

## Value of the month – Forgiveness

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Science Week

Wow! What a fantastic week of science we have celebrated this week!

The children have enjoyed an immersive and interactive science show from Professor Bubbleworks on Monday, where they witnessed various ways of growing, from smoke rings to human bubbles and plenty more. They have also taken part in a huge variety of experiments within their year groups, including: creating reactive pictures of the sun and moon; hunting worms and then identifying them; growing plants; making balloons grow using yeast; observing optical illusions; investigating the age of sharks; and building an animal to survive on Mars, to name just a few! I managed to speak with some of the children about their learning and they were incredibly animated and excited to share what they had discovered and learnt, which was wonderful! I would like to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE** thank you to the teaching staff, support staff and office team for working incredibly hard to ensure this week could happen; their dedication and commitment never ceases to amaze me! Mrs Linehan (Science co-ordinator)



#### Cross Country Cup

In sporting events this week, our children represented the school at the inter-schools Cross Country and did amazingly well, winning the overall cup.

We congratulate all the children for their effort and perseverance and good sportsmanship. Well done to Aedan in year 6 for coming first. Thank you to the Staff who gave up their free time to attend.



#### Surrey County Council Eco Summit

Well done and thank you to Ms McCutcheon for sharing all our wonderful work on Green Flag and Eco Schools at yesterday's Eco Summit. Presenting is nerve wracking but it is always wonderful to share our school achievements. To add to our nerves, we also had an unexpected and filmed interview, which can be seen on social media!

#### Mothers' Day Fairtrade Sale

A representative from Fairtrade will be visiting our school Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, with a range of Fairtrade gifts for Mothers' Day. This is the perfect opportunity for children to buy their very own gift for their mums and to support Fairtrade! Nothing on sale will cost more than £5.00. Thank you for supporting this.

#### Sustrans Walk and Wheel

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel will run for 10 days from 21 March to 1 April 2022. We want all children to join in the fun and to understand the health and wellbeing benefits of active travel. It has multiple benefits for you, your children and the environment. Walking or biking with younger children to school not only gives you both a bit of physical exercise built into your day, it also allows you to teach them road rules and courtesy when using the roads and footpaths. If you do this while they are young, you can be confident they have the skills and experience to do so safely when they're old enough to travel by themselves.



### Celebration Assembly

The CLiPPA (Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry) Award is the only award for published poetry for children in the UK. Established in 2003, the annual Poetry Award encourages and celebrates outstanding poetry published for children. Congratulations to all the children who took part and received a certificate. Please see below for more information.



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

Best wishes, for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



**Clubs:** The last session for clubs for the Spring Term is next week (Drama has already finished).

If you wish your child to continue in a club that is run by an outside provider, please contact them directly to book a space for the summer term. Internally run clubs for the Summer term will be available to book next week.



## THE YEAR 6 GARDENING TEAM

PRESENTS

## BIRD BOX COMPETITION 2022!

DUE 25/04/2022



FOR YOUR CHANCE TO *WIN THE GOLDEN EGG*,  
CREATE YOUR OWN BIRD BOX AT HOME DURING THE EASTER BREAK.

TRY TO INCLUDE NATURAL AND SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS. REMEMBER, THE BIRD BOX NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO

HANG, HANDLE WET WEATHER AND ATTRACT BIRDS TOO!

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY ON 29/04/2022

THE TEAM WILL CHOOSE A WINNER FROM KS1 & KS2.

GOOD LUCK!



## Payments for School Trips

**Reception** trip to Bocketts Farm; deadline for payment is next **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please remember to tick the lunch preference for your child when paying via Tucasi.

**Year 4** trip to The Observatory Science; deadline for payment is next **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

If you have any problems paying, please call the school office.

## Calendar Dates

21 <sup>st</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Walk and Wheel Week – try to walk, scoot and cycle to school!
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
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 Disco- 5-6.30pm (School Hall)
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
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 & 4 Disco – 5-6.30pm (School Hall) Year 5 & 6 Disco – 7- 8.30pm (School Hall)
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
25 <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
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 leavers Mass at Sacred Heart 1:45/2pm (time to be confirmed)
Date to be confirmed	Year 6 Leavers Disco
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Finishes 1pm



## Reminder

Please be reminded that the school office closes at 4pm. If you need to contact an out sourced club provider, you should contact them directly. Please do not ring Treetops extension, and ask them to pass your message on as they cannot assist.

Please only use the Treetop extension if you have a message for after school club.

Thank you for your co-operation



### ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA

POETRY BY  
HEART

\*\*\*BE IN IT TO WIN IT\*\*\*



Following Surrey Schools Winners' Nithali (2020) and Chloe (2021) amazing performances at **The Globe Theatre** last July, for the third year running we are now looking for our **St Francis Champion 2022** for this prestigious competition open to both State and Primary Schools nationally... and it is **FREE**.

