



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.

Chair of Governors

This week at our Governors meeting and in our Celebration Assembly we said a big "Thank you" to Mrs Nathalie Walsh for her 8 years of service to the school as a Governor and for the last 4 years as Chair of Governors. We thank her for all her efforts for our school especially over the complex "COVID" years and look forward to still seeing her around as a parent for another year!



Welcome to our new Reception Children and Parents!

We wish our new Reception pupils and their parents a very warm welcome to St Francis' and look forward to having the final intake next week. 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.

Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our school on Monday 11th September@3.45pm for our "Meet the Teacher" sessions. These will be held in your child's classroom and give you an opportunity to hear about what you child will be learning about in their year groups, key information and to "meet" the class teachers. We are excited to begin to have parents in for these types of meetings again and look forward to more occasions across the year when we can join as a St Francis Community.

Please note if you need to speak to your teacher about a concern about your child please make a separate appointment.

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.

Polite Reminder.

JEWELLERY - no jewellery should be worn in school. It is County and school policy that children are not permitted to take part in any form of Physical Education if wearing jewellery, including earrings and earring retainers.

Absence

Please remember if you child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please leave a message on the answer phone or email absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk no later than 9.30am.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Wheeler & Staff



Calendar Dates

11 th September	Meet The Teacher @ 3.45pm
18 th September	Surrey Wise Travel Week
28 th September	KS1 Phonics Meeting @3.30pm
4 th October	St Francis feast Day
9 th October	Feel Good Week
13 th October	Nasal Flu Whole School
16 th October	No Clubs
17 th October (provisional)	Parents Evening -Details to follow
18 th October (provisional)	Parents Evening – Details to follow
20 th October	Inset Day
23 th - 27 th October	Half Term
30 th October	School reopens
1 st November	All Saints Day
6 th November	Parliament week
13 th November	Anti-bullying week
20 th November	Road Safety Week
1 st December	Beginning of Advent
15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm

School Lunches

A reminder that lunch money is now due for the new term. The cost is now £2.70 per day, making the totals as follows:

Weekly - £13.50

First half term – 91.80

Second half term – 94.50

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

Medical Forms

For those who have not yet returned your medical forms, please ensure that these are returned to the office on Monday along with any medication that is required. Thank you.

MOST AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START NEXT WEEK, PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE.

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.

PTA AGM Notification

Please join us for the first PTA meeting of the year, our AGM, which will be held on **Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 7:00pm** in the school hall. Free drinks and nibbles will be provided. All are welcome.

As we start the new school year the outgoing committee are confident the PTA can continue to provide invaluable support to the school, however at this time we are still seeking additional support and have vacancies on the committee. We would encourage those that would like to join the committee to get in touch and express an interest. In the absence of individuals coming forward many of the activities and support of the past may not continue.

We know parents value the input from the PTA so we very much hope you will all be able to join us at the AGM to hear about how we support the school and how the money YOU have raised has been invested to benefit our children.

With the right support the PTA can be a huge success so why not come along, if only for the free drinks and nibbles. We would love to hear your ideas.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM, The PTA

Immediate date for your diary - 22nd September 2023 @ 9:00am - Bags2School collection. Please bring unwanted clothes into school and leave by the gate at drop off.

Thanks, The PTA

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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.



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In partnership with your school or organisation



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:

Friday 22nd September @ 9:00am