

St. Francis' School Newsletter

22nd April 2022



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 gifts.

Earth Day

Today is Earth Day. A day to pause and reflect on what can be done to ensure a healthy future for our only home and all life on it. Should you want to discuss this with them this is a useful website:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/earth-day>

Protecting our world is the key focus for Pope Francis in his Laudato Si' Encyclical and his Prayer for Earth Day, including a YouTube clip can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayers/Our-earth-children-s-prayer>. We encourage you all to say this prayer together as families.

St. Georges Day (Saturday 23rd April)

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

Bird Box Competition!

Please see the details below – the closing date is fast approaching!

Reading Helpers Needed

At St Francis, we have always been incredibly fortunate to have wonderful parents/grandparents that come in to support our children across the school with their reading. It would be absolutely amazing if anybody else would be able to come in and read with the children on a regular basis, either with your own child's class or another class too. It really supports them in their fluency, comprehension and love of reading! Please could you either let your class teacher or the office know when you would be available to come in and help. All of the teachers would be incredibly grateful!

Bikeability

The Year 6 children will undertake cycling proficiency training next week each morning from Monday 25th to Friday 29th. The children will take a practical test on the final day.

Year 2 Disco Tonight

We are looking forward to our Y2 Disco tonight. Our thanks go to the PTA for arranging the event and to those who have volunteered to help.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for several positions: an SBM, a play worker and teaching assistants and that all the details can be found [here](#)

Celebration Assembly

All the children have been working really hard this week, but a special well done to our certificate winners for this week and to [John Fisher](#) for winning the house points.

Best wishes, for a wonderful Weekend.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff





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!



Sunnydown School Charity Cycle Challenge



The Community Needs You!

Between 13th & 20th May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

We want to raise £35,000 for to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
caterhamcyclechallenge](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/caterhamcyclechallenge)
cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

**Please help by sponsoring this event - any
donations are gratefully received.**

Calendar Dates

25 th April	Bikeability Week- Year 6
26 th April	Football Fixture @ St Johns- Year 6 TBC Netball Fixture @ Hamsey Green -Year 6 TBC
27 th April	Year 6 Kingswood & SATS Meeting
3 rd May	Year 4 to High Ashurst
4 th May	Year 3 to Fryland Woods
6 th May	Year 3 & 4 Disco – 5-6.30pm (School Hall) Year 5 & 6 Disco – 7- 8.30pm (School Hall)
9 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
16 th May	Class Photographs
16 th May	Walk to School Week
20 th May	Year 5 to Blackland Farm / School Sleepover
23 rd May	Jubilee Celebration Week
23 rd May	Viking Visit in School -Year 4
25 th May	Year 1 to Wakehurst Place
30 th May—3 rd June	Half term
6 th June (Week of)	Year 1 Phonics Screening
7 th June	Reception to Bocketts Farm
13 th June	Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip
20 th June	Other Faith Week (Islam)
23 rd June	Inset Day –SDP (School Development Plan)
24 th June	School Closed in Lieu of Jubilee Day
28 th June	Year 4 to Science Observatory Trip
4 th July	District Sports at Hamsey Green -Details to Follow
6 th July	Beech Class to British Wildlife Centre
7 th July	Larch Class to British Wildlife Centre District Sports at St Johns- Details to Follow
8 th July	Whole school Sports Day PTA Summer Fayre
13 th & 14 th July	Year 6 School Play- 6.30-7.30pm
21 st July	Year 6 leavers Mass at Sacred Heart with teas and coffees afterwards. 1:45/2pm (time to be confirmed)
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7-9pm
22 nd July	School Finishes 1pm

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. Donations are made at no cost you!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/294760-0>

