

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022



## Value of the month – Perseverance

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### House Captains and RE Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new House Captains who were appointed this morning. **Thomas Moore**- Erica & Preston

**Anne Line**- Daniel & Lola **Margaret Clitheroe**- Ethan & Riley **John Fisher**- Louis & Will.

Well done to our RE Ambassadors who also received their badges.



#### Open Mornings for next year's Reception Parents

There will be the following events for prospective parents:

- **Open Morning & Tours** – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9.45am & 8th November 9.30am

The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events.

**Please could any prospective parents who wish to attend contact the school office to book place.**



#### Pick-Up Reminder

Parents please use the questionnaire you were sent to notify teachers of any changes to pick up arrangements. Although last-minute pick-ups should be telephoned through to the office and not emailed. Thank you.

#### Attendance Reminder

We are fortunate that our attendance is high. As Parents you support us by ensuring they attend regularly and on time and the children love coming to school - thank you. Your child's attendance at school is vitally important for their learning, both here and as they move to secondary school, and ultimately their long-term life chances.

Please be reminded that:

**Registration** is promptly at 9am all pupils should be in school for the taking of the register. Attendance after the registers close is regarded as a 'Late'. Registers have to be taken twice a day and count as two separate marks.

**School Finish** is at 3:30pm. We understand that there will always be the odd time when you run late and we wish to thank those who email or phone in to let us know. There are a small number, however, who are regularly late which ends up being distressing for children. If you are regularly late we strongly advise using Treetops which is available for parents who may need a short stay (to 4:30pm), or a long stay to 6:15pm.

**Absence** must be reported by 9am via [absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) or via a message on the absence phone line. Please note, it is not sufficient to say your child is 'ill', you must say with what illness it is. If we have not heard from you, the office will ring to see why your child is absent.

As Headteacher I can only authorise absences in 'exceptional circumstances'. In line with Government guidance; family holidays in School time will not be granted as a norm.

Attendance below 90%, is monitored by myself and the Local Authority who come to school to do termly register checks. Persistent absence and lateness is followed up by myself and may result in a referral to the Local Authority Inclusion Team and a fine.

#### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our Celebration Assembly certificate holders and House Point Winners **Margaret Clitheroe** for the week

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



## Calendar Dates

26 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA AGM Meeting 6.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Prospective 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 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
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Welcome Disco Reception classes 5.30- 6.45pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 2 visit to The Aerodrome (date Change)
24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	School reopens
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective new parents open morning @9.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Fayre

### 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.




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### 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



### Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

### Active Fun!

#### 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

**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)

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# HARVEST APPEAL

## HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



### DONATE MONEY

help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



### SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

Long life fruit juice  
Tinned soup and pasta sauces  
Long life sponge pudding  
Rice pudding/custard  
Shampoo and shower gel

*Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives  
with a financial donation too.*



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[caterham.foodbank.org.uk](http://caterham.foodbank.org.uk)

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