



## Value of the month – Forgiveness

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Lenten Reflection- Week 4

We have been given so much by the Lord and during Lent, a time of reflection we can think upon the "gifts that we have been given. We have been entrusted with land to care for the wonderful and beautiful earth. As the great encyclical letter Laudato Si' reminds us, the world belongs to God and we have been given the responsibility of "caring (for), protecting, overseeing and preserving" it (Laudato Si', 67).

We, the tenants on God's earth, have too often treated the gift as our possession to do with as we please and silenced the voices calling us to account for our stewardship. Now, it is the most vulnerable communities who are paying the heaviest price as the climate changes. This Lent, let's resolve to be good tenants of the vineyard in our care, doing all we can to respond to the climate crisis, to prevent further damage to our environment and restore creation for the common good. This week we ask you to reflect and consider what can you do to "live simply". **Prayer God of all, help us to cherish the gift of creation. May we be just and generous stewards of all the gifts you have given us, Amen.**



#### Fairtrade Sale – for the Special People in our Lives

The children were able to choose some lovely Fairtrade gifts for the special people in our lives and support Fairtrade. We hope you all have a wonderful Sunday. Thank you for supporting this.



#### Science Week for Whole School

We are looking forward to science week next week, there will be lots going on in school. The children will have a science show on Tuesday and a science showcase on Thursday.

#### Oscar Romero Day

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** it is St Oscar Romero Day, the children have been invited to wear colourful clothes (like our colourful crosses in class). No donation needed.

#### Fizzy Maths Day

9 Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to attend Fizzy Maths at Caterham school last week. We came first in the maths competition and were given the opportunity to problem solve lots of collaborative maths questions.



#### Cross Country

On Tuesday, our juniors took part in the cross country cup held at Warlingham School. It was a very tough race and all the kids who took part did an incredible job and were great representatives for the school. Overall St Francis finished in 2nd place for the Y5/6 races. Special mention goes to Joseph in Y4 for finishing 3rd in his race, and Isla and Madison in Y3 for displaying excellent sportsmanship and support for their teammates.



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

20 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Science Workshop Whole School
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Oscar Romero Day ( Wear Colourful Clothes)
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

**TOP 5 ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK:**

1. Long Life Fruit Juice
2. Tinned Vegetables
3. Tinned Meat
4. Small jars of coffee (100g)
5. Tinned Fruit

Thank You for your kindness

Please don't donate:  
water, sugar or perishable items.

Date 13/03/23



**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)  
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