



St. Francis' School Newsletter

12th January 2024

Value of the month – Faith

Dear Parents and Carers

Greenredeem

A huge thank you to everyone who has registered and donated their free points to St Francis for our greenredeem project! More than 40 of you have logged in bringing our total to 4415 which makes our school 11th out of the 17 schools taking part. If you have a minute and would like to put us in an even better position to win some funding towards sustainability in our school, please click on the link below, scan the QR code, register, click on surrey school donations, St Francis School and donate your free 100 points - **No Money Involved!** The scheme is only open until **Friday 9th Feb** so it'd be great if we can make a big effort in the next month by sharing this with friends and family and clicking our way to a win.

Thanks again and Happy donating!! https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jqQ-i60N_JrUzEinYWKyqcavMy_ITms/view?usp=sharing

PTA Quiz

Please remember to book gather a team and make a booking for our PTA Quiz Evening. See details below.

Attendance and Holidays - Reminder

We are fortunate at St Francis that we have always had very good attendance. All children have periods of sickness and this is understood as attendance improves following their return to school. Holidays in term time cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances. A child's absence has a direct impact on their learning and future achievement and prospects in life.

The following is just a reminder about holiday and attendance expectations.

- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child's attendance at school.
- **Please be reminded that regulations state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**
- If you are planning a holiday in term time, please complete the 'purple' holiday for available via the Office. We shall check if 'exceptional circumstances' criteria can be applied. However, holidays will be marked as unauthorised absences.

Our attendance is monitored by the senior leadership of the school, the Governors and the Local Authority Inclusion Team. If a child's attendance becomes a cause for concern, you may be asked to come into school for a meeting about how we can support improvement. Penalty Notices and fines can issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council's Attendance Policies. Persistent Absence is regarded as any attendance below 90% and Severely Persistence Absence is that below 50%. The following table below may help you to see how absence impacts a child's hours of learning in school.

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 **must** complete a Surrey Form as well as our Supplementary Information Form.

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

Celebration Assembly

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



Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
100%	190 days	0	0
99%	188 days	2	10
98%	186 days	4	20
97%	184 days	6	30
96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
94%	179 days	11	55
93%	177 days	13	65
92%	175 days	15	75
91%	173 days	17	85
90%	171 days	19	95
89%	169 days	21	105
88%	167 days	23	115
87%	165 days	25	125
86%	163 days	27	135
85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
83%	158 days	32	160
82%	156 days	34	170
81%	154 days	36	180
80%	152 days	38	190

Calendar Dates

Friday 26 th January	PTA QUIZ Night for Parents & Staff
Friday 9th February	Inset Day - School and Treetops are Closed
12th- 16th February	Half Term Break
19th 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 8th 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.

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Community Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshops

Proud to be part of
**Mindworks
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The children and young people's emotional
wellbeing and mental health service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team invites you to attend our free online workshops for parents/carers:

- ▶ Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- ▶ Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

These workshops are suitable for parents/carers with children aged 8+. Our Community Wellbeing team will provide you with information and key strategies to support your child. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you have via the online chat function.

For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website:

www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/

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