

St. Francis' School Newsletter

1st July 2022



Value of the month – Appreciation

Dear Parents and Carers

Kingswood Assembly

The Year 6 parents joined us for the Kingswood Assembly where we heard all about the children's favourite experiences at Kingswood on the Isle of Wight, and then looked at pictures of their adventurous week away. Thank you to Mrs Linehan, Miss Coggins, Mr Crispin, Mr Hooper, Mr Keh who volunteered to take the children away and ensured they had a wonderful experience.

St Peter and Paul Mass

It was lovely to have Father Stephen join us again to say Mass for this important Feast day. Year 5 children lead the readings, and once again Liturgy group lead the school in the singing. It was a pleasure to have Reception join us for the whole of the Mass for the first time. They joined in very enthusiastically with all the singing! We look forward to our final Mass of the year for year 6, our "Leavers Mass" which will take place at church in our final week of school.



Choir - Summer Concert

The choir joined the Surrey wind bands (SESAW and Blast off!) to sing in a joint concert on Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful concert which enabled our children both to perform and see live instrumental performances. We all enjoyed the audience participation in "Jai Ho" with "clapping" parts- it kept us on our toes! A big thank you to Mrs. Hardy and our parent volunteers who without them we wouldn't be able to take part in such occasions. A mention must also go to Grace and Kourtney in Year 6 who not only both sang beautiful solos in the song "The Prayer" but also led the choir for this song. Thank you and well done to all!!



Year 4 Trip to Science Observatory

On Tuesday, Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the science observatory. They had a fun day filled with lots of activities including water, sound and light activities and a show on Materials. They had to work together to build a bridge and construct a tower, as well as find out about space, tornadoes and how levers, pulleys and hydraulics work. They were also so lucky with the weather and had a great time at the playground.



Sports Day & PTA Summer Fayre Next Week:

The long term forecast at the moment is looking good – keep praying! Please see arrangements detailed below and the email sent out to all parents earlier today.

Celebration Assembly

All the children have been working really hard but a special well done to our certificate winners for this week.

Best wishes, for a lovely weekend.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Sports Day Arrangements

On Friday 8th July we will be holding our annual Sports Day.

All parents are welcome for the whole day, or as much of the day as you can attend, but please keep within the specified areas. This is to ensure that all children are safe and can easily get to their activities on time. We are trying a slightly different format this year to help us manage the events, staffing and hot weather, so please bear with us on the day.

The weather forecast is currently looking good, so children need to be prepared for a hot day outside. Please make sure they have the following:

- Sun cream applied before school.
- PE kit, including their house colour top if they have one.
- Sun hat.
- Drink bottle with water.
- School dinner children will have their lunch provided by the kitchen. Those on packed lunch should bring theirs in as normal.

Arrangements

8:45 Drop Off: As in previous years (pre-covid!), drop-off on Sports Day will be compulsory for all year groups, including Reception children. The children will be met at the main playground gate and taken into class. Parents are asked to wait outside while we register the children and get set up.

9:15: KS1 will be starting at 9:15 and ending their activities at 10:30. They will return to classes to do sports linked activities.

9:15: KS2 will be starting at 9:15 and finishing for lunch at 12pm.

12:00 Lunchtime: Children will all eat together on the field.

1:30pm for the House Races/Relays on the field.

3:15 Children will be taken back to classes to collect bags etc and be released out in the normal way. Please can parents keep back while the Staff take the children in so we can manage this quickly.

3:30-5:30: The PTA Summer Fun Event will commence after we have dismissed the children from classes. There will be the grand draw at 5pm and refreshments

Parents & Lunchtime: At 12:00 parents can either leave the site for lunch and return at 1:30, or remain on site but go to the infant playground. Unfortunately, to manage safeguarding on the day, parents will not be able to sit with the children for lunch. The PTA will be selling cold drinks and snacks for parents throughout the day.

Etiquette for Sports Day:

- Teachers/helpers decisions are final.
- Remain outside the activity and running areas within the designated spectator's area.
- Positive attitudes to all children – no negative comments if any child is beaten in a race and applaud the efforts of all children
- Remember it is a fun day!!
- Enjoy the PTA fun event afterwards.

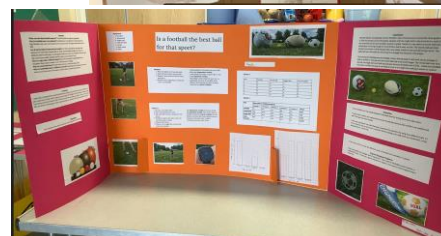
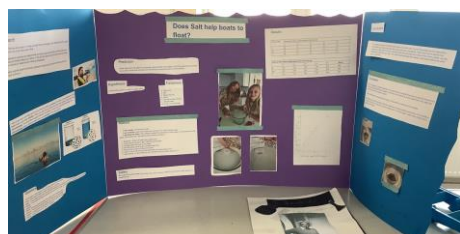
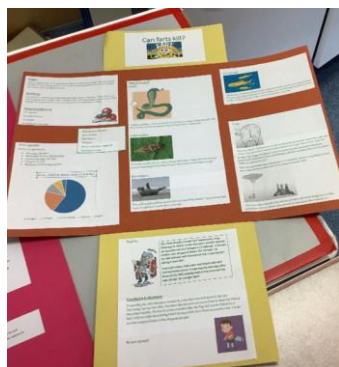
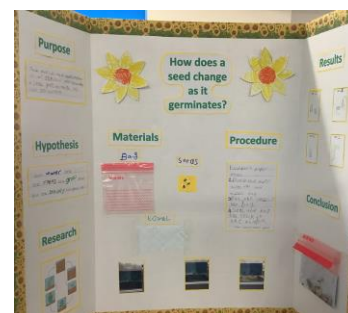
It will be lovely to manage to get back to 'normal' after the last two 'covid' years and we hope the day will be fun for all. Thank you in advance for all your support

