and Family Health Surrey is your local NHS service providing health and care services for families with children aged 0 – 19.

Health visitors, community and school nurses and therapists provide advice and care for health and wellbeing concerns. Contact their advice line for advice on all aspects of child health, development and parenting or visit the website for useful and practical information.

0 – 19 Advice line: 01883 340 922
8am-5pm Mon-Fri exc Bank Hols

www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk



COVID-19 & Returning to School

Surrey County Council has a dedicated web page with information on returning to school this autumn and how to stay safe.
www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/schools-and-childcare

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Resources

Every Mind Matters

Advice for parents and carers on looking after your child's mental health and self care videos for young people:

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Young Minds

Useful tips and ideas for how to support your children with worries or mental health problems:

youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/

MindEd for Families

Advice and information from specialists and parents to help you understand what problems occur and what you can do best to support your family: www.minded.org.uk

Childline

Counselling service for children and young people available any time via phone or online:

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Free Online Parenting Guides: Children and Teenagers

Online guides to help you understand your child's emotional development to improve your relationship. Each guide has around 10 sessions of roughly 20 minutes each, there are activities that can be carried out between sessions:

childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/free-online-guides-families

Surrey Wellbeing Parenting Facebook Page

Plenty of ideas and tips to help you meet the emotional and developmental needs of your children right now. www.facebook.com/Surrey-Wellbeing-Partnership-103386114667958

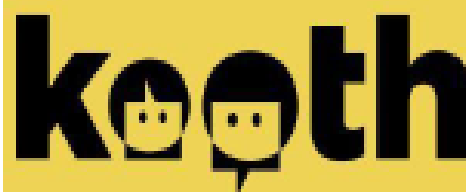
The Surrey Wellbeing Partnership is a group of voluntary sector organisations working together to help improve the wellbeing of Surrey children, young people and families. Contact your school to see if there is a charity working with your school.

Qwell for SEND Children

Online emotional wellbeing support for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disability in Surrey: www.qwell.io

Kooth.com

Online mental wellbeing support for children from 10 years upwards in Surrey including a virtual chat with a trained member of the team. www.kooth.com



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