

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



## Value of the month – Caring & Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers,

### RE Updates

This year we will again be supporting the charity the "Catholic Children's Society". They support families across London, the South East and Hertfordshire, providing help for families in crisis as soon as they possibility can. Please go to their website below for more details.



The children will be bringing home a "purple" box use to donate money to this worthy cause that helps people locally. If you are able, please fill these boxes and return by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We thank you for your support. The campaign this year is called "Make your voices heard" inspired by Pope Francis' call for young people to make a difference in the world. <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>



### Lenten Reflection- Week 1

As we come towards the end of the first week of lent, take a moment to pause and reflect.

Before Lent this year, Pope Francis released his annual message which this year takes it theme from old Testament words from the book of Exodus "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). He wrote to us that: "It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love.... For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us."

So, this coming week, pause, and allow yourself to be open in the quietness to receiving the word of God.

### Green Redeem

A **huge thank you** to everyone who has donated their **100 free points** to this scheme! The deadline is next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March and whilst we are still clinging on to 4<sup>th</sup> position, the school in 5<sup>th</sup> position is not far behind so any further donations would be fantastic! We would love to get a good share of the **£6000 reward** to use for more eco resources/development in our school. Just click on the link below, scan the and donate to St Francis. Thanks so very much for your support and remember to pass th dwellers! [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jqQ-i60N\\_JrUzEinYWKyqcavMy\\_ITms/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jqQ-i60N_JrUzEinYWKyqcavMy_ITms/view?usp=sharing)



### Results Are Just In!

Mrs Shannon has just received the results and is delighted to inform us that Isla has achieved a pass with DISTINCTION 91% for her Stage 3 Introductory exam. A fantastic result. Well done Isla.

### Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **John Fisher** for winning the house cup points. Congratulations to year 4 for taking part in Bikeability this week.



Have a lovely long weekend  
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



## Calendar Dates

29 <sup>th</sup> February	Science Show in school
1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>PTA Disco – Y1 &amp; Y2</b> Details to Follow
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – in school book focus. Dressing up/Costume Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PTA Disco – Y3 &amp; Y4 &amp; Y5 &amp; Y6</b>
Week of 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science Week:</b> Theme – Time and Connections RSPB Big Bird Watch – details to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Choir – Prom Praise for Schools</b> at The Royal Albert Hall. Details to be confirmed.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>AM Reception &amp; Y 1 Classes</b> Easter Liturgy – Palm Sunday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	AM <b>Y2</b> Easter Liturgy – Jesus in the Temple PM <b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b> Young Shakespeare Mid-Summer Nights Dream Performance
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	AM <b>Y3</b> Easter Liturgy – Washing of the Feet PM <b>Y4</b> Easter Liturgy - The Last Supper
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	AM <b>Y5</b> Easter Liturgy - The Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	AM <b>Y6</b> 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.



### REIGATE AND REDHILL MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL 2024 13<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF ST FRANCIS SPEECH/DRAMA PARTICIPATION

To remind parents /guardians that the Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival **entry deadline** is **28<sup>th</sup> February 2024** and Mrs Shannon's deadline for confirming applications is this **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

If you are entering your child(ren) could you ensure you do so immediately and send Mrs Shannon the confirmation(s). The link for the entries is.

[Speech & Drama - Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival \(rrmdf.org.uk\)](http://rrmdf.org.uk)

If you have asked Mrs Shannon to enter your child she will send the confirmation in the coming days..

If you have not yet made an appointment to see her could you kindly contact her on [bjsspeechdrama22@gmail.com](mailto:bjsspeechdrama22@gmail.com) / 01883 344373 . Thank you.

### Class Year Disco's

As previously advised, the Class Year Disco's will be held on the following dates and times.

**Years 1 & 2 - 01 March: 17:00 - 18:15**

**Years 3 & 4 - 08 March: 17:00 - 18:15**

**Years 5 & 6 - 08 March: 18:45 - 20:00**

Tickets will be made available shortly so please look out for more details in due course. If you are in a position to offer some assistance at these events please notify [stfrancisschptachair@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisschptachair@gmail.com)  
Your assistance would be gratefully received.

