

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> March 2023



## Value of the month – Forgiveness

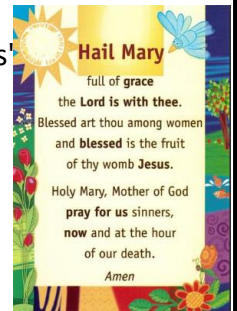
### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Lenten Reflection- Week 3

Pope Francis message for Lent 2023 highlights personal and ecclesial "Transfiguration". He says that, our Lenten sacrifices are a "commitment, sustained by grace... to following Jesus on his way to the cross". They require effort, commitment and concentration, therefore we can say that "our Lenten journey is 'synodal' since we make it together along the same paths, as disciples of the one Master." Like the journey of the disciples up Mount Tabor, Pope Francis acknowledges that the synodal process can see arduous and lead to discouragement. Yet, he says "what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly, something wonderful and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the world".



This week if you are finding your Lenten promise a challenge take strength from Pope Francis' words that our sacrifices will lead to something that is wonderful and amazing. This week we invite you to perhaps join together as a family as pray to Mary our Mother asking for her help.



#### Parents Evening

Parent's Evening appointments are available to book online via Tucasi.

**Oak & Elm Classes** will be holding their meetings on **Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th March**. All other classes will be on **Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th March**.

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on [office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) and not via the class email.

#### Holy Week Reflections

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**- St Oscar Romero Day- Children to wear colourful clothing to school - no donation needed!



We are really pleased to be able to invite you this year to our "Holy Week Reflections". Each day before the Easter Holidays different year groups will be leading us in reflections of the last week of Jesus' life. You are invited to come and join us on the day that you child's year group is leading. We look forward to many of you joining us. Please see key dates in the grid below.

#### Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **Margaret Clitheroe** for winning the House Points Cup. Congratulations to Anya and Angel who were awarded a Distinction in their LAMDA entry level reading and performance, and to Imogen for her Merit award in level 1 Shakespeare. Well done girls. As always, our thanks go to Mrs Shannon.



Wishing you a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



## Key Dates Holy Week



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 9:15am-** Reception and Year 1 Parents-  
Palm Sunday reflection

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 9:15am-** Year 2 Parents-  
Merchants in the temple reflection

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 9:15am-** Year 3 Parents-  
Washing of the feet reflection

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 2:45pm-** Year 4 Parents-  
Last Supper reflection

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> - 9:15am -** Year 5 Parents-  
Garden of Gethsemane, Peter's Denial and Jesus' Trial  
Reflection

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> - 9:15am-** Year 6 parents-  
Stations of the Cross

## Young Artist Competition

Key Dates

**dates are:**

Closing date for artwork to be submitted -  
**29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Judging - **May 2023**

Online exhibition - **18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Display at the RAA - **18<sup>th</sup> July - 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

## Sports Day – Day Change!

Please be aware that this year we will be having  
Sports Day on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.

(Our 'emergency' date, in case of rain, is  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**).

## Clubs

Reminder: The last session for all after-school clubs is  
the **week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

Don't forget to book your spaces for the Summer  
Term if you wish your child to continue in a club.

## Calendar Dates

17 <sup>th</sup> March	Fair Trade Sale for Mothering Sunday
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Science Workshop Whole School
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening TBC Reception Height & Weight
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening TBC Reception Height & Weight
31 <sup>st</sup> March	School Finishes @ 1pm for the Easter Break – <b>Note on this day Treetops will open for the morning session only. It will be closed for the afternoon.</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> 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 Day.



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

Watch this space for further details of how the PTA will support Sports Day.

Thanks The PTA

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**THURSDAY 16TH MARCH**  
**6PM ONLINE**

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**ROTARY EASTER BUNNY FUN RUN**  
**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 for your own charity or Caterham Rotary 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.  
**DOUBLE ON THE DAY.**

Enter online **Now open!** [www.rotaryruns.co.uk](http://www.rotaryruns.co.uk) or email [marketing@caterhamrotary.org.uk](mailto:marketing@caterhamrotary.org.uk)



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