

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Value of the month – Responsibility

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Reception Disco

Thank you to all who attended this event and to all the parents that helped with organising and volunteering. The children and parents had a great time.



#### School Values and Catholic Social Teaching

In October we have been focussing on the value of responsibility, our children have been wonderful at demonstrating this and all the certificates we have been handing out on Fridays shows this. When we return after half term and enter November our new value will be Respect. Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for November will be "The Common Good".

#### DT Day In Year Five

Year 5 had a wonderful day learning all about the different forces acting on bridges and other framed structures. We were very lucky to have a DT secondary school teacher in ( Mr Kay) , who taught us how triangular structures help to evenly distribute weight and therefore make stronger structures. Our challenge was to build the highest possible tower in 1 hour, using only cocktail sticks and foam lengths. The tower had to be capable of supporting an empty box on top. The competition was very close! Well done to the winning 3 teams and a huge thank you to Mr Kay, who gave up his free time to help run a very enjoyable and educational day.



#### All Saints Day- House Colours

To celebrate All Saints day on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** the children should wear own clothes **in their house colours**. They can wear their sports day t-shirts if they wish.



#### Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Our next open morning is **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.30am** The Headteacher will address parents at the start of the event and this will be followed by a tour around the school.

**Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office to book a place.**

#### Whizz Kids October Holiday Club

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

#### Inset Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Please remember tomorrow is an inset day. School is closed.



#### Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **Anne Line** for winning the House Points Cup.



Have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



## Art Competition

Hello, my name is Ella and I'm your Head Girl.

I would like to hold an art competition for the whole school to be a part of. The theme will be 'Autumnal' colours such as red, yellow, brown, green, gold and orange. It can be any type of medium you wish to use for example - paint, tissue paper, chalk, collage or pencil sketch. If you can, please get creative over half term and the deadline to hand these in will be **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Please bring any entries to Linden Class (year 6) with your name and class on the back. I would like to display some of these in the school so we can celebrate our art. The winner will be announced in celebration assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> November with a little prize.

I look forward to seeing all of your entries. Enjoy your half term. Ella

## Secondary School Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. Please try to use all your choices when completing the application. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late applications.

## Calendar Dates

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 and Father Christmas Visit!
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm

### 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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If you are looking for a treat, or for someone to entertain your child, Whizz Kids is the perfect opportunity for children to really enjoy their school holidays. With fully qualified sports coaches on site teaching new skills providing the finest in sporting activities, together with a whole host of creative activities and much much more.

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[www.whizzkidsclub.co.uk](http://www.whizzkidsclub.co.uk)

For exact dates please visit our website.  
 We accept Childcare Choices, Childcare Vouchers, Working Tax Credits & Tax Free Childcare.  
 Whizz Kids is registered with Ofsted, see website for details and recent reports

**only £32 per day**  
 \* Bulk booking discounts available

### Venues

- White Meadows Primary Academy, Littlehampton
- St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- Shoreham College, Shoreham
- Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 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)

We are certified  
    

Radio 3's Carol Competition is live and open to entries.  
Now with a brand-new junior category for 11 to 15 year olds!  
enter the **Radio 3 Carol Competition** by the deadline of 1 November 2023.  
[ENTER NOW](#)



The competition is open to UK-based amateur music-makers of any level of experience. Entrants need to come up with an original tune for some brand-new wintery lyrics written by **Poet Laureate Simon Armitage**.

It's easy and fun to enter – just sing your melody into a mobile or laptop and upload it via our [website](#) (under-16s will need parent/guardian consent). It's a fantastic opportunity to **get creative!**

Shortlisted entrants get the opportunity to collaborate with professional composer Iain Farrington on full choral arrangements of their tunes, which will be recorded professionally by the BBC Singers in November!

**All the information you need to get started, plus full terms and the privacy notice, is on the competition website: [bbc.co.uk/carolcompetition](http://bbc.co.uk/carolcompetition)**