



Value of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Open Mornings for next year's Reception Parents

There will be the following events for prospective parents: **Open Morning & Tours** – 3rd October 9.15am & 7th November 9.15am. The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events.

Please could any prospective parents who wish to attend contact the school office to book place.



PTA AGM

Do join us at our PTA AGM is on Wednesday September 26th @ 7pm.

All are welcome to come along at 7pm, time for drinks and nibbles and to hear about how you can support our PTA in the coming year.

St Francis School Prayer

At the end of last year, all the RE monitors (past year 6 and new) came together to write a prayer for our St Francis school community. We now use it in Gospel assemblies and whole school prayer and liturgy. We would like to share our prayer with you (please see below) as the parents of our school and hope you might find some time to pray together this weekend. "We thank you for our families, our friends and one another; for always showing us love and kindness." From your RE monitors - Theo and Sam.

Secondary School Applications

From 1st September, secondary school admissions for 2024 will be opening. If you are a parent or carer with a child reaching age 11 between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2024 and you have until 31 October 2023 to apply for their school place. If you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child. To help you prepare, click below to find out everything you need to know about the schools application process.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/surrey-matters/magazine/families-and-young-people/secondary-school-admissions>

Reminder particularly for Sacred Heart Parents: If you are applying for a Year 7 place at St Bede's for September 2024, please let the Sacred Heart parish office know by emailing info@sacred-heart.co.uk St Bede's will contact the parish office directly for a reference. If you have a form that needs signing, please send it to the parish office where they will arrange for it to be signed and sent to the school in question. Please direct all queries regarding the above to the Sacred Heart parish office

Xavier Consultation

The Governing Body of St Francis' Catholic Primary School is consulting on converting to an Academy, as part of the Xavier CET. Please visit our website for more information. <https://www.stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk/>

If you have any comments, please send these to questions@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk. Where possible, we ask that you include a telephone number, in case we need to contact you.

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



St Francis School Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to respect, reflect, achieve and grow together always, to be our best selves.

Thank you for our teachers, staff and Governors for their continued support and encouragement.

We are grateful for our school, our grounds and for the resources and technology you give us to discover and learn.

Just as St Francis teaches us, we thank you for the world you created and for the animals in it, which we will care for and protect.

Thank you for our families, our friends and one another; for always showing us love and kindness.

Lord, please help us make our St Francis community a place of strength, inclusion and faith – one where anything is possible.

Amen.

Written by the RE monitors

Vacancy @ St Francis

We are searching for a Teaching Assistant to join our team. Do you want to help children achieve their goals and dreams? Do you want to work in a busy environment where no two days are the same? Then this is the job for you. Click on the link for more information. <https://www.eteach.com/jobs?location=Whyteleafe%20Rd,%20Caterham%20CR3%205ED,%20UK&pt=51.29684,-0.0880067&radius=5>

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

Calendar Dates

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



ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA (Supporting the Curriculum since 2007)



St Francis Speech and Drama Lunchtime Club Years 1 to 6 (Wednesdays OR Thursdays) recommences on Wednesday 4th October/Thursday 5th October. (Numbers limited to a total of 32- 4 x groups of 8)

St Francis Speech and Drama After School 3.30 to 4.30 (small group private lesson for 2 to 6 max) recommences Thursday 5th October (Years 2 to 6 only)

Sign up via the school website (Tiscali). Any problems with signing up please contact Mrs McEvoy in the school office.

LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART EXAMS

Good luck to the children taking **Introductory and Graded Communication and Performance/Level 1 Shakespeare exams at LAMDA this weekend**. An announcement will follow to all those who took Introductory and Graded exams in July with outstanding results who will receive their certificates at a forthcoming Celebration Assembly along with Long Service Awards.

YEAR SIX LEAVERS – JULY 2023



The Francesca Shannon St Francis Alumni All Rounder Cup

This prestigious award was won jointly by

Anya D, Eloise L and Imogen L

who all started in Reception and completed Mrs Shannon's seven year all-round developmental programme in Communication, Performance and Shakespeare, taking their first LAMDA exams in 2019 (Year 2) and their fourth (graded) exams in the Summer. The 2021-22 winners Isabella and Nithali have received a trophy to keep

Runners-up:

Angel G-B and Erica H (6+ years)

Third Place:

Martha L and Lydia T (5 years)

Special Yr 6 **Poetry by Heart** and 3 Year Award

Aniela H

Special Endeavour Award:

Isobel E

Isobel was Mrs Shannon's Youngest Entrant to complete (by Year 2) Communication (Poetry, Prose, Bible Reading, Write and Speak Your Own Poem) and Performance (Solo Acting/Group Acted Choral) Winning 1st Place in All Areas.

All the above received a bag containing their respective trophies, books, Bible Reading certificates, Bible and Prose Reading Awards as appropriate). Another ten leavers who represented St Francis School at the Reigate and Redhill Festival between 2 and three times all received a book in a special speech and drama assembly the week before.

Good Luck to all at their new school

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. Francis of Assisi