

## Value of the month – Forgiveness

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Goodbye to Mrs Welland

Today we have said a fond farewell to Mrs Welland who has been a TA at St Francis' for the last 22 years. We thank her for all her hard work and many years of dedicated service. She will be back to help us out with reading in the future, so we will all be seeing her again.



#### Ash Wednesday Liturgies

We are so fortunate that Fr Stephen came to prepare all of us for Lent. Children and staff in both Key Stages enjoyed a beautiful, reflective liturgy, followed by ashes on their foreheads. Thank you to Fr Stephen for his time and to everyone else involved in our preparation for Lent.



#### New School Leaders

New 'School Leaders'. As you are aware, our School Leaders change half-way through the year in order to give other pupils an opportunity to have positions of responsibility. Congratulations to Matty & Olivia who, after several rounds of speeches, have been voted for as our new Head Boy and Head Girl.



#### World Book Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we had an incredibly exciting day learning all about bedtime stories. It was wonderful seeing all of the children and staff dressed in their pyjamas and being able to share our favourite bedtime stories. In the afternoon, all of the children greatly enjoyed listening to bedtime stories whilst having their Hot Chocolate and biscuit. Throughout the day, the children spent their time sharing their books that they had brought in with their class and completing fun Book Day activities. We would like to thank those of you who donated books for our book swap. It was incredibly successful and so lovely for every child to be able to go home with a new book to share with their family. The children were so determined to find one of the treasured Golden Tickets, so that they can enjoy a delicious afternoon tea with Mrs Wheeler and Miss Morris. Congratulations to the winning children!



Thank you as well to the parents and governors who came into school to help and support the children develop their love of reading, whether it was through reading them a story or helping with the Hot Chocolate. It was very much appreciated! We hope that the children are all having fun completing their Sponsored Read and Mini Challenges that were sent home.

#### Head Girl Photography Competition

Thank you for all the photography entries, the winner will be announced Friday 11th March due to the deadline being extended.

## Poetry by Heart

One year's Subscription has been won for our school by our POETRY BY HEART FINALISTS WHO REACHED THE GLOBE THEATRE - Congratulations to Chloe and Nithali.

## Celebration Assembly

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

Best wishes, for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



**YOUNGmINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

Well Done Year Six!

In December year 6 were visited by ex-pupil Dr Crispin, who inspired them to fundraise through a Dance-a-thon for YoungMinds. Please see acknowledgment below.

*Thank you, St Francis School, for donating £185 to YoungMinds. You have joined our fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered. Whatever the challenges. With your help we make sure they get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties. On behalf of all of us at YoungMinds, thank you.*



## AmazonSmile Update

The PTA recently received a payment from Amazon of £85 for donations made during the 4th quarter of 2021. It takes the total donations to £280. Thank you to everybody who has supported the school. Please continue to support the school, if you don't already its easy - you can link your personal Amazon account to AmazonSmile and St Francis School, Caterham using the enclosed link.

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## **PLATINUM POETRY IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Platinum Poetry** is a new Poetry Competition which will be profiled at the Caterham Festival this June. You can create poems of any length and any style, as long as they are inspired by the Queen and / or the Platinum Jubilee.

Entries to be submitted to Beth Wood by April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please include your name, address, age if under 25 and contact email. For under 16s please include the name of parent / guardian or teacher if submission is through a school.

[bethwood@prosperotheatre.com](mailto:bethwood@prosperotheatre.com)

Age ranges:- Under 12- 12-18- 18-25- Over 25

Entry is free and there will be a prize for the winner in each age group.

**Selected poems will also be performed at the popular Poetry Trail on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Closing Date April 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **Calendar Dates**

10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 to Woldingham Science Day
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science week – Shows and workshops
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country, Warlingham, Years 3-6
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lenten Reconciliation Service in School TBC
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	PTA Meeting in School 7pm
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Reconciliation Service in School TBC
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Liturgy Week- Details to Follow
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening -Details to Follow
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	YR Height, Weight & Eye Health Screening
1 <sup>st</sup> April	School Finishes 1pm for Easter Break
19 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens @ 9am
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability Week- Year 6
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Football Fixture @ St Johns- Year 6 TBC Netball Fixture @ Hamsey Green -Year 6 TBC
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Kingswood & SATS Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 4 to High Ashurst
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 to Fryland Woods
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 to Blackland Farm / School Sleepover
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Jubilee Celebration Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Viking Visit in School -Year 4
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 to Wakehurst Place
30 <sup>th</sup> May—3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception to Bocketts Farm
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Other Faith Week ( Islam)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inset Day –SDP (School Development Plan)
24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed in Lieu of Jubilee Day
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to Science Observatory Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> July	District Sports at Hamsey Green -Details to Follow
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Beech Class to British Wildlife Centre
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Larch Class to British Wildlife Centre District Sports at St Johns- Details to Follow
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school Sports Day PTA Summer Fayre
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 School Play- 6.30-7.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Finishes 1pm





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# Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Available to purchase online

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

All items £1\*

Collection from the School Office  
on a Thursday each week.

\*a small transaction charge is payable at the time of order.



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