

St. Francis' School Newsletter

27th January 2023



Value of the month – Faith

Dear Parents and Carers

Mental Health Day

Please see information below and attached regarding Parent Mental Health Day which takes place today.

Stem4's Parent Mental Health Day on **27th January** (PMHD) encourages understanding and awareness of the importance of parents' mental health and its impact on the whole family system. With this year's theme being 'balance'. Stem4 are inviting parents to join their webinar on Friday 27th January at 7pm (link below) where they will discuss how improved parent mental health benefits the whole family, and practical ways in which parents and carers can regain equilibrium in their lives and tip the balance towards positive mental health.

<https://stem4.org.uk/event/webinar-for-parents-carers-building-resilience-in-parents-carers/>

Collecting Children from Afterschool Clubs & Treetops

In the interest of safety, please be reminded that if you are picking up from any after school clubs, you are to wait by the external gates to collect your child. Please do not enter the school grounds. If you are collecting from Treetops, please use the buzzer and wait for the gate to open, do not let others in behind you and ensure that the gate is firmly closed. Thank you for your support.

NEU Strike Days

Wednesday 1st February - A letter was sent home on Tuesday 24th to all Parents regarding this.

Deanery Schools Initiative

Please read the information below on the St Peter's (pupil led) Petition regarding School fruit and Fairtrade bananas. You may wish to consider supporting their petition - the link is in the information.

This term, St Peter's Catholic School's International club has been learning about Fairtrade issues and were really shocked to find out that the bananas that are sent to school as part of the Free School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme for KS1 children (which is government funded) are not Fairtrade! Every day, approx. 2.3m children aged 4-7 in state-funded schools receive a free piece of fruit which includes bananas. We think that not including Fairtrade bananas in this scheme is setting a really bad example to children around the country and we want the Government to change this. We have started an online petition to the Government to request that they consider changing all the bananas in the scheme to Fairtrade bananas which has received support from the Fairtrade Foundation and our local MP, Chris Grayling as well as being featured in the Universe Catholic Weekly. https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/january-2023/UNIVERSE-13-JANUARY.pdf?mc_cid=a99c610561&mc_eid=f76863778 We need 10,000 signatures by the end of January 2023 to get a response from the government so we are asking for your help in telling people about it. You can find our petition here: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/619553> The children have also made a video which is on our website and which I have permission to share with you.

<https://www.stpetersleatherhead.co.uk/page/?title=Fairtrade&pid=440>

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **Anne Line** for winning the House Points Cup.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Calendar Dates

1 st February	Potential Strike Day – see the letter already sent out to parents
9 th February	Talent Show Day - pm
Friday 10th February	Inset Day - School and Treetops are Closed
13 th - 17 th February	Half Term Break
20 th February	School reopens @ 9am
3 rd March	World Book Day
20 th March	Science Week
21 st March	Science Workshop Whole School
28 th March	Parents Evening TBC
29 th March	Parents Evening TBC
31 st 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.

Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005 with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have six venues around West Sussex.




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If you are looking for a treat, or for someone to entertain your child, Whizz Kids is the perfect opportunity for children to really enjoy their school holidays. With fully qualified sports coaches on site teaching new skills providing the finest in sporting activities, together with a whole host of creative activities and much much more.

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Venues

- 1 White Meadows Primary Academy, Littlehampton
- 2 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 3 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 4 Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- 5 Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 6 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham




Operating Dates

FEB HALF TERM: Sites 2, 3, 5, 6

EASTER: Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

MAY HALF TERM: Sites 2, 3, 5, 6

SUMMER: Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

OCTOBER HALF TERM: Sites 2, 3, 5, 6

CHRISTMAS: n/a

Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

Active Fun!

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket/Kwick Cricket
- Tennis/Short Tennis
- Basketball
- Rounders
- Mini Sports
- Team Games
- Adventure Playground
- Field Activities
- Mini Olympics
- Dodge Ball
- Tag Rugby

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Cooking
- Face Painting
- Painting & Sticky Stuff
- Play Dough Modelling
- Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Dance and Drama
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Days
- Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Board Games

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
9am - 4.45pm (per day)
£32.00 *

EXTRAS

Early Birds
8.15am - 9.00am (per day) £4.50

Late Leavers
4.45pm - 5.45pm (per day) £4.50

Tuck
£1.00 (per day)

Sickness & Flexibility Insurance
£2.00 (per day)

We are certified









Book now to join us for the

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

