

St. Francis' School Newsletter

10th May 2024

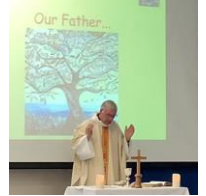


Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

Accession Mass

On Thursday it was wonderful to welcome Father Stephen in to celebrate the Ascension with a whole school mass. Year 5 and 6 were great representatives for the school with excellent reading, whilst the liturgy group lead the singing. Thank you to all involved in leading and preparing.



Reigate and Redhill Festival

Our Year 5/6 Junior Choir entered the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival. They sang two contrasting songs and won their class for an Outstanding Performance! Comments from the adjudicator included, "Mrs Hardy was impressed how you watched the conductor and followed his expressive direction. Lovely singing and well-balanced harmonies. Everyone was so engaged and involved. Lovely dynamic variations....Well done soloists! The choir were also awarded the 'Youth Choir of the Year Cup'. No choir in previous classes had achieved outstanding! We have been invited to sing at the Winner's Concert on Wednesday 22nd May 6.30pm at St Matthew's Church, another opportunity for our children to perform. Well done! A fantastic achievement.



School Council

Our school council have been elected for the remainder of the academic year. Congratulations to Alex, Isabella, Joe, Orlaith, Ophelia, Dylan, Isla, Elliot, Flynn, Madison, Toby, Ivy, Pola, Enzo, Isabella, Taylor, Rebecca and Fionn. Each class held a vote to select their school council reps. They've had their first meeting and are preparing an assembly to introduce themselves and what they do, then we're going to work on a few small projects. The children will work with Mr Murphy and hope to have a positive impact across the school. Our school council photo is also up in the school hall.



Surrey Active Schools Tennis Festival

A group of our Year 2 children joined with local schools this morning for a Tennis Festival. The festival was aimed at children trying a new sport and developing new skills. They were coached by the Peter Cooper Coaches and had fun mini matches. The children really enjoyed themselves. They all received a participation certificate and voucher. Similar festivals will be happening for our Junior children in the next couple of weeks.



Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to [John Fisher](#) for winning the House Points Cup.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Calendar Dates

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
23 rd May	Outdoor Learning Day
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

Road Closed Notice

Pre-patching Surface Dressing works on Burntwood Lane, Caterham.

Monday 13th May, For 1 Day, 8am-5pm- No Parking

You can find up to date details of the works on www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadworks

Summer Fayre - Saturday 29 June 2024



This year the PTA and School will be holding a Summer Fayre on 29 June and look forward to having as many parents, children, family and friends join us.

The PTA Committee would be very grateful for assistance please from Parents who maybe able to volunteer to support with this event, so please let your Class Rep know, if you are willing. It would not be an all day commitment.

Bags 2 School - 21 June 2024

Please note that the next opportunity to contribute to this collection will be 21 June 2024. Please ensure all clothes as suitably bagged up so to aid collection, distribution & and any temporary storage.

Many thanks in advance
PTA Committee



ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA

Supporting the Curriculum
Developing the Individual through Life Skills
Opening Doors

"Every child a winner"



REIGATE & REDHILL MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

Founded 1925



Good luck to all the children representing St Francis School and St Francis Alumni in the Speech and Drama and instrumental sections of the **Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival** Also to those taking part in the online **International Oratory Festival** at home.

Many of the year 3 plus children representing the school in this way were part of the Outstanding St Francis choir entry on Tuesday coming first against independent schools. Their dedication and commitment, as well as that of their parents/guardians in supporting them throughout is noticed and appreciated. Well done.

Festival Programme – Entry to the Festival is by programme (£3.00 per person) which covers all events. Those who purchased one for the choir event will have one already. Just remember to take it with you

Festival Entry Slips. Please ensure **COMPLETED** Festival entry slips are returned to Mrs Shannon immediately to enable her to ensure she has all the correct adjudicator copies of pieces, Bible Readings, as well as costumes and props. where appropriate.

Festival Entry Fees – please ensure outstanding Festival entry fees are paid to Mrs Shannon in an envelope either to the office or through her door with your child's name/class clearly marked (£4.50 per section booked into)

Photography/Filming is strictly forbidden during the Festival performances Mobile phones must be switched off You may take photographs of your children in the other hall

Adjudication: The children must remain seated during the adjudication and certificate awarding

No shows/withdrawals It was made clear when signing up to speech and drama events either through **Tiscali** or through a school "invitation" form, that participation in the Festival is a commitment and diaries should be checked for any potential clashes Also, out of courtesy, any extracurricular teachers should be given advance notice that your child is representing their school at the Festival and may have to miss a session or sessions, leave early or arrive a little late.

The children have worked very hard over many months The Reigate and Redhill Festival committee (themselves volunteers) book the stewards and pay for the hall time and adjudicators on the basis of the entries made. The entry fees contribute to these costs supported by donations from sponsors. As per the Festivals rules and regulations on the website there are no refunds except where the Festival withdraws a class. Home - Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival (rmdf.org.uk) Mrs Shannon gives her time to coaching the children, and provides books and costumes on the understanding of participation., notwithstanding the amount of unseen administration involved by her and the office.

The Festival timetable is set within weeks of the application deadline from which the **FESTIVAL PROGRAMME** is set and sent to print. **Your children's names are already in the programme.** Neither Mrs Shannon nor the school has any control over the programming..

Should you to choose for your child not to attend., as Mrs Shannon has outlined there is a £5.00 charge towards Mrs Shannon's costs for first section withdrawn from and £2.50 for any thereafter in addition to any entry fees still unpaid These charges do not reflect the true costs. These are waived in the case of genuine sickness, bereavement or other emergency on the day. Informed to the office. They are also waived if your child attends to watch any classes they were due to participate in if it is a case of last- minute nerves

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible
St Francis of Assisi

FINAL REHEARSALS FOR NEXT WEEK AT MRS SHANNON'S HOME

SATURDAY 11th FROM 2.30 0PM AND SUNDAY 12th FROM 12.30 - JUST TURN UP WHEN YOU CAN

Mrs Shannon will otherwise I be at the Festival from TODAY to next THURSDAY and will not see emails

If you need to speak wither then please leave a message on her landline **01883 344373**

with number/ good time to call back

1st Woldingham Beavers – Cubs – Scouts

Do more.

Share more.

Be more.

#SkillsForLife

We are a friendly, thriving group that meet typically every Saturday morning at 10 am. The Scout Association is a co-educational charity focussed on youth development and welcomes every religion, race, ethnicity, gender orientation, able or disabled...come and join in the fun!

We offer an exciting, varied programme of activities aimed at developing our young people's confidence, skills, respect for the community & environment, & care for each other.



DROP-IN OPEN DAY: AGES 6-14 WELCOME

**11th May (Sat) 10-11 am @ Woldingham Scout Hut,
The Crescent, Caterham CR3 7DB. Email us to register!**

We look forward to welcoming you!

Scouts 

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