

Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

Odd Sock Day and – Anti-Bullying Week

It was Anti Bullying week last week where we were encouraging the children to think about what bullying is and what we can do to stop people being bullied. We celebrated the first day of this special week with Odd Sock Day. This is a national event aimed at celebrating what makes us unique.



Red Wednesday

Thank you for supporting our Red Wednesday. The day started with a quiet reflection. We Reflected on how fortunate we are that we are able to practice our faith safely. Our prayers to God were for him to help those who are being treated unfairly and persecuted throughout the world. If you would like further information on this, please visit this website.



<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday>

Bags of Hope

We are delighted to be teaming up with the Amara Charitable trust and the local Rotary group to take part in the 'Bags of Hope' scheme. We will be collecting **2nd hand school bags, drawstring bags, satchels and ruck sacks which must be in good condition and at least A4 size.** The bags will be sent to children in need in Nairobi and other countries around the world. Not only is this a wonderful way to help less fortunate children but it's also a great way to reduce waste! We will accept donations between Thursday 30th November and Thursday 14th December. **Please do not bring bags in before 30th Nov!** We plan to do a collection at the end of each term of this academic year. Thank you.



Tower of London -Year 6

On what turned out to be a very wet Tuesday 14th November, Year 6 made their way up to London on the train to visit the Tower of London.

In History, they had been learning about "Crime and Punishment" And spent some time finding out about the different ways that those who committed crimes against the crown were punished. They also had the opportunity to go and visit the "Crown Jewels" which many of them had recently seen the King wear at the State Opening of Parliament the week before. A wonderful day was had by all even if they did all return a little on the damp side!



PTA – Christmas Fayre

Plans are in motion for our Christmas Fayre this year. **4th December.** Please scroll down for flyer.

Cedar Tree

The Choir will be singing **on 3RD December** at the annual Lighting of the Cedar Tree 5.45pm– do come to watch and support our local Caterham community. It is wonderful that we can once again be part of this event

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day: Scroll down to see the plans!

Advent Charity Fundraising

Our charities for Advent are 'CAFOD World Gifts' Children's Trust Appeal, Diocese Lourdes Appeal. Our post Nativity and Carol Service collections are to support RE resourcing for the school e.g.- Alter cloths and bibles.

Road Safety Week

This week is Road Safety Week, where the theme of this year's is 'Let's talk about speed'. The 2023 campaign will start the conversation about what happens when we speed and why reducing speed saves lives.

Leave your car at home day!

On Tuesday we will be having one of our 'leave your car at home' days. The weather forecast is looking dry at present! Please try to leave cars at home and park and stride, or walk, scoot and cycle to school day. On this day we will be surveying the pupils to see how they travelled to school to see if we can beat last year and have a reduction in car use to help improve on-site pollution from car fumes and encourage sustainable travel and healthy lifestyles. The children who do the above will receive one of our walk to school badges as they come in the gates.



Advent Fundraising – see Mrs Wheeler's Letter: Starting with - [CAFOD World Gifts](#)

As in previous years, each class has chosen a gift that they want to donate to CAFOD and the children have been asked to bring in a donation to class, perhaps instead of sending individual Christmas Cards. Pupils should send in donations to the class, in an envelope marked with the **class name** and 'CAFOD World Gifts'. Thank you for your support.



Diocesan and Parish Links

The Diocese is inviting us all to join in their Advent Reflections. Details can be found [here by CAFOD](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)

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



Calendar Dates

27 th November – 8 th December	CAFOD– World Gifts
30 th November	Whole School Panto & Mufti Day
1 st December	Beginning of Advent
3 rd December	Cedar Tree Carols- 5.45pm
5 th December	Reception Christmas Performance @ 9.30am
6 th December	YR 1 & YR 2 Christmas Performance @9.30am Reception Christmas Performance @ 1.45pm
7 th December	YR 1 & YR 2 Christmas Performance @9.30am
8 th December	Junior Carol Service @ 9.30am
11 th December	Children's Trust Appeal : Elf Fun Run
12 th December	KS1 Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper and Father Christmas Visit!
13 th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper
14 th December	Advent Sliver Cross Diocesan Lourdes Fund Appeal
15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
2 nd January 2024	School Re-opens @9am

Christmas Jumper Day & School Roast Lunch

Christmas Jumpers can be worn on both days.

the school has become too big for the all the children to sit and have Christmas dinner together in one sitting, we have split this over two days.

Caroline our Cook and her team will be providing Roast Lunch on the **12th & 13th December 2023**. As this is a mammoth task, the grid below shows how the kitchen will cater for the children over both days.

If your child is on packed lunches and would like to have a roast dinner for that week, you will need to change them to school dinners for the whole week. Any alterations to your child's dinner choices for that week must be communicated to the office no later than **Friday 1st December** as the kitchen need to place the food order. All children, including those on packed lunches that week, will join in the festivities of the day.

	Tuesday 12th Dec 2023	Wednesday 12th Dec 2023
Infant Children	Roast Lunch	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.
Junior Children	A festive buffet or packed lunch will be provided by the kitchen for those who normally have a school dinner on this day.	Roast Lunch



St. Francis School Association presents...

Christmas Fair

- Cake Stall
- Sweet Treats
- Mulled Wine
- Hot Food
- Sweets in a Jar
- Raffle
- And much more!
- Hook a Duck
- Reindeer Food
- Bottle Tombola
- Chocolate Tombola
- Wheel of Fortune
- Live Performances
- Making Decorations

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SAT 2
DECEMBER
12PM-3PM