

St. Francis' School Newsletter

2nd February 2024



Value of the month – Caring & Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

Quiz Night

An excellent Quiz was provided courtesy of Dave and James on Friday 26 January. Attended by over 70 people, 13 tables, some with decorations adorned and with bar facilities provided, questions were spread over a number of rounds, picture, music to name a few. All were suitably challenged and in terms of scores, it was very close but the tie breaker was not required. A Star prize was awarded to each winner, which no doubt is now being proudly displayed on mantelpieces. The PTA Committee remains most grateful to Dave and Jamie, notwithstanding all those of you who kindly supported this event. The PTA received very positive feedback on the evening and with that in mind, will look to arrange another in due course. Overall funds raised £420.

Candlemass

Today year one celebrated Candlemass, thank you to all the parents who were able to join us in celebrating. It was lovely to see so many friendly faces. We are very proud of all the children for their wonderful reading, acting and singing.

Reminder: E-Safety Zoom Workshop for all Parents

Next Tuesday is National E-Safety Day. We have been given the opportunity for you as Parents and Carers to join in with other schools on a Zoom Child Safety Workshop specifically for Parents. With all the challenges that surround online safety, it is important to be up-to-date and informed on what we can do to support our children. Please see the E-safety letter sent out on Wednesday this week for the link and passcode needed to access the session.

Lamda Award

Mrs Shannon is thrilled to inform you that **Amber** achieved a pass with **DISTINCTION ... 89 PER CENT** for her Level 1 AWARD IN SHAKESPEARE taken at LAMDA in December. This is one of the highest marks so far of all the children Mrs Shannon has entered for this exam. Level 1 Shakespeare is a top end Level 1 Exam and a wonderful achievement for any Year 6 child. Congratulations to Amber.

Green Redeem

We have been bowled over by the number of people who have donated their 100 points to St Francis - Thanks so much and please **let's keep going!** We've maintained our 4th position and are just under 16000 points below 3rd position so if anyone is yet to donate - your donation could make ALL the difference! As always - spread the word - we would love to get a good share of the £6000 to expand our eco resources in school. 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 don't want to lose our spot and maybe we can go even higher - Thank You!

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

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Calendar Dates

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 in school
1 st March	PTA Disco – Y1 & Y2 Details to Follow
7 th March	World Book Day – in school book focus. Dressing up/Costume 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	AM Reception & Yr 1 Classes Easter Liturgy – Palm Sunday
Monday 25 th March	AM Y2 Easter Liturgy – Jesus in the Temple PM Y5 & Y6 Young Shakespeare Mid-Summer Nights Dream Performance
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	AM 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.

Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005 with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have six venues around West Sussex.



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Venues

- 1 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 2 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 3 Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- 4 Leachpool Primary School, Horsham
- 5 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham



Operating Dates

FEB HALF TERM:

Sites 1, 2, 3, 5

EASTER:

Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

MAY HALF TERM:

Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

SUMMER:

Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

OCTOBER HALF TERM:

Sites 1, 2, 4, 5

CHRISTMAS: n/a

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket/Kwick Cricket
- Tennis/Short Tennis
- Basketball
- Rounders
- Mini Sports
- Team Games
- Adventure Playground
- Field Activities
- Mini Olympics
- Dodge Ball
- Tag Rugby



Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

Active Fun!

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Cooking
- Face Painting
- Painting & Sticky Stuff
- Play Dough Modelling
- Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Dance and Drama
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Days
- Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Board Games

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
9am - 4.45pm (per day) £32.00

EXTRAS

Early Birds
8.15am - 9.00am (per day) £4.50

Late Leavers
4.45pm - 5.45pm (per day) £4.50

Tuck
£1.00 (per day)

Sickness & Flexibility Insurance
£2.00 (per day)



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Groups

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Crafts

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Performances

...And so much more!

Thursday 15th February 2024

10am – 4pm

(10am–11am quiet hour for those with sensory sensitivities)

Rosebery School, Epsom, KT18 7NQ

A FREE family friendly event!

Tell us what you'd like to see by filling in our survey.
Just scan our QR code:



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