St. Francis' School Newsletter

5th January 2024



Value of the month - Faith



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back for the Spring Term! It has been a very quick return this year, but the children have settled back into school really well and are getting back into the swing of our routines. The Staff and I wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families. We would like to take this opportunity to send all of our thanks for the lovely cards, messages and gifts you gave us at the end of term.

Epiphany Liturgy and Blessing

Epiphany this year is on Sunday and we are not in school, but yesterday we all came together for our Epiphany Liturgy and Blessing and to celebrate and recall the arrival of the Three Wise Men at the stable in Bethlehem. We listened to the Gospel story of the arrival of the Three Wise Men and we asked God to bless us, our families and our school - as school is our 'home from home' for the coming year. We looked at the meaning behind the Epiphany Blessing and created the blessing display for the school lobby and classes - 20+C+M+B+24. (Christus Mansionem Benedicat – Latin for may Christ Bless this House, linked to the Wise Men – Casper, Melchior and Balthazar). This Liturgy is a wonderful way to round off our main Christmas Celebrations in School and the children enjoyed singing We Three Kings today.

Applications for a Reception Class Places for September 2024

Please make sure you have read the information below (scroll down) about the application process for admissions this year. The deadline is approaching: 15th January 2024.

Celebration Assembly

It was lovely to start the year with so many positives which we celebrated in our Celebration Assembly. This week we were celebrating those who demonstrated our Value of the Month - Faith and those who worked well in our PSHE lessons. Well done to all those certificate winners this week and Anne Line House for winning the House Points.

Once again, we wish you all the very best for the coming year.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Calendar Dates	
Friday 26 th January	PTA QUIZ Night for Parents & Staff
Friday 9 th February	Inset Day - School and Treetops are Closed
12 th - 16 th February	Half Term Break
19 th February	School reopens @ 9am
	Parents Evenings will be this week – details of dates to follow
29 th February	Science Show
1 st March	PTA Disco – Y1 & Y2 Details to follow
7 th March	World Book Day – in school book focus (<u>no</u> costumes)
8 th March	Friday 8 th March Dressing Up/Costumes Day — Book Celebration Day
Friday 8 th March	PTA Disco – Y3 & Y4 & Y5 & Y6 -
Week of 11 th March	Science Week: Theme – Time and Connections
	RSPB Big Bird Watch – details to follow
Tuesday 12 th March	Choir – Prom Praise for Schools at The Royal Albert Hall. Details to be confirmed.
Friday 22 nd March	Reception Classes Easter Liturgy – Palm Sunday
	Y5 & Y6 Young Shakespeare Mid-Summer Nights Dream Performance
Monday 25 th March	AM Y2 Easter Liturgy – Jesus in the Temple
Tuesday 26 th March	AM Y3 Easter Liturgy – Washing of the Feet
	PM Y4 Easter Liturgy - The Last Supper
Wednesday 27 th March	AM Y5 Easter Liturgy - The Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 28 th March	PM Y6 Easter Liturgy - Stations of the Cross Reflection
	School Finishes @ 1pm for the Easter Break – Note on this day Treetops will open for the morning session only. It will be closed for the afternoon.

Admissions – September 2024

This is to remind those parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2024, that the final date for applications is the **15th January 2024.** You <u>must</u> complete a Surrey Form as well <u>as our Supplementary Information Form</u>.

To find all the information you need, please visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Bags of Hope

Thanks so much for your donations of bags over the last 2 weeks.

The Rotary collected 18 bags from us this morning which will be flown over to Africa in the next month. We will repeat the collection next term just before Easter so if your children get new bags for Christmas or birthdays in the meantime, PLEASE keep hold of them ready for donations at the end of March. Many thanks!

Can you help?

Do you have any jigsaws or Lego you no longer use at home?

We are trying to build a collection of:

- jigsaws with less than 100 pieces
- Lego sets, with the instructions.

If you are able to donate either of these to school please hand them to Mrs. Dommett or Mrs. Hamilton. Thank you in advance



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LET'S FACE THE NEW YEAR!

Tuesday 16th Jan

19:00 -20:00 FREE



FREE SESSION

Cannabis Awareness

Get the facts so you can have the conversation

Thursday 4th Jan

19:00 - 21:00 £24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging stereotypes, explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Monday 8th Jan

19:00 - 21:00 £24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday 9th Jan

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Getting a Good Night

Screen Addiction, insomnia, energy drinks and more. Get a range of extreely useful ideas on how to get quality sleep.

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