## St. Francis' School Newsletter

#### <sup>13th</sup> October 2023

#### Value of the month – Responsibility

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

#### Woldingham Junior Choir Festival Winners!

Congratulations to our wonderful Choir who, along with other primaries, all performed on the stage at **Woldingham Girls School Choir Competition** this week. they achieved **1**<sup>st</sup> **Place**, an amazing achievement. They were, as always, so amazing with

a particular 'well done' going to Bea, who performed a solo as part of the song. We have such talented children! Of course, this would not be possible without the expert teaching and support from Mrs Hardy – thank you Mrs Hardy and to the Parents who helped during the day and to those who supported us in the evening.

#### **Harvest Festival Mass**

This week, we were blessed to have Fr Stephen in school again to celebrate Harvest with us all. It was a wonderful occasion of thanksgiving and appreciation for the gifts from God. Year 5 lead the mass at school and read beautifully and helped us focus our

thoughts on those in our community and around the world who may not be as fortunate as some of us. Thank you all for your generous donations of food, which will be going to the foodbank and offer some support to others who may be in a difficult position.

#### World Mental Health Day

The theme for this year's Feel Good Week was "I can.. we can.." To celebrate this, children from every class have created their own "footsteps to success", detailing what new skill or job they would like to have one day and the steps they will need to take to reach their dreams. We have

started to create a lovely display with all of the children's footsteps; we will be continuing to add more all around the school. As it was also Mental Health day on Tuesday, it was fantastic to see all of the children dressed in yellow, supporting the Young Minds **#HelloYellow** campaign, raising awareness of the importance of talking to others about their mental health.

#### **Parking Reminder**

Parking and driving behaviours have been particularly bad again and I have had to spend time dealing with various complaints and notifications about dangerous driving and parking. As usual it is by a minority of parents, but sadly the impact is on us all. Please be mindful of the following:

- 1. Do not park on the roundabout road and leave/abandon your car to pick up pupils this is very dangerous if we need to get emergency vehicles into the school. Please park in the bay or off site and walk in to collect children.
- 2. Parents and carers should NOT be waiting and holding up traffic on the roundabout. Please keep moving or park in a bay to wait.
- 3. More care needs to be taken by drivers when entering and exiting the cul-de-sac, particularly where the zebra crossing is.
- 4. Aggressive behaviour and the use of offensive language is not acceptable, especially in front of the children.









#### Playground Equipment

Please keep your children with you when you come to collect them at the end of the day - <u>they know that</u> <u>they are NOT to go on the equipment in the playgrounds</u> as there are no staff on duty should an accident happen. It is your responsibility to keep younger children with you at all times and not allow them on the equipment.

#### Individual School Photographs Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Gentle reminder: smart winter uniform. No PE kits - if children have PE they need to bring the PE kit in a bag.

#### **Reception Disco**

We are looking forward to seeing our Reception Class children at tonight's Cherry & Apple Welcome Disco.

#### Communication

To help with communication we will be sending out our weekly newsletter on email (via Tucasi) from today. It will still be available on the website.

#### Whizz Kids October Holiday Club

Please do sign up as soon as possible – see the booking details in the flyer below.

#### **No Clubs**

Reminder- there are no after school clubs next week due to parents evening. (Treetops will run as normal)

#### **Celebration Assembly**

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to Anne Line for winning the house cup points.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Wheeler & Staff



Calendar Dates	
16 <sup>th</sup> October	No Clubs
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photographs
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day
23 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Reopens
1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Outdoor Day
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents. 9.15am
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parliament Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Height & Weight
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Beginning of Advent
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper
15 <sup>th</sup> 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

1 - Jo Frankings in Jennes

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)



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