

St. Francis' School Newsletter

8th December 2023



Value of the month – Patience

Dear Parents and Carers

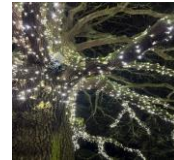
PTA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the whole PTA for managing a brilliant Christmas Fayre. Thank you to those who helped, donated and came to support the event. The Fayre was a big success and everyone had lots of fun. The final counting and checks are still being done, but it looks like the Fayre will have raised £3,250.



Cedar Tree

Well done to all the children who sang so beautifully at the lighting of the Cedar Tree. The rain stopped just in time! The carols and singing was wonderful and it made for a beautiful and uplifting start to the Advent Season. Thank you to Mrs Hardy, who prepared the children, and thanks to the staff and our volunteer helpers who were there supporting and helping on the night.



Westminster Cathedral

The choir went to Westminster Cathedral as part of the Woldingham Girls School Christmas Service. The children sang beautifully. It was a busy and very long day with travelling, the rehearsals and the Carol Service itself, but the children embraced it and were exceptionally well behaved throughout the day. It is a real privilege to be invited to join Woldingham School and we send our thanks for the invitation. Our children are to be commended for representing the school so well. Thank you to Mrs Hardy and the parent helpers who supported all the children.



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performances

After all the preparations and rehearsals, the performances have been wonderful and very moving. The children learned their lines very well and spoke clearly and with confidence. The singing was truly superb! My thanks go to the Teachers and TAs who helped rehearse and prepare all the children and to all the parents who provided costumes. Please scroll down to see photos.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

On Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th 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.

Carol Service

The Junior Carol Service was a joyful celebration of Christ. The children and the Choir sang beautifully. Thank you to our readers for leading us in prayer and to Mrs Hardy and all the staff involved.

Parent Rudeness

We have had more rudeness to staff and parent helpers. This is unacceptable and goes against the ethos and values of our school.

Pre loved Bag Collection

A quick reminder of our pre-loved school bag collection - we are collecting up until next Thursday- 14th Dec. Any satchels, draw string bags, rucksacks etc will be gratefully received. They must be at least A4 in size and in good condition. Big thanks to those who have already contributed to this great cause!

Vacancy at St Francis

We are searching for Teaching Assistants to join our team. Details can be found on the link below.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390822>

Primary School Admissions for 2024

Please remember the deadline for **Reception 2024 applications** to School Admissions is the 15th 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/school-admissions)

Best wishes,
Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Calendar Dates

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 Reflection & collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund Appeal
15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
2 nd January 2024	School Re-opens @9am

All Clubs Have Now Finished.

CAFOD World Gifts

Congratulations to Linden, Willow, Hornbeam, Maple, Pine, Hazel, Beech, Larch, Elm Cherry, Apple classes for reaching their targets. Cedar, Rowan and Oak class still have not met their target to purchase their gift.



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





