

St. Francis' School Newsletter

28th March 2024

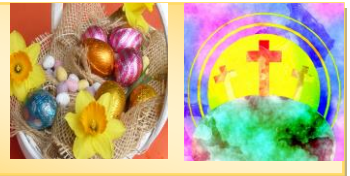


Value of the month – Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers,



The staff and I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter



Holy Week Reflections

This week has been a wonderful reminder to all the children of why we celebrate Easter. Each day a different Year group has taken responsibility for sharing a part of the story and leading us in songs and Taizé chants. This has really brought the Bible scripture to life for all our children. Thank you to all the staff and children for their work in creating these shared occasions for us. It has also been lovely to be joined by so many parents and family members this week- thank you!



Midsummer Night's Dream

On Monday afternoon, Years 5 and 6 had an 'amazing' and 'magical' time watching the Young Shakespeare Company's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. They loved the variety of characters like Puck who they found very funny and the fairies. In addition, they enjoyed the jokes and Bottom's enthusiastic performance. The children particularly enjoyed how interactive the performance was and how everyone was involved, even in making animal and weather sounds



Staff Goodbyes

Mrs Sally Cox (Y3) and **Mrs Maureen Wheeler (Y3&Y4)** are leaving us today as they retiring. Both have been committed and supportive teachers at St Francis for well over 20 years. Between them they will have taught many of your children and even some of you and your siblings! I am sure that you will all join with us in thanking them for their hard work and dedication and we wish them both the very best in their next adventures. **Mrs Hayley Linehan (Y4)** is also leaving us for pastures new and we thank Mrs Linehan for her commitment to St Francis' and we wish her luck in her new position.

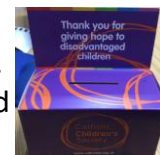
Mrs Nadia Nazeem (TA) has been completing training in children's mental health over the last few years and will be leaving to take up a new position as a Community Wellbeing Mentor with Barnardo's. We pass on our many congratulations and thanks for all her work supporting pupils in school.

We warmly welcome **Samantha Griessel** to St Francis' who will be teaching in Rowan Class.



Lenten Collection: Catholic Children's Society

Thank you so much for all your contributions to the Lenten Catholic Children's Society collection. The money that we have raised will go towards helping those who are at the most disadvantaged in our community.



Celebration Assembly

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

Best wishes, for a wonderful Easter break.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



School reopens Monday 15th April @ 9am.



Calendar Dates

28 th March	School finishes @ 1pm for the Easter Break.
15 th April	School Reopens @ 9am
18 th April	Football Fixture Home & Netball fixture Home -Details to follow
22 nd April	Coffee Morning 8.45- 10.30am - Managing Difficult Behaviors.
25 th & 26 th April	Year 3 Feet First
8 th May	Year 4 to High Ashurst
13 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
15 th May	Year 3 to Frylands Woods
16 th May	Year 5 Gatton Park
20 th -24 th May	Five- Day Walking Challenge- Details to follow
24 th May	Talent Show- Details to follow
27 th May—31 st May	Half Term
3 rd June	School Reopens @9am
10 th June	Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip
11 th June	Reception to Bocketts Farm
14 th June	Year 1 to Horniman Museum
17 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
28 th June	Whole School Sports Day
29 th June	PTA Summer Fayre
1 st July	District Sports Field - Details to Follow
4 th July	District Sports Track - Details to Follow
5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
12 th July	Year 6 Disco
15 th July	Changeover Day TBC
18 th July	Leavers Mass TBC
19 th July	Leavers Assembly School Finishes @1pm For the Summer Holidays.
3 rd September	School reopens @9am

Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

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Venues

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



Operating Dates

FEB HALF TERM: Sites 1, 2, 4, 5

EASTER: Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

MAY HALF TERM: Sites 1, 2, 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

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



Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
 9am - 4.15pm (per day)
 £32.00

EXTRAS

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

Late Leavers
 4.15pm - 5.00pm (per day)
 £4.50

Late Leavers +
 4:15pm - 6.00pm (per day)
 £7.00

Tuck
 £1.00 (per day)

Sickness & Flexibility Insurance
 £2.00 (per day)

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LIVING STREETS

LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

The MAGIC of WALKING

FIVE-DAY WALKING challenge

JOIN THE FUN

Walk to School Week, 20-24 May

