St. Francis' School Newsletter

26th January 2024



Value of the month – Faith

Dear Parents and Carers

Quiz Night Tonight

Get your thinking caps on and have a wonderful evening. May the best team win.

Green Redeem



<u>Breaking news</u> - We have overtaken Audley and are now up in the dizzy heights of <u>4th place</u>!!! We can't <u>thank you</u> enough for your support in this valuable cause - whatever money we win will be put to resourcing our school with more litter pickers (our children LOVE clearing up litter) and developing our outdoor learning area if funds allow. <u>Let's keep the momentum going!</u>

If you haven't yet donated your FREE POINTS then please scan the bar code in the link below, register, click on 'get donating', find St Francis & donate. Remember to forward the link to friends/family - we still have 28 days to go - we don't want to lose our spot and maybe we can go even higher!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jqQ-i60N_JrUszEinYWKyqcavMy_ITms/view?usp=sharing

Parking

Cedar Park Private Road & Local Side Roads

We do not often have complaints from our neighbours in the local side roads, however, this week we have had one about dangerous parking, with photos of cars parked in Cedar Park Road and on the double yellow lines. This is a narrow private road. Parents should not be using it as a turning point, no one should be parking down it nor on the double yellow lines right at the entrance. This is dangerous and could lead to accidents. The residents will report dangerous incidents to the Police and Parking Wardens. As a Catholic, Christian School we should be demonstrating respectful, legal and considerate behaviour regarding parking in Cedar Park Road (and other local roads). Remember, you can park further away, for example by the Salmond's Lane Green, Queens Park etc, and 'stride' in - this is good for living healthy lifestyles and for reducing car fumes, thus improving air quality around children.

Candlemass Celebration Year 1

During our assembly we will be celebrating the Christian festival of Candlemass.

Candlemass celebrates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. We will be reading prayers and singing songs to celebrate this and welcome **Year 1 parents only** to join us in our celebrations **@9.30am Friday 2**nd **February.**

Whizz Kids Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club Provider, Whizz Kids is running in the February half term holiday and during the Easter Holidays. See flyer below.

Celebration Assembly

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







ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA

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LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART EXAMINATIONS

Good Luck to all those children taking Introductory, Reading for Performance and Acting exams at LAMDA in London this weekend





Friday 10th, Saturday 11th, Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th May. All classes will take place at Reigate Park Church, Park Lane East, Reigate, RH2 8BD.-

Adjudicator: Louise Manders LLAM, ALAM, GODA, MSTSD (adj)



Coaches Mrs Shannon BA (Perf Arts), LTCC, GMLAM, CoMRP, Silver (New Era) MSTSD Miss F Shannon GMLAM G7 RforP,, SSTSD, MRAD, ISM, Equity (Student)

St Francis school will be entering all areas of the Speech and Drama section of this Festival for the 13th year

running. If you received a letter from please return the form to the school



the school inviting your child to participate office in an envelope by 30th January







Poetry by Heart is a national poetry speaking competition for schools and colleges in England, which we have won for Surrey Primary schools in 2020, 2021, and 2022. In 2023 St Francis won its partner competition - the CliPPA shadowing scheme. All St Francis children are eligible. For the main competition KS2 pupils choose two poems from the Poetry by Heart Site, one before 1914 and one 1914 and post. For the Freestyle competition, they may choose ONE poem from the site or any poem of choice and may present them solo, in pairs or groups. ESL children are welcome to perform a poem in their home language.

In 2021 Nithali, presented a poem in Sinhala (the language of Sri Lanka) and Natalia a poem in Polish. The internal competition is adjudicated by the Head Teacher/Senior member of her team. The school winners go on to the national competition. KS1 pupils are assessed in class by their class teachers from which will be selected a class winner and in turn year group winner. All children who participate receive a Poetry by Heart Certificate and a book.

See poetrybyheart.org.uk <u>Benefits</u>: Memory Skills, Oracy, Independence, Focus: Literacy; Understanding, Collaboration, Confidence... and a sense of Achievement

Through the Festival, **Poetry by Heart**, the **International Oracy Festival**, and speech and drama exams, in collaboration with parents, Mrs Shannon runs a full developmental speech and drama (elocution)developmental programme for 3.5+ which includes all aspects of communication and performance training including voice production and theory and covering poetry, prose/ (reading for performance),group choral and story, Bible Reading, Unacted and Acted Poetry, Acting (solo/duologue/group, TV Newsreader, Mime, Movement to Music, Write and Speak Your Own Poem/Story, Public Speaking and Shakespeare. Numbers are limited

Whilst Mrs and Miss Shannon coach free for the school, they are available for holiday only private lessons from 4 to 18 at STSD professional rates Miss Shannon is also available for holiday instrumental tuition including music theory. Further information and for all events contact Mrs Shannon on 01883 344373 or .

Calendar Dates	
Friday 2 nd February	Bagg2School Collection
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.
Monday 25 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.



