



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

SATs Tests

Well done to our Year 6 and Year 2 children who have now all completed their SATs tests. They were all sensible, worked hard and did their very best, which is all we ask of the children.

We look forward to 'Y6 Transition Visits', in the coming weeks, from some of the Heads of Year 7 from the local Secondary Schools. They meet with the children, teachers and myself as part of the transition process. If you have any concerns around your child and transition, please do make an appointment to see the class teachers or myself. We are happy to help, where possible, to make the transition process easier for the children.

KS1 Disco

Thank you to the PTA and Parent helpers who ran the KS1 Disco last Friday. A great time was had by all the children. We look forward to hearing about the KS2 Disco tonight!

Outdoor Learning Day Next Friday

On Friday 19th May we will be having our Outdoor Learning Day, where the children will be exploring and learning around the school grounds during the day.

Absence During Term Time: Gentle Reminder

As parents you have a responsibility to ensure your child attends school. Please be reminded that the Headteacher is not permitted to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave must be put in writing, in advance for consideration. Holidays are coded as 'unauthorised absences'. **Pupil attendance below 90% is monitored by ourselves and the Local Authority.**

Walk To School Week- Next Week

This is a walking challenge week in which children are encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school every day of the week. Children participating will receive a badge. The goal of this is to raise awareness and support for health and the environment as well as to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day.



Celebration Assembly

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

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Thank you to Mrs Shannon for her continuous hard work with all the children who participate in these events.



ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA
Where everyone;s a Winner
REIGATE & REDHILL MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL 2023

Congratulations to the children from as young as 4 who have been demonstrating their talents this week in the Reigate & Redhill Music and Drama Festival and not least those who have overcome any qualms they or their parent may have had about standing up in front of an audience for a very first time. Also, to those wonderful parents, guardians and

carers for supporting them around busy

working lives



The children have had the privilege of being adjudicated by Jean-Marc Perret, an RSC, film and TV Actor, combat instructor, dancer, examiner, adjudicator and a dad, who commenced his performing journey participating in festivals at the age of 6 and then as a TV child actor before training at Bristol Old Vic. Mr Perret emphasised the importance of festivals and reciting for laying the foundations not only for acting but also for public speaking and life in general, to overcome fears as well as to learn to stand up to scrutiny at whatever age and develop resilience..

Full results will appear next week but so far St Francis school pupils have achieved Honours, cups and medals as well as Merit Stars and Merits in a range of solo and shared poetry, Prose Reading and Acting. More sections still to come from tonight at Redhill United Reformed Church, including Bible Reading at 9.00am Saturday morning

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible
St Francis of Assisi

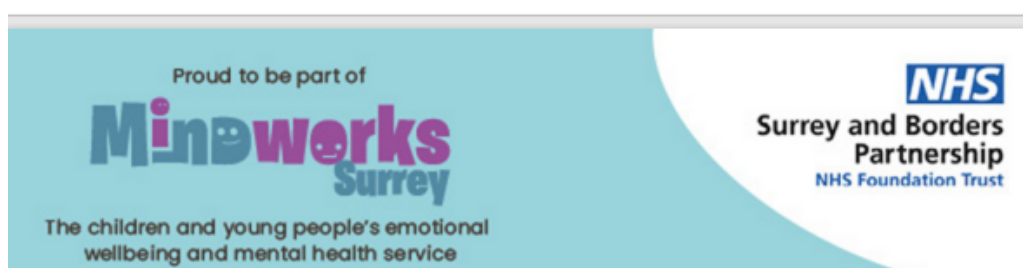
Calendar Dates

15 th May	Computing Workshop for Parents 6pm-7.30pm
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
9 th June	Class Photographs
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 Plan (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
18 th July - confirmed	Y6 Leavers Mass at Sacred Heart Church
21 st July	Year 6 - Leavers Assembly @9.30am
21 st July	School Finishes @ 1pm for the Summer Break
4 th September	School Opens For The New Academic Year

Half Term Holiday Suggestion: 150th Anniversary of our diocesan Cathedral in Arundel – The Cathedral church of Our Lady and Saint Philip Howard.

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of our diocesan Cathedral in Arundel – The Cathedral church of Our Lady and Saint Philip Howard. In school we shall be learning the story of one of the patron saints of the Cathedral – Saint Philip Howard and his faithful dog.

If you are thinking of having days out in the half term holiday it would be a wonderful opportunity to visit our Diocesan Catholic Cathedral and learn more about this incredible and beautiful building. The children can learn about its history and also the role it plays in our diocese and worship. A visit would allow them to discover more about its architecture and how awe and wonder are fostered through its beautiful paintings, stained glass and statues. They can view the beautiful painting by Jan Van Eyck and the Rose window and learn more about who they depict. The children can also visit the tomb of Saint Philip Howard and learn more about the life of this brave man of faith. The Friends of the Cathedral have produced a virtual tour of the Cathedral with information points. Please find the link <https://arundelcathedral.uk/arundel-cathedral-virtual-tour>



Mental Health Awareness Week 2023 - Parent Webinars

As a School Based Needs Team, we are offering a variety of webinars this mental health awareness week. Each webinar will take place online, via Microsoft Teams and last approximately one hour. To sign up, and receive the meeting link, please click or scan the QR code or click on any of the descriptions below to complete the sign up form. Please note, sign up closes on 12th May at 4pm, when invites will then be sent.

Click or scan the QR code



The Teenage Brain & Emotional Regulation:

Monday 15th May, 9.30am, 6.30-7.30pm.

- Changes in the teenage brain
- How this affects emotional wellbeing, behaviour and regulation

Managing big emotions and anger:

Monday 15th May, 9.30am, 6.30-7.30pm

- Why our children struggle to manage big emotions
- Supporting your child with big emotions

Anxiety:

Tuesday 16th May, 9.30am, 6.30-7.30pm

- Symptoms and signs of anxiety
- Supporting your child with anxiety

Low Mood:

Wednesday 17th May, 9.30am, 6.30-7.30pm

- Symptoms and signs of low mood
- Supporting your child with low mood

Body image and self-esteem (Secondary):

Thursday 18th May 9.30am 6.30-7.30pm

- Pressures young people face
- Supporting your child's self-esteem and body image

Friendships, self-esteem and confidence (Primary):

Thursday 18th May 9.30am, 6.30-7.30pm

- Importance of friendships
- Supporting your child with positives friendships and challenges

Children's health in the digital age:

Friday 19th 9.30am

- Social media and emotional wellbeing
- Sleep and healthy eating

Webinars for children: We are also offering a webinar Mon-Thursday for secondary school age children. Please see the offer here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sTWkms43T4>

