

St. Francis' School Newsletter

30th September 2022



Value of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers



Individual School Photographs

We have arranged for individual photographs to be taken of all the children on Thursday 6th October. Please can you ensure that your children are looking smart. All junior children should wear ties with their shirts for the photos. Unfortunately, this will mean that classes will not have PE on Thursday, so full uniform must be worn. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

St Francis Feast Day - Mass & Mufti Day 4th October,

The 4th October is our school Feast day. It will be an 'own clothes/mufti' day. We suggest a voluntary donation of £1 which we will use towards renewing some of our RE resources in school. The children may wish to wear anything they may have related to animals as St Francis was known for his love of animals. We will be learning and doing activities based around the story of St Francis. In the afternoon Years 2 to Year 6 will walk to Sacred Heart Church for Mass. We welcome help with walking the children to and from Church. Please do let the Teacher know if you are able to help on the day.

Inset Day 7th October

Please remember that school is closed on Friday next week as it is an Inset Day.

Grandparents Day – Sunday 2nd October

Thank you to all of the Grandparents who came into Cherry and Apple class to read. It was lovely to meet you and for you to share your favourite stories with us- the children loved them! We wish all our Grandparents a very Happy Grandparents Day for Sunday!

Treetops Wraparound Care Club – booking reminder: Treetops is our breakfast and after school wraparound care club. In order to book places, Parents must sign up to the Treetops Booking system via Tucasi. A form is available on our website. The Club is very well used and busy and places fill up quickly, please ensure you book places in good time. **If we have reached our adult/child ratios and capacity, we will be unable to add children especially at the last minute.**

Whizz Kids October Holiday Club

Please do sign up as soon as possible – see the booking details in the flyer below.

Cycling and Scooting – Safety First!

While we always encourage cycling and scooting to and from school, it is important that adults dismount at the school gates and **do not cycle or scoot through the playground**. If children are travelling on the back of a parents cycle on roads they should have a helmet on.

Dangerous Parking - Cedar Park Road

The three Headteachers have been asked by our local neighbours to remind you not to park on the double yellow lines at entrance to Cedar Park. It is dangerous as it is reducing vision to both drivers and pedestrians and causing residents difficulties in getting access to their properties and their own children to schools. **Please be aware - the local traffic wardens do patrol the main road and you risk getting a ticket!**

Year 6 Football Match

The Year 6 football team played their first league match in over 3 years on Tuesday against Whyteleafe School. It finished 2-2 and turned out to be a very exciting match, with many parents saying that they could've watched it for another 20 minutes. The whole team played extremely well and should be very proud! Congratulations to William E for his Man of the Match performance!



Nut Free School Reminder

We are a nut free school. Please make sure that Packed lunches do not contain nuts in any way shape or form this includes chocolate spread. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). Thank you for co operation.

PTA Thanks and AGM

This week, we had our PTA AGM and I would like to say a big thank you to Lisa (Chair), Russell (Finance) and Emma (Secretary) and all those on the PTA team for all their hard work over the past year. It was lovely to see so many parents who came out to attend the AGM – thank you! The PTA are already busy organising the coming year's events! As always, they would welcome further members to help share the load. The PTA meet approximately once term at 7/7.30pm. Please do contact them via email stfranciisschoolassociation@googlemail.com if you feel that you can help.

Drop Off Team – thank you!

A special thanks goes to Mrs Dunne who manages the Drop Off rota and to the Drop Off Volunteers. We really appreciate your commitment. The drop off runs smoothly and is a help to almost all our Parents. Mrs Dunne is due to step down at the end of the year and we are looking for someone to take on the roll. If you feel you, can help, please let the PTA know so we can plan a handover later in the year.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for playworkers in Treetops, our wrap around care provision. Please apply via this link [Wrap Around School Club Play Workers: Part-time Positions Available \(hours see below\) - Eteach](#)

Celebration Assembly

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

Have a wonderful weekend.
Best wishes,
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Lost Property at the Office



Calendar Dates

3 rd October	Prospective new parents open morning @9.45am
4 th October	St Francis Feast Day - Mufti Day - £1 voluntary contribution is suggested 2pm School Mass
6 th October	Individual school Photographs
7 th October	Inset day school closed
10 th October	Nasal Flu Yr 6
13 th October	Harvest Mass for the children with donations for the local foodbank
17 th October	Nasal flu Yr R- Yr 5 Year 6 Tandridge Junior Citizenship child safety event
12 th and 14 th	Y2 Parents Evening for Y2 only -Details to follow
18 th October (provisional)	Parents Evening -Details to follow
19 th October (provisional)	Parents Evening – Details to follow
21 st October	Welcome Disco Reception classes 5.30- 6.45pm
3 rd November	Year 2 visit to The Aerodrome (date Change)
24 th - 28 th October	Half Term
31 st October	School reopens
8 th November	Prospective new parents open morning @9.30am
3 rd 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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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.

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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.

only £31 per day
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Venues

- White Meadows Primary Academy, Littlehampton
- St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- Shoreham College, Shoreham
- The Towers, Upper Beeding
- Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 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

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



Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

Active Fun!

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)

We are certified



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