

St. Francis' School Newsletter

15th December 2023



Value of the month – Patience



All the staff wish to thank parents and children for the many Gifts, cards and kind wishes received. We wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year with your families.



Dear Parents and Carers

Advent Silver Cross Liturgy

The Reflection Liturgy was thoughtful and prayerful, as we considered others at this special time of year. The children all took turns across the day to come into the hall and place their coins on the silver cross. Thank you for all your contributions which will be sent to Lourdes Charity.



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch and enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers. We had fun pulling crackers and sharing the jokes with each other and eating a tasty lunch, which was a credit to the excellent catering team we have in school. Our Cook Caroline, with help from Laura, Natalie, & Jeanette provided a lovely Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Lunch was served by the staff and Christmas crackers and juice were donated by the School Association. The Christmas songs added to the festive atmosphere. The children presented gifts to the cook and her team in appreciation of their culinary efforts throughout the year. We have all had a fun packed Christmas party afternoon. The visit and presents from Father Christmas were a big hit!



Fizzy Maths at Caterham

The final session of 'Fizzy Maths' at Caterham School was completed last week. Our Y5 children competed against other primary schools in a group maths challenge. We are delighted to say the children did us proud and were awarded first place!



Elf Run: For the Children's Trust

On Monday 11th December we held our Elf Run to raise money for The Children's Trust charity. All of the children had a brilliant time and elves were spotted all over the school in their festive hats! To date we have raised a massive £1,076 for this really important cause! Thank you for your support!



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



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)

Calendar Dates

15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
2 nd January 2024	School Re-opens @9am

Christmas Fayre

Well, what a result! I am delighted to advise that the Christmas Fayre held on 02 December raised £3200.

This is a great achievement and more importantly a fantastic start to the new school year and PTA activities.

The Fayre attracted many parents and children, who all appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

I would like to thank all who attended and likewise those who contributed prizes, it's all much appreciated.

Successful events like this can only be made possible by having those who are able to volunteer their time. Thank you again to all those who helped towards coordinating the Fayre.

In terms of the Fayre, thanks also go to all Class Reps, our volunteers, and all contributors.

I am sure that I have perhaps not named all, but you know who you are and that your participation has been very much appreciated.

If the success of the Fayre inspires anyone to get involved at another event, please do let me know via the email address below. Having access to a pool of volunteers remains invaluable.

PTA Chair: stfrancisschptachair@gmail.com

On behalf of the PTA

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

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PTA Chair





Christmas Activities



At East Surrey Museum

1, Stafford Road, Caterham CR3 6JG

For primary-aged children with accompanying adults

This December, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st 10.30 - 12 noon and 2.00 - 3.30 pm



We'll be making some robin Christmas decorations to hang on the tree!

All materials supplied!



We'll also have our popular Museum trails to do.

All welcome, please come and join us if you can.

All activities are free of charge, but donations to the Museum are very much appreciated!!

Tel:- 01883 340275 www.eastsurreymuseum.org.uk