

St. Francis' School Newsletter

19th May 2023



Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

KS2 Disco

Thank you to the PTA and Parent helpers who ran the KS2 Disco last Friday. A great time was had by all the children.



Walk to School Week

Well done to all those children who walked, scooted, cycled, car shared to school this week. It has been wonderful to see so many children embracing the walk to school challenge. The children who took part received a special badge from the school council.



Skateboard & Scooter Workshops:

As part of our PSHE and PE curriculum work we always encourage active and healthy lifestyles and promote sustainable travel choices. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had Kane from Team Rubicon visit to deliver scooting training for KS1 and skateboarding workshops for KS2. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves learning new skills and trying something they've never done before. Scooting and Skateboarding are excellent activities for fun and exercise. We actively encourage children to scoot to school and have storage for scooters if your child would like to scoot to school! Please try and label scooters with your child's name.

Outdoor Learning Day

Today we celebrated the great outdoors by moving our learning outside for part of the day. How fortunate we are to have such wonderful grounds – including our forest school area, our pond, prayer garden and Storytelling/Growing Garden! Some of the activities enjoyed were Phonics, R.E, Maths and Science.

Redhill and Reigate Festival

Congratulations to all the children who entered the Festival. We celebrated the children's achievements in our Celebration Assembly today. Many thanks to Mrs Shannon for all her work preparing the children and for the Parents, who, in the background, always support their children.

Multi Skills at Warlingham School

Well done to our Y3 and Y4 children who did amazingly well in the multisport event at Warlingham School. They came 3rd out of five schools. Congratulations.



Cycling Proficiency Year 6 Next Week

The Year 6 children will undertake Bikeability cycling proficiency training each morning from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May. The children will take a practical test on the final 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





Calendar Dates

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



ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA

Every child a Winner

REIGATE & REDHILL MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL 2023

Almost 50 St Francis Children and St Francis Alumini participated in the recent Reigate and Redhill Festival with some 120 entries between them

Commencing with, the speech and drama festival and exa- body building blocks of Solo and Shared (Acted/Unacted) Poetry and Prose in KS1 and building up to Bible Reading, Solo and Duologue Acting, Shakespeare and TV Newsreader the pupils achieved a record number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Honours, plus Cups and some 18 Medals between them notwithstanding the Merit Star, Merits and performer certificate for those who overcame their nerves to get up on stage and recite solo to a sea of strange faces for the very first time

The children benefitted from the wonderful constructive comments from film and TV Actor, combat instructor, dancer, examiner, adjudicator, and dad, Jean Marc Perret who commenced his performing journey in Festivals age 6 landing a role age 14 in Prince Caspian on TV and later trained at the Bristol Old Vic.

Mr Perret emphasised the importance of festivals and poetry reciting for laying the foundations not only for acting but also for public speaking and life in general, Also to overcome fears as well as to learn to stand up to scrutiny at whatever age and develop resilience..

As Mr Perret noted, all the children are WINNERS through taking part. The children will be presented with their Festival an Poetry by Heart certificates, cups, medals, badges, etc at a forthcoming Celebration Assembly. . Well done to each and every one and not least those who earned not just one medal /cup but two or three who have continued participating in the Festival building up their skills year on year..



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

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>