St. Francis' School Newsletter

^{22nd} July 2022



Value of the month – Appreciation

Dear Parents and Carers

Holy Communion Liturgy

After some time of not being able to celebrate this in school, it was wonderful to share a Holy Communion Liturgy with our children in Years 3, 4 and 5 who have made their Holy Communions this year. Despite the extreme heat on Tuesday, we took a moment to this special sacrament in school. Congratulations to all!

Sharing Music Assembly

It was with great joy that Mrs Hardy, once again, was able to share with the school all the wonderful whole class instrumental learning that has been going on

during this year. In Year 3, the children shared their growing knowledge of the recorder. Whilst, in Year 5 led by Mr Beagley and Miss Morris, the children showed their learning of the trumpet and Ukulele. Thank you



to the children for such wonderful performances and hard work over the year. In addition, thank you to the music staff who have taught the children this year.

Year 6 End of Year Celebrations

On Wednesday evening, we held our Year 6 disco. The pupils looked fabulous and had loads of fun! The Leavers Mass celebrated by Fr Stephen yesterday at Sacred Heart was very meaningful: our readers and altar servers were superb, and the children sang beautifully. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. This morning, we were able to welcome the Year 6 parents to our Leavers Assembly. It is always very sad when our children move on to secondary schools, the memories they shared with us at the Assembly were very moving. We wish our Year 6 children and their families a fond goodbye.

Awards

We were also able to celebrate their achievements and award the special prizes to the following pupils for their commitment and dedication:

*Music: Grace and Kourtney received the <u>Peter Barraclough Music Cup</u>, both girls are musically talented and have beautiful voices_and have excelled this year.

The following pupils received a **Special Music Award** for outstanding progress and excellent musicianship, well done **Penny, Eva and Nithali**, as well as **Natalie and Beau** for music performance in Joseph.

- *Choir Medals: Anita, Chloe, Grace, Eva, Beau, Holly, Natalia H, Arabella, Natalia J, Alex M, Isabella, Nithali, Dillon, Penny, Kourtney and Teagan who have been excellent singing ambassadors both in and out of school.
- *Drama: Finley for his talent, willingness and enthusiasm in all areas of drama.
- *Maths: The Fr John Maths award for most improved mathematicians went to Tommy and Holly Year 6 and Jade-Mae and Matas in Year 2.
- *Governors Award: medals have been awarded to Josie in Year 6 and Archie in year 2 for the amazing effort they have displayed consistently this year.
- *Poetry & Prose Books were also awarded by Mrs Shannon to many pupils who have participated and contributed in the Redhill & Reigate Festival several times as well as many events throughout the year.

Joint first recipients of the Francesca Shannon St Francis Alumni All Rounder Cup, awarded to **Nithali and Isabella**, Congratulations.

Finally, the **Hamilton Award**, our most prestigious award which is awarded to the pupils who <u>most embody the ethos of our school</u>, went to **Olivia and Aedan** who have shone throughout their time at St Francis'! Well done to all our pupils throughout the school for doing very well this year, and to the staff who work with them and encourage them. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff.

Goodbyes

We send a fond farewell to some Staff and Families who are moving on and we wish them a successful and happy time in their new ventures. we say goodbye to Mr Palmer. Miss Nicholls Miss Cox, Mrs Callaghan and Miss Spitari, they have been a great part of St Francis', and will be sorely missed. On a more positive note, though, we were able to wish Mrs Hugues "Good Luck" as she goes on Maternity leave.

Welcome

In September we welcome into the school:

- Mrs McEleney School Business Manager
- Miss Rudman Year One Teacher.
- Miss Stansbury Year Two Teacher.

I know that we will all give them a warm St Francis' welcome.

I'd like to say **thank you to ALL the staff** who make us the great school we are: the teachers, the LSAs, the Admin Staff, the Kitchen Staff, our Caretaker Mr Colyer, and our cleaners, who ensure that the school is ready for us every day when we come in.

Best wishes,

Have a wonderful and peaceful Summer.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff

School Reopens Monday 5th September @ 9am

Calendar Dates	
1 st September	Inset Day
^{2nd} September	Inset Day
5 th September	School opens @ 9am





Drop off Helpers Appeal For September

Helpers urgently needed for next term because there are many parents leaving the rota due to children finishing school or work changes. For this service to continue, we NEED MORE HELPERS. Almost everyone helps only once every 3 weeks.

Please let me know which days you can do - by emailing <u>dropoff.stfrancis@gmail.com</u> with availability. Drop off runs 8:45-9, and you just need to open doors for children to get into school. P.S. Dads and grandparents welcome too!



