# St. Francis' School Newsletter

20th January 2023



# Value of the month - Faith

# **Dear Parents and Carers**

### **Breck Foundation Visit**

Kerry Rusk, from the Breck Foundation, delivered workshops to children from years 3-6 this week, helping our children to understand the dangers of online grooming. With children spending more time gaming, Kerry shared important messages on How to be safe online, helping to safeguard our children.



# **Prom Praise Competition**

In preparation for Prom Praise for Schools at the Royal Albert Hall 2024, your children are invited to write a brand-new song based on the story of David and Goliath. One song will be chosen to be included in the programme. How exciting! Please use the link below to watch a short video and read further details on how to enter the competition. We do have some amazing composers. Submissions by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Please do let Mrs Hardy know that you would like to take part in this composing competition. Thank you! <a href="https://prompraise4schools.com/">https://prompraise4schools.com/</a>

## **Whizz Kids Holiday Club**

Our Holiday Club Provider Whizz Kids is running in the February half term holiday and during the Easter Holidays. Please scroll down to see the flyer and find the booking details.

## **Parking**

Yesterday we observed two cars drive the wrong way around the roundabout at the green. This is very dangerous, please do not do it. Thank you.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to Thomas Moore House (Third week running) for winning the House Points Cup.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff









Calendar Dates	
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Metal Health Day
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Talent Show TBC
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day - School and Treetops are Closed
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Break
20 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens @ 9am
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Workshop Whole School
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening TBC
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening TBC
31 <sup>st</sup> March	School Finishes @ 1pm for the Easter Break – Note on this day Treetops will open for the morning session only. It will be closed for the afternoon.



Start date:

Wednesday 25 January 2023

Duration:

For 3 days

8am - 5pm

Road closed

Please look out for advance warning signs on site for any date changes or check one network; or @HighwaysSurrey on Twitter, Surrey Highways on Facebook and @surrey\_highways on Instagram

# What we are doing

We are carrying out resurfacing works on Whyteleafe Hill & Whyteleafe Road, Whyteleafe.



Works area:

# Information for residents and businesses

Whyteleafe Hill & Whyteleafe Road will be closed whilst we carry out our resurfacing works.

We will make sure you can get to and from your house or business when it is safe to do so. Please talk to a member of our staff on site if you need help – talking to our staff can solve most issues.

Please park elsewhere while the works are in progress. It is essential to keep the road free from parked vehicles to enable the works to proceed. Please park somewhere else otherwise your vehicle may be towed away to a nearby road.

This work is weather dependant and sometimes our work is delayed by bad weather. We will keep you updated on any changes via the advance warning signs displayed in the road and on <u>one network</u>. You can also sign up here for email alerts.

# Noise

There will be some noise but where possible, we will try to keep this to a minimum

# Updates

If you would like to sign up for updates on these works, you can do so using the roadworks map at one network and searching for your road.

# Customer feedback



We'd appreciate your feedback on these works to help us continue to improve. Please scan the QR code to fill out the online survey.

Thank you in advance.

### ST FRANCIS SPEECH AND DRAMA UPDATE - JANUARY 2023

# REIGATE AND REDHILL MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL 2022 - 2nd -13th May 2023

Festival WINNERS Concert Tuesday 23rd May 2023 - The Harlequin Theatre, Redhill MRS SHANNON'S CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES - 10 FEBRUARY 2023

THE BOOKING IS NOW OPEN. St Francis school is entering the speech and drama section for the 14th year running. If your child is a budding performer then this is for them. In 2022 St Francis pupils won 12 sections between them as well as some 2nd and 3nd place, with Nithali (Yr 6) having started in Reception, winning all 7 she entered and Bea (Yr 4) two. There is support out of club funds in case of financial need, If your child is a singer/musician do talk to their

instrumental teacher about the possibility of entering that section, too.



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POETRY BY HEART 2022-23 https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/



St Francis school Is participating in Poetry by Heart for the fourth year running. This is a <a href="NATIONAL">NATIONAL</a> recitation competition funded by the Department for Education, Homerton College, Cambridge and many other key organisations, whereby State and Independent primary and secondary schools compete against each other and participate the finals at The famous (Shakespeare) Globe Theatre, London. All children who take part receive an Official Poetry by Heart Certificate and Badge. as well as a book.

The initial heats are judged internally by the Head Teacher and a Literacy Co-ordinator. School winners and some noncompetitive event children (groups/pair/trios/solos) are then put forward to the county heats, including ESL children reciting a poem in their home language and translating it into English, in national costume.











Since 2020 St Francis has won Poetry by Heart twice for Surrey and performed in the national finals at THE GLOBE THEATRE, London alongside famous poets such as Matt Rosen, Valerie Bloom and Matt Goodfellow. Then in 2022 St Francis won the CliPE (Centre for Literacy in Primary Education.), Award performing at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank...

Congratulations to KS1 children Taylor, Sean, Astrid, Sadie, Grace, Robyn, Nicola, Dominic, Niamh, Ivy, Olivia, Kamshika, Erica, Lola, Leon and Samuel, who in the past weeks have launched Poetry by Heart in their classrooms by leading their class in a selection of Poems and in so doing, earning House Points from their class teachers. Also, to Francesca (Year 3) and Eloise (Year 6), for having already memorised their poems and presenting them to other members



# THEPOETRYSOCIETY

# LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMA ART EXAMS

Well done to those St Francis Speech and Drama Club children who took LAMDA - Introductory or Shakespeare exams at LAMDA in December It will be a few more weeks before we get the results.

Also good luck to those children who worked over Christmas via Zoom for Shakespeare and Reading for Performance exams. did their mock exams with David Lawson Lean on Sunday and are taking either their second, third or fourth exams at LAMDA this weekend.

For further information on all the above events, please contact Mrs Shannon on bispeechdrama22@gmail.com



# Caterham Festival's

Winter Ball

Saturday 18th February 2023. 7pm til late

Surrey National Golf Course, Caterham

Three Course Meal, Entertainment plus Disco

Tickets £45

To book https://www.caterhamfestival.org or QR @

A Caterham Festival Event



