

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> May 2022



## Value of the month – Peace

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### KS2 Disco Tonight

We are looking forward to our KS2 Disco tonight. Our thanks go to the PTA for arranging the event and to those who have volunteered to help.

#### May is the Month of Mary

Thank you to everyone who donated the beautiful flowers for our 'Crowning of Mary' Liturgy. In his Gospel, Luke tells us that Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her (Luke 1:38). In May, we remember Mary. All Gabriel needed was Mary's answer. Knowing that God had chosen her, because of her faith she knew that she would be able to do what He asked of her. We look up to Mary because through all our questions and doubts, we are reminded to have faith and to rest assured that God will always look after us.

This is the perfect time to come together and to pray the **rosary**, or part of it (perhaps a decade) each week. [www.teachingcatholickids.com](http://www.teachingcatholickids.com) explains clearly what the mysteries are for each decade, and also explains the order of the prayers used when praying the rosary.

#### Sporting Fixtures

Last week our Netball Team A were unbeaten in all their games, coming first and winning the tournament and Team B came in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 8 schools. They all played amazingly, showed complete determination and fantastic sportsmanship throughout and had a great time playing all the different schools. The Year Six footballers did not win their games, but they all played brilliantly and worked really well as a team despite never playing together in a match before. The Year Five football team also played exceptionally well, reaching the semi-finals this week. They gave it their all, showing great team work. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the children.

#### 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

#### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our Celebration Assembly Certificate holders and House Point Winners **John Fisher** for the week.

Best wishes, for a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



# QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2022

St Francis School Hall - 19:00 - 22:30

Join us for a fun, interactive evening and help raise money towards the PTA. Bring your own food and drink or order a takeaway on the night. Build your own teams, or just turn up on the night. Teams can be up to 8 people and are encouraged to come in fancy dress and decorate their tables with their chosen theme, there will of course be a prize for the best table! Over 18s only!

Extend the invite to family and friends and lets have some fun! Entry Ticket £5 per person

Tickets can be purchased using the link below.

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

All the best, The PTA



**Registration is open until 20 May 2022, for beginners aged 7-16yrs to access a range of FREE activities, across Surrey.**

For more than two decades the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games has been giving young people their first taste of a way to stay active, build new skills and make new friends – all for free.

Organised by Active Surrey, the programme is aimed at young people who are not club members and struggle to access opportunities, due to a lack of travel options or family circumstances. Thanks to free training provided by their local council, 7-16 year olds can choose an activity and go from complete beginner to competent player in as little as six to eight weeks. Taking part helps children make friends and unearth hidden talents as they develop their skills and have the chance to attend a free celebration event at the Surrey Sports Park in June.

### *How kids can get involved*

Activities vary by age and availability but every borough and district in Surrey is offering free training now. To take part, parents or carers just need to register their child online, which can be done via the Active Surrey website [www.activesurrey.com/SYG](http://www.activesurrey.com/SYG)

Depending on age, children can get involved in street basketball, inclusive dance, judo, tennis, girls' football and GoTri (indoor row, cycle and an outside run).

Emma Das, Event Lead Officer at Active Surrey is looking forward to seeing young 'Gamers' build their confidence as they work towards the main celebration event on Saturday 18 June: "After a tough two years for young people, the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games programme is a great example of councils and communities pulling together to create something fun for those kids who don't always get the chance to be involved in physical activity and try something new."

To find out more about the Games and activities on offer, visit the Active Surrey website at [www.activesurrey.com/SYG](http://www.activesurrey.com/SYG)

## Calendar Dates

9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
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 (Week of)	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
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Kingswood Assembly @9:30am – Parents are welcome to attend
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 with teas and coffees afterwards. 1:45/2pm (time to be confirmed)
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7-9pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 link below. Donations are made at no cost to you!

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

## 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](mailto:cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)**

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



# Outdoor Activities



## EXCITING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

IN DORKING, GUILDFORD AND RICHMOND

Something for everyone, choose from:

- School holiday programmes for 5-13 year olds
- Little Squirrels Forest School sessions 18 months – 4 year olds
- Family activity sessions
- Small group bookings
- Family Glamping Staycations in teepees and yurts

Childcare vouchers accepted.



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## FOREST SCHOOLS

High Ashurst, Mickleham nr Dorking

DEN BUILDING	NATURE WALKS	BUG HUNTS	NATURE'S STORY
MARSHMALLOW TOASTING	FIRELIGHTING	LAND ART	& MUCH MORE...

### Little Squirrels

- Stay and play forest school sessions
- 18 months to 4 years
- 2 hour sessions
- For you and your toddler



For more information please visit  
[www.surreyoutdoorlearning.uk/the-adventure-zone/forest-schools](http://www.surreyoutdoorlearning.uk/the-adventure-zone/forest-schools)