*There's still time to enter as the School heats are **NEXT WEEK***

*The main competition requires memorising 2 poems from the Poetry by Heart website*

*(one PRE 1914 and the other POST 1914)*

*but an own choice poem, a poem in a home language or a "Write Your Own" poem*

*can be entered into the*

**FREESTYLE COMPETITION**

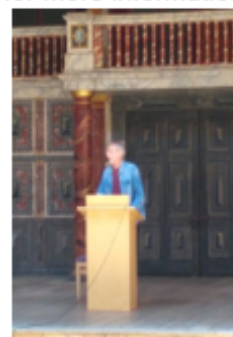
Every pupil who commits a poem to memory is a winner because they will always have that resource to draw on, possibly for their whole life. By getting an entry together for the national competition, however small, however last minute, entrants are immediately in with a chance of so much more.

Congratulations to **ELOISE, FRANCESCA, CHLOE** (Yr4) AND **AALIYAH** who have already had a pre-assessment in their two poems with our independent adjudicator and all those KS1s who have learnt a poem for the **Freestyle Competition** - as well as **The Owl and The Pussycat** Group event



The CLIPPA (Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry) Award is the only award for published poetry for children in the UK. Established in 2003, the annual Poetry Award encourages and celebrates outstanding poetry published for children. **Congratulations to Nithali, Isabella, Eloise, Lydia, Francesca, Isla, Ivy and Olivia, who participated in the CLIPPA Shadowing Scheme event** with a poem from four of the shortlisted books announced at the Globe Theatre last year including the winning book "**On the Move**" by Michael Rosen, announced at the Cheltenham Festival in October 2021. They will each receive an official CLIPPA Certificate of Participation in a forthcoming Assembly.

Contact Mrs Shannon on 01883 344373 – [faboshannon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:faboshannon@hotmail.co.uk) for more information relating to all the above events.



## Wintershall Play

The Passion of Jesus will be live streamed on Facebook from Trafalgar Square on Good Friday at 12 & 3.15pm. Join us in person or online and let's make 2022 a year to remember!

<https://twitter.com/wintershallplay/status/1503279876106825732?s=24>

## School Sports Day T-Shirts and Caps

Upcoming deadline to purchase Sports Day T-Shirts & Caps. Orders must be placed by **Sunday 3 April**. Orders will be available for collection in school before Sports Day. See flyer for details

## ST FRANCIS SPORTS DAY 2022- HOUSE COLOUR T-SHIRTS AND CAPS

Sports day will take place in July so order your personalised house colour t-shirts and cap ready.

You can purchase the following items:

Personalised Childs T-Shirt - £6.50 each

House Coloured Caps - £3 each

Adults Personalised T-Shirt - £10 each

All items can be ordered using the online ticket system

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool)

Please ensure the correct spellings for personalisation when ordering as no refunds can be made.

Select t-shirt in appropriate size, colour and personalisation is completed during checkout.

**Deadline:** Please ensure that you have placed your order online by **Sunday 3 April**.

You will need to know your child's School House, this will be available from their teacher.

**Thomas More - Red**

**Margaret Clitheroe - Yellow**

**John Fisher - Blue**

**Anne Line - Green**

All proceeds raised from the sale of T-shirts and caps go to the school PTA, which in turn invests in our children's education. Should you have any queries please email [stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisschoolassociation@gmail.com)



## Spring Disco Tickets Years 2 to 6

Year 2 School Hall Friday 22nd April 2022 17:00 - 18:30

Years 3 & 4 School Hall Friday 6th May 2022 17:00 - 18:30

Years 5 & 6 School Hall Friday 6th May 2022 19:00 - 20:30

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](mailto:stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com). If you are a trained first aider or DBS checked please let us know.



## Caterham Scout Council

Caterham District Scout Council would like to invite you to their Annual St George's day Parade and service on 24<sup>th</sup> April at United Reformed Church in Harestone Valley Road. The march past will be at about 2.35 pm, outside Soper Hall, and the service will commence at 3.00 p.m. in the Church. Tea and coffee will be served after the service. Please bring your partner, wife or husband. I hope you can join us at this event which is special to the Scouting community.

Gwen Hoare (Caterham District Secretary)

R.S.V.P. [gwenhoare15@gmail.com](mailto:gwenhoare15@gmail.com)

## ROTARY EASTER BUNNY FUN RUN

**SUNDAY 10th April 2022**

**1 km Fun Run starts 10.00 a.m.**

**5Km Race starts at 10.30 a.m.**

*All finishers will receive an Easter Egg.  
Prizes for 'Best Dressed Bunnies'*

*Raise money for your  
own charity or for  
Rotary charities.*



**Queens Park,  
Caterham-on-the-Hill**

Registration Fee and a Signed Form are required for each runner.

**£3.00 for the 1km Fun Run, £6.00 for the 5km race**

**DOUBLE ON THE DAY**

Enter Online: [www.rotaryruns.co.uk](http://www.rotaryruns.co.uk)

Or by mail: Rotary Runs, 11a Queens Park Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5RB.

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