



Value of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

PTA AGM

This week, we had our PTA AGM and I would like to say a big thank you to Russell, Lisa and Emma as well as all those on the PTA team for all their hard work over the past year. A warm welcome to Alastair Ashforth as our new Chairperson. It was lovely to see so many parents who came out to attend the AGM – thank you! The PTA are already busy organising the coming year's events! As always, they would welcome further members to help share the load. The PTA meet approximately once a term. Please do contact them via email stfrancisschoolassociation@googlemail.com if you feel that you can help.

St Francis Feast Day - Mass & Mufti Day 4th October

The 4th October is our school Feast day. It will be an 'own clothes/mufti' day. We suggest a voluntary donation of £1 which we will use towards renewing some of our RE resources in school. The children may wish to wear anything they may have related to animals and nature as St Francis was known for his love of animals. We will be learning and doing activities based around the story of St Francis.

World Mental Health Day

It is World Mental Health day on Tuesday 10th October so we would like the children and staff to wear **yellow** in support of the Young Minds charity and the work they do with young people to improve their mental health. This could be one item of yellow or head-to-toe yellow. The important thing is that we all unite on this day to show young people that they are not alone and that their mental health matters.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 11th October we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival with a Mass in school. As part of our Harvest, we ask if families could donate any food for our local food bank. Please could this be brought in on **Tuesday the 10th or Wednesday 11th October**. We thank you for your ongoing generosity in supporting those most in need in our local community. Please see food bank leaflet below which states what is needed in donations.

Values

During this month the children have been learning about our **school value of perseverance**. In our assemblies on Friday this has been a focus in the certificates that the children have received. From next week we are in October and we will be exploring a **new value: Responsibility**. We look forward to hearing about how the children have been responsible during October. In addition, the children have been learning about, in September we met Sofia the Sloth, who has reminded us to be good **stewards**. During October we will be meeting Patariki the Penguin, who teaches us the importance of **participation**.

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



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

School Absence - If your child is absent from school we have to record the symptoms of the illness. We cannot record 'illness, unwell or poorly'. Please make sure you give a clear description of why your child is absent from school. Please email absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk

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.

Calendar Dates

28 th September	KS1 Phonics Meeting @3.30pm
4 th October	St Francis feast Day
9 th October	Feel Good Week
11 th October	Harvest day
13 th October	Nasal Flu Whole School
16 th October	No Clubs
17 th October	Parents Evening -Details to follow
18 th October	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
2 nd November	Outdoor 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.



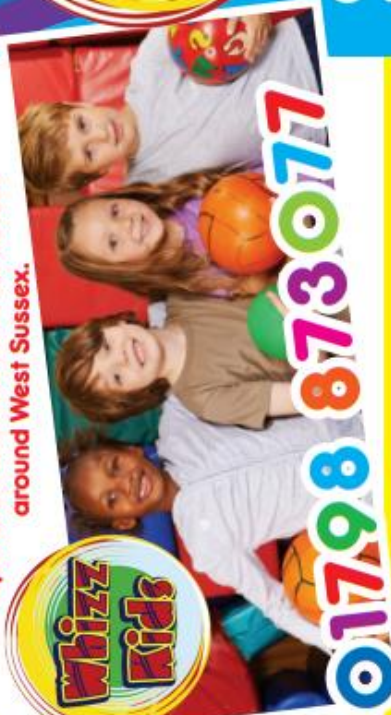
Caterham Foodbank (covering north Tandridge)
caterham.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1155330)

Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005 with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have six venues around West Sussex.



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Venues

- 1 White Meadows Primary Academy, Littlehampton
- 2 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 3 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 4 Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- 5 Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 6 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham



Operating Dates

FEB HALF TERM:
Sites 2, 3, 5, 6

EASTER:
Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

MAY HALF TERM:
Sites 2, 3, 5, 6

SUMMER:
Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

OCTOBER HALF TERM:
Sites 2, 3, 5, 6

CHRISTMAS: n/a

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket/Kwick Cricket
- Tennis/Short Tennis
- Basketball
- Rounders
- Mini Sports
- Team Games
- Adventure Playground
- Field Activities
- Mini Olympics
- Dodge Ball
- Tag Rugby



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Cooking
- Face Painting
- Painting & Sticky Stuff
- Play Dough Modelling
- Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Dance and Drama
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Days
- Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Board Games

Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

Active Fun!

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
9am - 4.45pm (per day)
£32.00 *

EXTRAS

- Early Birds 8.15am - 9.00am (per day) £4.50
- Late Leavers 4.45pm - 5.45pm (per day) £4.50
- Tuck £1.00 (per day)
- Sickness & Flexibility Insurance £2.00 (per day)

