



Value of the month – Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers

World Book Day

The children have had a fantastically fun day enjoying a wide range of books and completing love of reading activities. They all looked absolutely amazing in their outfits and great enjoyment was seen from all as they saw each other coming into assembly this morning. Thank you to all of you for helping the children with their outfits; they have had a fabulous time!

Each class has worked incredibly hard on creating a poster for the school libraries which will be displayed very soon. It will be so lovely to see their artwork around the school, making the libraries a welcoming and fun place to be.

The children loved being able to visit another class and share their favourite stories together. It was wonderful to see the older children supporting the younger children with their reading!

Thank you to those who have donated books for our book swap. All of the children have had the opportunity to choose a new book to take home with them. It has once again been a roaring success with the additional excitement of finding a magical golden ticket. Congratulations to our six winners who will be having afternoon tea with Mrs Wheeler and Miss Morris.

Lenten Reflection- Week 2

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories which aren't positive can spring to mind. Words like "sacrifice, self-discipline and self-denial" get used often and this can suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace, growing in spirituality and opportunity to reconcile our relationships with God.

Lent can be looked on as a yearly second chance, when we have 6 weeks to lovingly look at our lives and see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us will find that we have wandered from the path God may have set for us, Lent becomes a chance for us to return to God with our whole heart. This week maybe you could as a family take a moment of to reflect on this and pray using the Lord's prayer.

Young Artist Competition

Each year the Royal Academy of Arts holds a Young Artists' Summer Show with the aim of nurturing and celebrating the next generation of artists. This is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-19 years. This year, St Francis School has registered to take part, so all of our budding artists have the opportunity to participate if they so wish. The winning pieces will be displayed online, and some will also be exhibited on-site at the Royal Academy. Details here <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

On this website you will find lots of guidance about how to enter and tips on how to best photograph your child's artwork. The key dates are:

Closing date for artwork to be submitted - **29th March 2023**

Judging - **May 2023**

Online exhibition - **!8th July 2023**

Display at the RAA - **18th July - 13th August 2023**



Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us, and
lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. Amen.

Fairtrade Sale – for the Special People in our Lives

A representative from Fairtrade will be visiting our school Friday 17th March, with a range of Fairtrade gifts. This is the perfect opportunity for children to buy their very own gift for the special people in our lives and to support Fairtrade! Nothing on sale will cost more than £5.00. Children should bring in £5.00 in cash. Thank you for supporting this.

Sports Day – Day Change!

Please be aware that this year we will be having Sports Day on Wednesday 28th June. (Our 'emergency' date, in case of rain, is Wednesday 5th July).

PTA Summer Fun Fayre: Details and a date for the Summer Fun Fayre will follow when we have discussed this with our PTA.

Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Details can be found here.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistants-1307900>

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Calendar Dates

17 th March	Fair Trade Sale for Mothering Sunday
20 th March	Science Week
21 st March	Science Workshop Whole School
28 th March	Parents Evening TBC Reception Height & Weight
29 th March	Parents Evening TBC Reception Height & Weight
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.
17 th April	School Re-opens @ 9am



School Sports Day T-Shirts & Caps 2023

The PTA will be supporting Sports Day during the Summer Term. As in previous years the PTA are offering house coloured personalised T-Shirts and Caps for sale.

Full details can be found at the school shop using the link below. Closing date for ALL orders is **Sunday 2nd April 2023**.

All shirts will include the school logo on the front and if added will include a name on the rear. The number of characters available for the name is limited.

Select the sizes you need, in the appropriate house colour and ensure the correct spellings for personalisation when you order.

Don't forget shirts and caps can also be ordered for supportive adults.

All orders will be available for collection in school before Sports



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool>

ROTARY EASTER BUNNY FUN RUN SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023



1K FUN RUN STARTS 10.00am
5K RACE STARTS at 10.30am
All finishers will receive an Easter Egg.
Prizes for 'Best Dressed Bunnies'
Queens Park Caterham

Raise money
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Charities

A Registration Fee and a Signed Form are required for each runner **£6.00** for the 5km race and **£3.00** for the 1km Fun Run.
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