

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## Value of the month – Respect

### Dear Parents and Carers

We have almost made it to December! Sunday is the first day of Advent.

### Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Dean

Some happy news to share with you all. Mr & Mrs Dean are the proud parents not just to one but two little boys, Arlo & Beau who safely arrived last week happy and healthy. We hope this is a wonderful time filled with lots of joy and happiness for their new family.



### Cedar Tree

The Choir will be singing on 27<sup>th</sup> November at the annual Lighting of the Cedar Tree 6pm– do come to watch and support our local Caterham community. It is wonderful that we can once again be part of this event

### Red Wednesday

Thank you for supporting our Red Wednesday. The day started with a quiet reflection. We Reflected on how fortunate we are that we are able to practise our faith safely. Our prayers to God were for him to help those who are being treated unfairly and persecuted throughout the world. If you would like further information on this, please visit this website.

<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday>



### Swimming Gala

This week, St Francis took part in their first swimming gala in over 4 years. Fifteen children from Years 4-6 competed against five other schools in the event hosted at Warlingham School. All the kids gave it their all and swam incredibly well. When the results were announced, they found out that St Francis finished in 2nd place, an incredible achievement after missing out on swimming for so many years! All the children should be incredibly proud of their accomplishment and already have their sights set on taking home 1st place next year! Many thanks to Mr Crispin and parents who helped.



### Service Animals/Dogs on Site

Aside from the pets/dogs of our caretakers, the only dogs allowed on site are registered 'Service Dogs'. **No other dogs are allowed – even those small dogs or puppies that can be held in arms.**

In the coming weeks you will see 'Teddy' a service dog occasionally on site in our playground, at pick up and drop off. He is in training and will be wearing a blue harness, once fully trained he will have a red one. He is gentle and friendly and loves cuddles, but please do not all approach and crowd around him when you see him – 400 children and additional parents are a lot to take on board all at once! Please speak to the children about this and make sure that when you see Teddy and his owner, your children are kept with you and do not run up to him. His owner will indicate when it is all right to approach and when to step away. If you are asked to step away, please act on this immediately. I will speak to the children about Teddy at Celebration Assembly this week.

### PTA Mufti Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** Year 5 to Reception- Bring a bottle, Year 6- Mince pies and cakes.



### Toy Sale in Support of PACT Operation Elf Appeal- Monday 28th November

St Francis RE monitors are holding a nearly new/new toy sale and books, which the children can purchase and this could be used for early Christmas presents. We are asking our families to have a look at home for any new/nearly new clean toys and books. As always, we thank you for your continued support. Children will be able to bring in their pocket money to buy toys during the day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Parking and Inappropriate Language

Yet again, I am reminding everyone to drive with suitable care and consideration on site – we have a 5mph speed limit on site. Please park in the designated bays and do not move the parking cones or park across at angles on or near the zebra crossings. It is unsafe, highly inconsiderate and not in keeping with our school Christian ethos. This also applies to the use of bad language which should not be used anywhere on site.

**Christmas Lunch & Jumper information :** Scroll down to see the plans!

### Celebration Assembly

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

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



**Deadline to communicate any changes is [Friday 2nd December](#)**

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



## Calendar Dates

27 <sup>th</sup> November	Lighting of the Cedar Tree from 6pm
1st December	PTA Mufti Day- <b>Year 5 to Reception - Bring a bottle</b> <b>Year 6- Bring mince pies and cakes</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Panto Day- Whole School
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre 12-3pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Woldingham Carol Concert
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performance - 9.30am
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 9.30am Mass of the Feast of Immaculate Conception
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Roman Day- Year 4
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day KS1
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day KS2
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Annual Advent Liturgy- Sliver Coin In Aid of World Gifts
16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes @ 1pm for Christmas Break
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	School Reopens @ 9am
5 <sup>th</sup> January	NSPCC Workshop Years 5 & 6







St. Francis School  
Association  
presents...

# Christmas Fair

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



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

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Whyteleafe Road,  
Gaterham CR3 5ED

**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!!!**