



## Value of the month – Patience

### Dear Parents and Carers

Our value for December is Patience and we shall endeavour to be like Mary, Mother of God, and look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with patience, joy and hope – all important values.

### Reconciliation

Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation today. We thank Father Stephen for coming into school to enable this.



### Road Safety Week

Well done to all those who walked, scooted, cycled, car shared and park and strode into school this week. Badges for those who did so were given out by Mrs Wheeler.



### Christmas Rehearsals

Our Christmas rehearsals are all well under way and it is lovely hearing the children singing their carols and Christmas songs around the school.



### Pantomime

Treasure island was hilarious and enjoyed by all the children in school yesterday.

### PTA Christmas Fayre

With only a day to go until the Christmas Fayre, the PTA have been working hard putting the final plans in place to deliver what we hope will be an enjoyable event for all children and parents. We have a number of games for the adults and children, shopping stalls, festive food, and much more. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

### Cedar Tree

The Choir will be singing **on 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 are part of this annual event.

### Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, show off your best Christmas sweater, decorate Your everyday jumper, or even tinsel up Granny's homemade knitwear! Christmas jumpers can be worn on both days, if children wish to.



### Primary School Admissions for 2024

Please remember the deadline for **Reception 2024 applications** is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Any applications received after this date are treated as late applications. To find all the information you need, see link.

[School admissions - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

## Coats

The days are now much colder and very changeable. We still have some children arriving in school without coats. Please ensure your child remembers to bring a coat to school. We are never quite sure what the weather will be like, but it is important for children to get plenty of fresh air, so they will still go out in light rain conditions and will need their coats

## Greenredeem

As our 2-week, second hand bag collection kicks off - here's some information about a bonus reason that we are collecting the bags. Greenredeem approached us with a 'Rethink Waste' competition which we've entered to try and win a share of £6000. We are collecting 2<sup>nd</sup> hand school bags, in good condition to give to the Rotary club who will send them to developing countries. Below is a link to register with the scheme. If you are able to do this, it will enable you to find St Francis in a school list and donate points - **no money involved!!** The number of points that we receive will decipher how much funding we will receive to go towards developing sustainability in our school. It would be wonderful to see the points go up, so please register if you can and encourage others also to do so. In the meantime - we look forward to helping you declutter your homes by taking in your pre-loved school bags, rucksacks, draw-string bags and satchels in the next 2 weeks! Many thanks.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jqQi60N\\_JrUszEinYWKyqcavMy\\_ITms/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jqQi60N_JrUszEinYWKyqcavMy_ITms/view?usp=sharing)



## Celebration Assembly

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

Best wishes,

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



## 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 instead of sending individual Christmas Cards. Please remember to bring in your donation by the deadline **8<sup>th</sup> December**.

Classes that are still short on their targets are – **Cherry, Oak, Elm, Larch, Beech, Rowan, Cedar Hornbeam and Maple**. Well done to Apple, Hazel, Willow and Linden – you reached your goals!!



Class	Gift	Cost
Cherry	The Goat that Gives	£28
Apple	Chirpy Chicken	£20
Oak	Therapy Through Play	£20
Elm	Teach someone to Read	£10
	Happy Queen Bee	£4
Beech	School Starter Pack	£25
Larch	Fight Fires in the Amazon	£18
	Queen Bee	£4
Cedar	Chirpy Chickens	£20
Rowan	Veg Garden	£5
	Tree for Life	£8
Pine/Hazel	Vegetable Garden x2	£10
	Tree for Life	£8
Hornbeam	The Goat that Gives	£28
Maple	Water for a Family	£33
Willow	Chirpy Chickens	£20
Linden	Water for a Family	£33



## Calendar Dates

27 <sup>th</sup> November – 8 <sup>th</sup> December	CAFOD– World Gifts
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Cedar Tree Carols- 5.45pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performance @ 9.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> December	YR 1 & YR 2 Christmas Performance @9.30am Reception Christmas Performance @ 2.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December	YR 1 & YR 2 Christmas Performance @9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Carol Service @ 9.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Children’s Trust Appeal : Elf Fun Run
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
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Sliver Cross Reflection & collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund Appeal
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	School Re-opens @9am

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**