



Value of the month – Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers



Palm Sunday Reflection

Today we watched the Reception and Year 1 classes Palm Sunday Reflection. The children acted, said prayers and sang so beautifully. Well done to all involved.



Lenten Reflection- Week 5

Today we as a school are celebrating the feast day of St Oscar Romero. Oscar Romero was man who fought for the rights of those who could not fight for themselves. He was killed whilst he was saying Mass in his church in El Salvador, for standing up for the rights of the poorest people in his community. Even when faced with death threats he stood strong and in his final sermon before he was killed he said

“Those who surrender to the service of the poor through love of Christ will live like the grain of wheat that dies. It only apparently dies. If it were not to die, it would remain a solitary grain. The harvest comes because of the grain that dies...” Rooted in love, the life of Saint Oscar Romero continues to bear a harvest of goodness today. His deep commitment to the poor and passionate belief in justice continues to inspire many, including the work of CAFOD. And so, inspired by his example, let us speak out for what is right, stand up for what we believe in, and play our part in making the world a fairer place for all people to live.

Prayer, *God of justice, give me the courage to stand up for what I believe. May I speak your truth, And amplify the voices of the vulnerable and oppressed. Amen*



Science Week

This week we have been celebrating everything 'Connections'; the theme for British Science Week 2023! Children have explored transportation, magnets, materials, habitats, building bridges, the digestive system, teeth, space and rockets, seasons, DNA, vibrations, Yeast, gliders, Victorian inventions and fingerprinting! On top of all the learning they have done in their classes, the whole school enjoyed a visit from AScreatives, who came and carried out workshops that taught us about different scientists and how their inventions or theories connect to the world we live in today! We ended the week with an amazing showcase, with all classes being able to share in what other year groups had done! Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work in organising another amazing science week - I know the children have learnt so much! Mrs Linehan (Science Co-ordinator)



Earth Hour; Saturday 25th March 8.30-9.30pm

In last week's Science Week assembly, the children learned the history behind Earth Hour and were reminded of the importance of looking after our planet. The children were enthusiastic about joining in by turning of the lights and electronic devices for an hour tomorrow evening. We talked about lighting candles, taking out board games, cards or crafts to do their bit along with other's around the world to support the initiative raising awareness of taking care of our earth. We hope that parents can encourage this enthusiasm by realising earth hour in your homes and enjoying some unique, cozy family time whilst also taking a bit of pressure off the energy bills! We look forward to hearing how it goes from the children on Monday... Many thanks & Happy Earth Hour!



Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Key Dates Holy Week



Monday 27th 9:15am- Year 2 Parents-
Merchants in the temple reflection

Tuesday 28th 9:15am- Year 3 Parents-
Washing of the feet reflection

Tuesday 28th 2:45pm- Year 4 Parents-
Last Supper reflection

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

Thursday 30th - 9:15am- Year 6 parents-
Stations of the Cross

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Reminder:

Please remember to bring your
Catholic Children's Society Purple boxes by the
beginning of next week.

Lunch Money

All outstanding dinner money must be cleared by
Monday 27th March 2023

Calendar Dates

28th March	Parents Evening - Reception Height & Weight
29th March	Parents Evening - Reception Height & Weight
31st 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.
17th April	School Re-opens @ 9am
24th April	Bag2School

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).

Young Artist Competition

Key Dates

dates are:

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

Judging - **May 2023**

Online exhibition - **18th July 2023**

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

Fundraising In The Community



One of our past pupils who currently attends Waringham School, has been given the opportunity to join Camp International to support the communities in Peru with sanitation and shelter. As part of their fundraising efforts, next week children will have an opportunity to buy a strip of raffle tickets @ £1 a strip. (see below for great prizes) If you wish to support this event children can bring in their money next week in a Labelled envelope marked Peru with your child's name.

Here is a list of the raffle prizes:

1. Aqua Sports £30 voucher
2. Family entry to Let's Explore
3. Race Day for 2 with Lingfield Park
4. Family Skywalk Adventure with Sandown Sports
5. Jumpin £40 voucher
6. Family entry to The Discovery Walk at Priory Farm
7. £20 to spend at Knights
8. £30 to spend at Sahara Studio
9. Zen Spa Pedicure with The Retreat
10. Family pass with a meal and drink to The Arc Softplay
11. Signed Unipiggle book
12. Signed The Scruffs Showtime book

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**.

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

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



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 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 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
or email marketing@caterhamrotary.org.uk



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