

Value of the month – Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers

Holy Week Reflections

This week has been a wonderful reminder to all the children of why we celebrate Easter.



The staff and I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter



Each day a different Year group has taken responsibility for sharing a part of the story and leading us in songs and taizes. This has really brought the Bible scripture to life for all our children as we have read from Luke and Matthews Gospels. Thank you to all the staff and children for their work in creating these shared occasions for us. It has also been lovely to be joined by so many parents this week- thank you!



Walk/Scoot to School Day

Thank you for all those who took part last week and to our Road Safety School Councillors who helped me to give out the badges. It was wonderful to see everyone trying to travel sustainably to school. We shall have our next Walk to School event between **15-19 May** next term - so children will have a whole week to take part and collect badges!

Easter Holiday 'Catch a Bus' Challenge!

As part of our PSHE and RE cross curricula links we encourage the children to choose sustainable travel options to help protect our environment - living out the Pope's Laudato Si message on caring for our world home, as well as to adopt healthy lifestyles. To link in with this, our Easter Challenge is to choose somewhere fun to visit **and leave those cars behind and catch a bus!** Pupils or Parents can take a photo of the journey on the bus and of where is visited and send it in after Easter to office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk. Small prizes will be given for pictures of those who succeed in the challenge. We aim to print the pictures for a display in school. Journeys could be local or further afield. Here are some useful links: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/bus-timetables/redhill-horley-and-east-surrey> https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/10740/Caterham-bus-route-map-2022.pdf Have fun!



Sponsored Read

Can you believe the Sponsored Read from World Book Day is coming to an end? Thank you to all the children who have sent me pictures and videos of them completing their Sponsored Read in different and exciting ways! It has been so wonderful to hear about the children loving completing the reading challenges and we hope you've all had fun as a family too. Thank you for all of your sponsorship money that we are now collating. There is still time If you are yet to return any sponsorship money, please could it be handed into the school office. We greatly appreciate your contributions to the development of our school libraries; I know the children really enjoyed creating their class posters for the libraries on World Book Day. Mrs Lambe (English Subject Leader)

Catholic Children's Society

Thank you so much to the many families that have returned the purple boxes full of coins. The money raised will be going to the CCS which use it to fund emergency support in our local area. For more details please visit their website. <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

Celebration Assembly

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



Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff





POETRY BY HEART 2023 – INTERNAL COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to all the children from Reception to year 6 who participated in this hotly contested event on Thursday adjudicated by Mrs Wheler, Mrs Lambe and Mrs Parker with accuracy scores calculated by our 2020 Globe Theatre winner, Nithali. Our KS2 school winners going through to the regional competition are 1st Francesca (Yr 3), 2nd Eloise (Yr 6) Joint 3rd Amber (Yr 5) and Imogen.(Yr 6). The KS1 winners will be announced after Easter, Poetry by Heart certificates, badges and book marks will presented to all during the Summer Term.



Caterham Literacy Festival are holding a Schools' Writing Competition, across all key stages, which we thought some of our children might love to enter! Here is the information that we have been sent by the Literacy Festival. If your child would like to enter, please could their competition entry be handed in to Mrs Lambe (Assistant Headteacher and English Subject Leader) by Friday 12th May. Wishing you all the best of luck and hopefully we might have a St Francis Champion!

Caterham Literacy Festival Schools' Writing Competition



As part of the inaugural *Caterham Literacy Festival* (5 to 11 June 2023), we are delighted to announce the start of our Schools' Writing Competition. Any students from Nursery to Year 11 at any school in Caterham can enter.

The task is to write a short story based on a theme from the festival's logo. Topics might include change, growth, development and so on – the possibilities are endless and up to the author! The word limits per age group are outlined below:

- Early years (Nursery and Reception): 25 words
- Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): 50 words
- Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6): 75 words
- Key Stage 3 (Years 7 – 9): 100 words
- Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11): 150 words

For each Key Stage category, there will be a prize of a £25 voucher for 1st place and a £10 voucher for 2nd place (kindly sponsored by Sunnydown School, Caterham Round Table and Caterham Rotary). The judges' decision will be final; their criteria will include originality, creativity and relevance to the theme.

The deadline is Friday 12 May 2023 at 4pm.

Winners will be announced on Monday 5 June 2023. A prizegiving ceremony will be held at Sunnydown School (CR3 5ED) on Saturday 10 June at 1pm.

Calendar Dates

28 th March	Parents Evening - Reception Height & Weight
29 th March	Parents Evening - 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
24 th April	Bag2School

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



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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)



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