

St. Francis' School Newsletter

18th November 2022



Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

Road Safety Week

Well done to all those who walked, scooted, cycled, car shared and park and strode into school this week. Badges for those who did so were given out in class.



Authors Abroad & Children's Author in School

On Tuesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to work alongside a published author, Seth Burkett, to create some biographical writing. They had a wonderful day and really enjoyed the experience, creating some fantastic pieces of writing. Hopefully, this will inspire them in their own writing throughout the rest of the school year! We were also very lucky to have Caroline Blok, a children's author, who came in to Reception, Keystage 1 and Year 3, and read to each year group her new book 'The Handbag Mice.' The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to her story.



Odd Sock Day

It was Anti Bullying week this week where we were encouraging the children to think about what bullying is and what we can do to stop people being bullied. We celebrated the first day of this special week with Odd Sock Day. This is a national event aimed at celebrating what makes us unique. You can find out more on Newsround on the BBC and Bedtime Stories on CBeebies.



Christmas Jumper Day & School Roast Lunch

Christmas Jumpers can be worn on both days.

Following last year's success of having our Christmas lunches over two days, we will be doing this again.

Caroline our Cook and her team will be providing Roast Lunch on the **13th & 14th December 2022**.

As this is a mammoth task, the grid below shows how the kitchen will cater for the children over both days. Any alterations to your child's dinner choices for **that week** needs to be **communicated via email to the office no later than Friday 2nd December** as the kitchen need to place the food order. **Changes for those two days cannot be altered after this date.**

	Tuesday 13 th Dec 2022	Wednesday 14 th Dec 2022
Infant children	Roast Lunch	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.
Junior Children	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.	Roast Lunch



Red Wednesday

On **Wednesday 23th November 2022**, ALL pupils (and staff) are asked to come to school dressed in their uniform with an item of clothing or accessory that is red for world-wide Red Wednesday. Red Wednesday is a day to gather together to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. We shall be saying prayers in class and each key stage will have an assembly on the topic of, 'Freedom to Believe'. No donation is requested. If you would like further information on this, please visit this website: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

Junior Playtime Health Snacks

Junior first playtime health snacks: Please can everyone be reminded that the Junior children are only allowed 'healthy snacks or fruit' in school for first break. We have had a few children who appear to be bringing in crisps, sweets and chocolate for a break time snack which is not appropriate.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **Thomas Moore** for winning the House Points Cup.

Have a wonderful weekend
Best Wishes,
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Calendar Dates

23 rd November	Red Wednesday, Children to wear red in support of persecution of Christians and all faiths.
27 th November	Lighting of the Cedar Tree from 6pm
1 st December	Annual Advent Liturgy- Silver Coin In Aid of World Gifts PTA Mufti Day- Year 5 to Reception - Bring a bottle Year 6- Bring mince pies and cakes
2 nd December	Panto Day- Whole School
3 rd December	PTA Christmas Fayre 12-3pm
5 th December	Woldingham Carol Concert
6 th December	Reception Christmas Performance - 9.30am
7 th December	Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 9.30am
8 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 9.30am Mass of the Feast of Immaculate Conception
12 th December	Roman Day- Year 4
13 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day KS1
14 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day KS2
16 th December	School closes @ 1pm for Christmas Break
3 rd January 2023	School Reopens @ 9am
5 th January	NSPCC Workshop Years 5 & 6

Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Fair

Sunday 27th November 2022, 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Sacred Heart Parish, Centenary Hall & St Thomas's Hall,
Essendene Road, Caterham CR3 5PA.

Come and join the festive spirit. We will have Father Christmas, Toys, Cakes, Gifts, Beauty, a Grand Draw, Snacks, Teas & Coffees, Tombola, Arts & Crafts, Mulled Wine and much more!

All proceeds will be shared between several charities including, The Westway Centre, SVP (support for local needs) and Iraqi refugees in Jordan (Madaba)
Admission is Free.





St. Francis School
Association
presents...

Christmas Fair

Purchase a 10-stamp activity card online
or on the gate to use on stalls for £5



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| ● Cake Stall | ● Hook a Duck |
| ● Sweet Treats | ● Reindeer Food |
| ● Mulled Wine | ● Bottle Tombola |
| ● Hot Food | ● Chocolate Tombola |
| ● Sweets in a Jar | ● Wheel of Fortune |
| ● Raffle | ● Live Performances |
| ● And much more! | ● Making Decorations |

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Whyteleafe Road,
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SAT 3
DECEMBER
12PM-3PM

DID I MENTION THE RAFFLE??



CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2022 12-3pm

We have some fantastic prizes in our Christmas Fair Raffle including a £250 cash prize. See the attached flyer for further details of our prizes.

Our Raffle will be drawn live at the fair - Tickets can only be purchased in advance, on-line using the enclosed link, no paper tickets available this year. **Tickets are a £1 each.** Please share this email with friends and family. Best of luck all.

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

We really couldn't run our raffle without the generous support of our local businesses and sponsors, we are extremely grateful to them all.

Thank you, the PTA

St Francis School Christmas Fayre Grand Raffle

£250 CASH Prize

Christmas Hampers
Godstone Farm Family Tickets
Bocketts Farm Family Tickets
Dorking Halls Pantomime Tickets
Drusilla Park Tickets

Flower Arrangements

Cinema Tickets
Surrey National Golf Vouchers
Pottery Wheel Experience
Zumba Classes
Whoop Fitness Vouchers

Family Priority Pass
Discovery Walk Tickets
Family Swim Tickets
BB Soccer Vouchers
Aquatic Fitness Tickets

Beauty Manicure voucher
Personal Trainer Experience

plus many more prizes for all the family

Christmas
PARTY FUN DAY
19th DECEMBER 2022
@ CHALDON VILLAGE HALL
10:00am-3:00pm

Dancing Prizes Arts & Crafts Games
FUN Age 4-11

£25 for bookings made before 30/11/22
£30 for bookings made after this date

07887 722441 / 07715 443503
BOOK NOW: SPACES ARE LIMITED

The Christmas Party Fun Day is run by Elisa Roberts & Angela Johnson

We both hold a current DBS certificate & we are both first aid trained.

Angela is a qualified child minder and currently works at St Francis School as a teaching assistant and also works in their morning & after school club.

Elisa runs her own successful dance school (For over 17 years) and is also the manager of the morning & after school clubs at St Francis School.

We both have many years of experience working with and entertaining children. The children are in extremely safe hands and we will make the day so exciting for all of them.

COST
BOOK BEFORE 30th NOVEMBER FOR £25.00
BOOK AFTER THIS DATE £30.00

BOOK NOW!!!