

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Value of the month – Perseverance

### Dear Parents and Carers



#### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everyone. The staff and I would like to send a big 'thank you' for your kind gifts received at the end of the Summer Term. They were very much appreciated. We hope everyone had a wonderful Summer holidays. The children have been amazing with settling back into new routines; they are cheerful, positive and hardworking. Well done to them all – we are so proud of them.

#### Welcome to our new Reception Children and Parents!

We wish our new Reception pupils and their Parents a very warm welcome to St Francis'. The children are a delight and are settling well into school life. If you have any queries, please do ask the class teachers, or email in to the office and we will reply as soon as we can.

#### Death of Her Majesty, The Queen - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Today in our Assembly we discussed yesterday's very sad news about the death of our Queen and how we may all be feeling today. We talked about her values and gifts as a Queen, including her sense of humour and dedication. We remembered her life as a Monarch and her Faith in God. We thought about how she was a loving Mother and Grandmother and we prayed for her, her family and the Nation at this sad time. In the holiday we received this lovely thank you letter and card from Balmoral for the Jubilee messages we sent to the Queen. I had been saving it for this Friday's Celebration Assembly, so the children hadn't seen it. It was, therefore, special to share it today and to look back positively on her Jubilee and the joy that it brought her, her family and us all.

#### Fantastic Fred

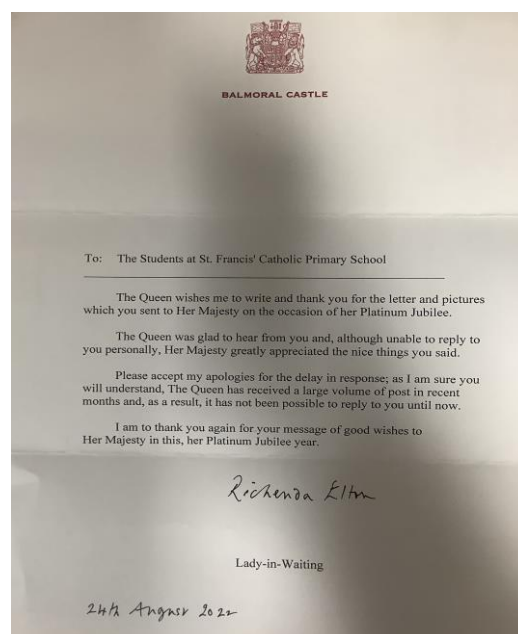
Yesterday the children all took part in well-being workshops led by the Fantastic Fred NHS Team. The focus was on being healthy, having regular bedtimes and finding fun alternatives to screen time. They will receive a wristband and leaflet on 'Good Mental Health Matters'.

#### Parents Evenings

This year these will be held before the half term and the provisional dates are below. We shall confirm and let you know how these will work nearer the time.

**Trainers:** Children should keep a pair of trainers in school at all times and not take them home, this is so they are there ready for any opportunities we may have of using the field and no one has to miss out.





### Celebration Assembly

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

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



### Calendar Dates

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October                     | Perspective new parents open morning @9.45am                                   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Inset day school closed  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October                    | Nasal Flu Yr 6   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October                    | Nasal flu Yr R- Yr 5<br>Year 6 Tandridge junior Citizenship child safety event |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October (provisional)      | Parents Evening -Details to follow   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October (provisional)      | Parents Evening – Details to follow  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October                    | Year 2 visit to The Aerodrome  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> October | Half Term  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October                    | School reopens   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Perspective new parents open morning @9.30am                                   |

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB START NEXT WEEK.**

### School Lunches

A reminder that lunch money is now due for the new term. The cost is now £2.60 per day, making the totals as follows:

Weekly - £13

First half term - £88.40

Second half term - £91.00

Cheques should be made payable to **Surrey County Council**.

Alternatively, payment can be made online – if you would like instructions, please ask at the School Office.

Meals are ordered on a weekly basis; you **cannot** alter midweek. Anyone wishing to change from Packed Lunch to School Dinners or vice versa, must let the school office know by the Friday of the previous week. You will be charged for dinners if you have not informed us. Thank you

## WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA!

With the start of the school term only a few days away the PTA extends a warm welcome back to everyone! We very much hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break! For those parents and children who have just joined the school we very much look forward to meeting you all over the course of the year.

One of the first actions of the PTA will be to host the AGM which we hope to do later this month - watch this space for full details. All parents and carers are invited to the St Francis School PTA AGM. The AGM is an opportunity for you to hear about what we have been doing in recent years to support the school, hear about the immediate successes of last year and some of the exciting plans for the upcoming year. We would encourage you all to attend and be a part of the school association. All members of the school community can be involved in the success of the PTA, we are actively seeking class representatives for the upcoming year so please let us know if you would like to help. Please email [stfrancischoolassociation@goolemail.com](mailto:stfrancischoolassociation@goolemail.com) if you would like to come forward as a class representative.

In the meantime, we wanted to share with you all some recent communication we received from Give as you Live. A fantastic initiative that helps charities like ourselves generate donations from everyday shopping. If **YOU sign up before the 18th September 2022** the St Francis School Association will immediately receive a donation!! Absolutely free to you! Please use the enclosed link below for more details and to sign up;

[https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-francis-caterham?utm\\_source=charitytoolkit&utm\\_content=42411&utm\\_medium=post&utm\\_campaign=CTSignupIncentive](https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/st-francis-caterham?utm_source=charitytoolkit&utm_content=42411&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=CTSignupIncentive)  
Additionally, over the summer break we received a further charitable donation from AmazonSmile. It takes the total donation for the last school year to **£270**. This is a fantastic amount of money which you have all helped to generate. If you don't support us yet please feel free to join us. Full details below;

Lastly for those of you who may still need school uniform ahead of the school term, please visit our second-hand uniform shop online using the link below. All uniform is of good quality. Any uniform purchased by **Tuesday 6th September** will be delivered back to you before the end of the first week.

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


**Immediate date for your diary - Thursday 22nd September 2022 @ 9:00am - Bags2School collection.** Please bring unwanted clothes into school and leave by the gate at drop off.


Thanks, The PTA


**Shop AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/294760-0>, and Amazon donates to St Francis' School Association, at no cost to you.**

**AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App to all Amazon customers using an iPhone or Android phone. When your supporters have activated AmazonSmile in the app, every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for your organisation. Go to "Settings" in your app's menu to activate AmazonSmile.**

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS  
In partnership with your school or organisation

  
[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

  
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:**

Thursday 22nd September 2022 @ 9:00am

  
ADULT: £4  
CHILD: £1  
<http://cms.hqr.im>

  
Refreshments  
LEGO fan displays  
LEGO activity tables

  
**CATERHAM  
MODEL  
SHOW**

Fund raising for the 5th Caterham Scout Group



Sacred Heart Centenary Hall,  
Essendene Road, Caterham, CR3 5PB  
**17th Sep 10:30-16:30**