

St. Francis' School Newsletter

15th September 2023



Value of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Head Girl and Head Boy

We have been celebrating this week the appointment of our Head Boy and Girl. Well done to Everyone who put themselves forward and to those children who prepared and made speeches. We are proud of you all. There will, as usual, be a further opportunity for pupils to put themselves forward again in the spring term. Congratulations to our new **HEADGIRL - Ella** and **HEADBOY-Theo**.

The School Council members will be announced next week.

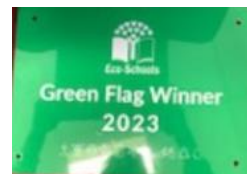


Librarians, ECO Warriors & ICT Ambassadors

Congratulations to our newly appointed children who received their badges this morning.

Green Flag

I'm delighted to announce that the Eco Team at St Francis' School have achieved a Merit in their Green Flag Application in the last academic year. A massive well done to all my Eco Warriors for their hard work in presenting an assembly, attending meetings and performing duties such as litter picking, checking lights/taps are turned off etc. We integrate more environmental work into our curriculum each year, so an all-round thank you to all the teachers and children who feel so passionately about caring for our planet.



Thank you- PTA and Parents 2022-23 Fundraising

A very big message of thanks to our PTA Team and to you all for your support of the PTA last year. They raised £15,400 and enabled the support shown below. Please do attend the AGM on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm in the school Hall to hear how you can help the PTA this year.



RE Assemblies

This week, the RE monitors have done multiple assemblies to the school - Infants and Juniors These presentations have been based on Catholic Social Teaching. This is our moral compass which guides us on how to live out our faith in the world. We also had a visit from Sofia the Sloth who helped teach us about **stewardship** and how to look after God's great gifts. In RE lots of classes are learning about the creation story and how God loved us so much that he gave us a beautiful world. It is our job to be stewards of the earth and look after the planet. There will be more from Sofia and her friends throughout the year so keep watch! From Annabelle and Jenny (RE monitors)



E-Safety Awareness

E-Safety Awareness: Updated Parental Supervision Features for FB Messenger and Instagram

For your information: Meta have introduced some new parental features for FB Messenger and Instagram which can be implemented via your apps.

Specific updates for Messenger:

- View how much time the child spends on the app.
- Updates on their contact list.
- Notification if the child reports someone.
- View who can message their child.
- View who can see their child's stories.

Specific updates for Instagram:

- Before being able to message someone who doesn't follow them, people must now send a text only invite to connect (in other words, no more unwanted explicit photos from people you don't follow). No further interaction can take place unless the recipient accepts the invite.

After School Safety

Once children have been collected from the playground /school gate they should remain with the collecting adult at all times and, ideally, leave the school premises promptly. Children should not be allowed to wander away from the adult who is responsible for them in order to play in the school grounds or on the trim trails. For safety please do not allow children to run unaccompanied across the road to the grass island or the staff car park. The area outside of school at the end of the day is extremely busy with cars and is therefore a real danger to children who are allowed to run around unsupervised

Parking in and around the school – Safeguarding Everyone!

Unfortunately, we are already witnessing very dangerous and poor driving and parking behaviours on site.

Rules for the site:

- Please keep to the speed limit and only park in the designated bays.
- Do not block the road anywhere by parking or leaving cars unattended, especially the semi-circle that leads to the main gates in case emergency access is ever needed.
- The **disabled bays** on site should only be used by those holding a blue badge for a pupil or the adult collecting – please display it clearly.

Whilst our road may be an un-adopted one, the rules of the road do still apply and if there were to be an accident, the Police would still take appropriate legal action.

Aggressive and abusive behaviour: Last year the Staff and I experienced rudeness, aggression and swearing towards us when we spoke to a very small minority of Parents/Carers. If we see anyone driving and parking inappropriately or dangerously and we have to approach you to move cars etc, please follow our instructions and be reminded that we do not expect to be spoken to or treated in an aggressive or abusive manner. If this happens, steps may be taken to ban those acting in such a manner from the school site. We all have to take the safeguarding of the children and adults on site very seriously.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to John Fisher for winner the house cup points.

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



HARVEST COLLECTION

COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

Tinned meat and fish
Jams and spreads
Couscous and noodles
Sponge puddings or jellies
Tinned spaghetti or beans
Tinned soup
Soap and shampoo
Small jars of coffee
Large nappies (size 4 up)

DONATE NOW!

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

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



Caterham Foodbank (covering north Tandridge)
caterham.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1155330)

Surrey Arts: The start of a musical journey

Every day we hear music through our phones, or on radio, television, film, social media, advertising or gaming. Apart from the many benefits of learning to play an instrument - such as having a positive effect on all aspects of a child's learning - it can create amazing opportunities and be an exciting journey leading to a variety of careers. Inspiration to learn can come from hearing a piece of music, seeing someone perform or even finding an instrument in a school cupboard.

Surrey Arts have helped to start the journeys of thousands of young people for over 50 years and teach in schools and music centres across the county. We help young people to develop their playing skills, express themselves and create music.

We are passionate about ensuring all young people can benefit from learning to play an instrument, so we provide a range of support such as;

- Enabling families to pay for lessons and activities in instalments to spread the cost
- Providing concessions available for families on low incomes, Looked After Children and Surrey Young Carers to help support costs.
- Link with a number of local charitable trusts which offer financial support to encourage young people to learn music.
- Providing low cost instrument hire, and free hire to those on a concession.

to register for music lessons or ensembles please visit the [Surrey Arts website](#)



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Image of various musical instruments including violins, cellos, and drums.



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- Composing
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Apply online at:
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Image of a young girl playing a violin.

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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 REUSE
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, pairs of shoes, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or padding)

The more we weigh the more we pay
Extra bags are welcome - the more the better



Please return your Bag2School on:

Friday 22nd September @ 9:00am