

St. Francis' School Newsletter

21st April 2023



Value of the month – Courage

Dear Parents and Carers



Our new term has started with great enthusiasm once again! The children have settled back in very well. The Staff and I thank you for all your Easter cards and good wishes.

Goodbye to Miss Nash

We send a fond farewell to Miss Nash who has moved on to pastures new. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication in her time at St Francis and we wish her a successful and happy time in her new ventures.

St. Georges Day (Sunday 23rd April)

In recognition of St. George's Day on Sunday, all Uniformed Groups eg: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Cadets will be allowed to wear their uniform into school on Monday.

Bag2School Collection Monday 24th April 2023 @ 9:00am

The PTA have organised a collection from the school gate. Please bring clothes & shoes to donate **on this date only** and leave outside the school gate for collection. We will move the bags in an under the cycle shed if it is raining on the day.

Crowning of Mary (Wednesday 3rd May)

Children will be taking part on Wednesday 3rd May in our Crowning of Mary. If they can, on the day children are asked to bring in a **single** flower from their garden.



The National Gallery

If you are planning half term trips to London you may want to visit an Art Gallery – always a treat for children to see famous paintings. This year The National Gallery has a St Francis Exhibition on too which may be of interest. <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi>



Saint Francis of Assisi
6 May – 30 July 2023

NEU Strike Days

Please see the email already sent out for the information on which classes are open and closed.

Water Bottles

Please be reminded that children should only have water in their drinks bottles in class, and that any juices are not permitted. We recommend that children use a clear bottle so they can (and we) keep an eye on how much they are drinking and easily see when it needs topping up.



World Book Day, Golden Ticket Winners

Today, the winners of our World Book Day Golden Ticket Competition had a very exciting time having their morning tea with Mrs Wheeler. They had some delicious treats and told each other jokes. Great fun was had by all! Sadly, Maya and Akan were not in today, however treats have been saved for them.

Coronation Celebrations

Next week we shall be celebrating the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles with activities including dance for KS2 and a Storyteller will be visiting the Infants. If it is good weather on Thursday we shall have lunches outside on the field. Packed Lunch children should bring in their lunches as normal and for those on School Dinners the Kitchen have a special coronation sandwich lunch box planned.

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 lovely weekend.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Calendar Dates

24 th April	Bag2School Uniformed Groups Can Wear Club Uniform
27 th April	Strike Day TBC
1 st May	Bank Holiday
2 nd May	Strike Day TBC Coronation Celebration Week
3 rd May	Crowning of Mary (to bring single flower from the garden)
4 th May	Red, White & Blue Own Clothes Day
5 th May	Year 1 & 2 PTA Spring Disco
8 th May	Bank Holiday Kings Coronation
9 th May	Year 1 -Gatton Park Trip Year 4- Woldingham Activity Day Trip
10 th May	Year 3 -Fryland Woods Trip
12 th May	Year 3 & 4 PTA Spring Disco
16 th May 17 th May	Skateboarding and Scooting Day (Details to follow)
22 nd May	Bikeability Week Year 6
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term Break
5 th June	Reception -Bocketts Farm
8 th June	Year 5- Science Observatory
12 th June	Year 6 – Residential trip to Kingswood
28 th June	Sports Day
29 th June	PTA Summer Fayre (Details to Follow)
30 th June	Inset Day (School Development Day (SDP) -School Closed to Pupils.
4 th July	Year 2- Wildlife Centre
5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
12 th July 13 th July	Year 6 – End of Year Performances
14 th July	Year 6 – Leavers Disco
20 th July	Leavers Mass at Sacred Heart Church TBC
21 st July	Year 6 - Leavers Assembly @9.30am
4 th September	School Opens For The New Academic Year

Spring Disco Tickets Years 1 to 6

You are all invited to the 2023 Spring Disco event. To celebrate the upcoming Kings Coronation, the Disco will be a **Coronation themed event**. Come dressed in your best, King Queen, Prince and Princess outfits. Those children not wanting to dress up, by all means dress in your best disco outfit.



Note: Please NO swords, shields, wands or other closing accessories. Hats are allowed.

Years 1 & 2 School Hall Friday 5th May 2023 17:00 - 18:15

Years 3 & 4 School Hall Friday 12th May 2023 17:00 - 18:15

Years 5 & 6 School Hall Friday 12th May 2023 18:45 - 20:00

Full details and tickets can be purchased using the below link.

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

The success of these events relies on the support of Parents and Carers. If you are able to help setup, clear-up or supervise a designated area please volunteer when you purchase tickets or email stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com. If you are a trained first aider or DBS checked please let us know.

Thanks The PTA



Dear Parents,

Thinking of teaching? Did you know you could train as a Primary or Secondary Teacher with us at Teach SouthEast?

If you crave a career that offers the following, teaching could be just right next step for you!

- Making a difference to the lives of young people in your local area;
- Working alongside dynamic and passionate like-minded individuals committed to improving the lives of the next generation;
- A varied working day with plenty of opportunity to increase your daily step count!
- Immersion in an environment of continuous professional development;
- Financial stability and reliable career progression.

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- TSE Career changers video - <https://youtu.be/extgI4IKDwY>
- TSE Promotional video - <https://youtu.be/0xtPrw1C4zk>
- TSE University Graduates video - <https://youtu.be/q4oBj6AKSdw>

If you would like to find out more, we will be running some online events via Zoom, where we will tell you more about Teach SouthEast and guide you towards your potential next steps into the teaching profession. If you would like to find out more, please click on one of the links below and join us via Zoom. The dates, times and links for our next few events are below:

Date	Time	Zoom Link
Thursday 20th April	6pm	https://zoom.us/j/8842866549?pwd=cklmc25zREY2MTIXSDZ4MEpvSHZ2Zz09
Tuesday 9th May	11am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88942502721?pwd=eGhMNFZEMiY3NDA2a3R2SXk0aU01QT09
Thursday 8th June	11am	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938444741

We would be delighted to hear from you and have the opportunity to convince you that teaching could be the right career for you, or indeed, a member of your family or social network! If you would like more information, please contact Chezelle Williams at tseinfo@xaviercet.org.uk

We look forward to assisting you on your pathway into the teaching profession.

Your sincerely,

Amy Harper
Director of Teach SouthEast