

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023



## Value of the month – Respect

### Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that everyone had a lovely break and that you enjoyed time with your families.



### All Saints Day

This week, on Wednesday we celebrated the feast of All Saints in school. It was lovely to see the children in their house colours as we marked this Holy Day of Obligation. Reception to Year 4 celebrated All Saints with a Liturgy in school lead by Miss Morris and Years 5 and 6 although not making it down to Mass due to the poor weather, joined Mass virtually. The children were asked to consider how they could make a difference everyday like our saints did e.g. Can they care for our common home? Thank you for your continuing support. Thank you to Father Madders for a wonderful Mass and Sermon on being modern day heroes/saints.



### Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI)

Please do read our RE Report that was sent out to parents this week. There is lots to celebrate in it! Well done and thanks to you all and especially to our RE Leads Miss Coggins and Miss Morris for all their hard work. It is a true reflection of our school and our ethos.



### Remembrance Day

If your child is a member of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Guides or similar uniformed groups, they may come to school on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** in their club uniform. Any children who are not member of these group should come to school in their school uniform. As Remembrance Day is on a Saturday this year, we shall reflect and keep the minutes silence in school on the Friday morning at 11am.

### Outdoor Day

Most classes braved the elements at some point this week to do some outdoor learning in aid of the National Outdoor Day. Year 5 had great fun collecting wet leaves and cones which they then drew with some beautiful results. They including adjectives to describe their collection.



### Healthy Schools

Our Healthy School's focus this term is working on improving our healthy eating as a school and we would appreciate any healthy, budget-friendly recipes you may have to share with the school in our weekly newsletters. These can be recipes you have found that work well or ones you have created yourself. Please email Mrs Parker our Healthy Schools Lead via [hornbeamclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hornbeamclass@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk) and we will try to include them in our newsletters!

### Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners This week and to **John Fisher** for winning the House Points Cup.



Best wishes,  
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



## Mrs Shannon's LAMDA Group

As always Mrs Shannon has done an amazing job. We thank her for volunteering her time and all the effort she puts into encouraging the children in achieving so much.



### ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA

### LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART SUMMER EXAMINATIONS



Congratulations to all the children who received LAMDA Communication and Performance certificates today, including for siblings now at secondary school. covering *Introductory and graded examinations in Acting, Verse and Prose, Reading for Performance, Public Speaking, and Shakespeare.... the culmination of their previous achievements through Poetry by Heart, Reigate & Redhill Festival, CiPPA the International Oratory Festival.*

We are very proud of you!

***"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible"***

St Francis of Assisi



## 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.**

## Calendar Dates

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| 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  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> November    | Year 6 -Tower of London Trip  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | Year 6 Height & Weight  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November    | Road Safety Week  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November    | Whole School Panto  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December     | Beginning of Advent   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December     | Cedar Tree Carols- 5pm  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December     | <a href="#">Reception</a> Christmas Performance @ 9.30am  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December     | <a href="#">YR 1 &amp; YR 2</a> Christmas Performance @9.30am<br><a href="#">Reception</a> Christmas Performance @ 1.45pm |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December     | <a href="#">YR 1 &amp; YR 2</a> Christmas Performance @9.30am   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December     | Junior Carol Service @ 9.30am   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December    | <a href="#">KS1</a> Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper and Father Christmas Visit!                                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December    | <a href="#">KS2</a> Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024 | School Re-opens @9am  |