Calendar Dates

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
11 th July	Bag2School @9am
13 th & 14 th July	Year 6 School Play- 6.30-7.30pm
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7-9pm
21 st July	Year 6 leavers Mass at Sacred Heart with teas and coffees afterwards. 1:45/2pm (time to be confirmed)
22 nd July	Leavers Assembly @ 9.30am School Finishes 1pm

Joseph - Skittles – Yr R
Parker - Germination - Yr 1
Sofia - Does salt stop boats from sinking? - Yr 3
Leo - How do birds fly? - Yr 3
Annabelle - F1 - Yr4
Lola - Football - Yr 4
Sam - Can Farts kill? - Yr 5
Penny - F1 - Yr 6

Science Fair



We will be having a Mufti day next Wednesday (children wear their home clothes). In return the PTA are asking for bottle donations for the bottle Tombola at Summer Fayre on Friday 8th July. These can be handed in at drop off on Wednesday morning.

Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005 with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have six venues around West Sussex.

only £31 per day
* Bulk booking discounts available

Venues

- 1 White Meadows Primary Academy, Littlehampton
- 2 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 3 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 4 The Towers, Upper Beeding
- 5 Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 6 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham



Operating Dates

FEB HALF TERM:

Sites 2, 3, 5

EASTER:

Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

MAY HALF TERM:

Sites 2, 3, 5

SUMMER:

Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

OCTOBER HALF TERM:

Sites 2, 3, 5, 6

CHRISTMAS: n/a



If you are looking for a treat, or for someone to entertain your child, Whizz Kids is the perfect opportunity for children to really enjoy their school holidays. With fully qualified sports coaches on site teaching new skills providing the finest in sporting activities, together with a whole host of creative activities and much much more.

email: mail@whizzkidsclub.co.uk

For exact dates please visit our website.

We accept Childcare Choices, Childcare Vouchers, Working Tax Credits & Tax Free Childcare.

Whizz Kids is registered with Ofsted, see website for details and recent reports.



Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

Active Fun!

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
9am - 4.45pm (per day)
£31.00*

EXTRAS

Early Birds
8.15am - 9.00am
(per day) £4.50

Late Leavers
4.45pm - 5.45pm
(per day) £4.50

Tuck
£1.00 (per day)

Sickness & Flexibility Insurance
£2.00 (per day)

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket/Kwick Cricket
- Tennis/Short Tennis
- Basketball
- Rounders
- Mini Sports
- Team Games
- Adventure Playground
- Field Activities
- Mini Olympics
- Dodge Ball
- Tag Rugby

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Cooking
- Face Painting
- Painting & Sticky Stuff
- Play Dough Modelling
- Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Dance and Drama
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Days
- Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Board Games



Rotary
Club of Caterham
www.caterhamrotary.org.uk

COMMUNITY CRICKET DAY

SUNDAY 24TH JULY

1.00PM TO 6.00PM

OLD CATERHAMIAN, PARK AVE
CR3 6AH

Free entry

Free coaching for children

T10 matches to watch

Fun Kwik cricket for families

Register your interest now!



<https://caterhamrotary.org.uk/>

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St Francis Catholic Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS, OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS
(THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Monday 11th July 2022 @ 9:00am

Walking Instructors needed

Do you want to become a paid Walking Instructor?

Our school is assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to help them recruit for Walking Instructors, as part of their new Walking Training programme for primary schools.

What is the Walking Training programme?

The Walking Training Programme is a road safety and active travel skills awareness course that will be aimed at children ages 7 to 8 years old (Year 3). It will provide pupils with road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers and prepare them for independent travel.

[Further information about the Walking Training course can be found here.](#)

What is a Walking Instructor?

A Walking Instructor will be able to lead a small group of Year 3 pupils in the playground and on the road, outside the school gates, to provide them with necessary road safety skills and knowledge. Delivering an informative, robust and entertaining programme of learning that highlights the necessary road safety skills, providing Year 3 pupils with the foundation to feel safe and comfortable as a [pedestrian navigating Surrey's roads](#).

There are many benefits to becoming a Walking Instructor, including: being at the forefront of a new active and sustainable travel programme in Surrey; working with pupils to encourage walking to school and providing them with the necessary road safety skills. We will also provide you with a competitive salary, flexible working that can be based in and around the school day as well as full training, including safeguarding and First Aid.

Who would be an ideal Walking Instructor?

- Someone that has experience working with primary aged children, in either a professional or personal manner.
- Interested in encouraging primary school-age pupils to feel more confident traveling actively and sustainably to school.
- Interested in road safety and or active travel.
- Confident engaging children of 7-8 years old both in the classroom and during the on-road training elements of the course.
- Confident working on your own, as some courses may not have another Instructor attending with you.
- Looking for a flexible, term time position.
- Competitive salary.
- Full training provided, included safeguarding and First Aid.

If this sounds like a job you or someone you know may be interested in, please find further information on the job profile and how to apply below:

[Apply to become a paid Walking Instructor](#)