

St. Francis' School Newsletter

14th June 2024



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Roadworks

Just to say 'thank you' to everyone for your consideration and patience while we have all endured the recent roadworks!

Family Prayers

Just a reminder to send any Family Prayers, in heritage or family languages, into school next week. See letter sent home by email on 7th June 2024. The Prayer writing frames came home in school bags on the day – spares were on the email.

Year 6 Trip to the Isle of Wight

Well done to our Year 6s who have had a wonderful time on the Isle of Wight, challenging themselves to step out of their comfort zones to try new skills. Thank you to the Staff and Volunteers who gave up their personal time to go and support the children on the trip.

Reception Classes Trip to Bockett's Farm

Our Reception Classes has their first 'big' school trip to Bockett's Farm. They had an amazing time and were very well behaved. Thank you to all the Staff and Parent Helpers – we couldn't do it without you!

Year 1 Trip to the Horniman Museum

The Year 1 children have been learning about Toys from the past as part of their History and Design and Technology lessons. They were all fascinated at the toys we looked at this week. At the Museum today they have learnt about toys from around the world. Thank you to all the staff and Volunteer Helpers who help make these trips possible. Year 1 Parents and Grandparents, do talk about and show the children any toys you may still have from your childhood.

The PTA Summer Fayre

Date Change: As advised in the PTA Chair's letter this week, the Fayre will now take place from 3:30-5:30pm after Sports Day on Friday 28th June. Further information will come out from the PTA.

Mufti Day – Thursday 27th June – please bring donations for the Bottle Tombola into school on this day.

Bags 2 School – Friday 21st June 2024

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

Many thanks in advance. PTA.

School Attendance

We are lucky at St Francis that the vast majority of our parents ensure their children are in school on time and that excellent to good attendance is maintained. **Thank you!**

All children will have times when they are too ill to attend school. In these circumstances, attendance may dip slightly and then rise again across a year – this is common and usual in school. However, continued absence over time gives increasingly serious concerns and has far reaching implications for a child's future life chances. We monitor the children's attendance regularly. **Please scroll down to see the attendance grid and points of impact.**

Please remember: **Holidays are not allowed in term time and will be unauthorised**, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A Holiday Absence Form must be completed by Parents if a holiday is being taken. This can be collected from the school office.

Time Tables Rockstars

Well done to those children who are engaging with **Time table Rockstars**. The class versus class challenge continues to be inspiring and very competitive! Scores are improving – keep up the good work!

Have a lovely weekend - Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Celebration Photos



Our School Council and Mr Murphy led an assembly to Introduce themselves and the 'suggestions box'.

Calendar Dates

14 th June	Year 1 Trip to the Horniman Museum
17 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Week
18 th June	New Reception Parents welcome Meeting – 1:45pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Olympic Day in school
Thursday 27 th June	Mufti Day — please bring donations for the Bottle Tombola into school on this day. RE Monitors Trip to Worth Abbey – Good Shepherd Mass
28 th June	Whole School Sports Day PTA Summer Fayre - 3:30-5:30
1 st July	Y6 Kingswood Assembly – 2:30pm District Sports - Field – Long Jump & High Jump at St Francis
3 rd July	Y2 Trip to Painshill Park
4 th July	District Sports - Track - Details to Follow
5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
8 th July	Pupil Wellbeing Mufti Day – try to wear green, or an item with green on it. The children will also be fundraising for the Trussell Trust by selling Ice Pops after lunch. More details to follow.
12 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
15 th July	Class Changeover - pm
16 th July	Mrs Wheeler's Retirement Mass – 10:30am in School – details to follow.
17 th July	RE Day – Our Father focus for the Pope's Year of Prayer
18 th July	Last Celebration Assembly Y6 Leavers Mass - 2pm Sacred Heart Church (Y4, Y5, Y6)
19 th July	Leavers Assembly School Finishes @1pm For the Summer Holidays.
3 rd September	School reopens @9am

A **Mufti-Day** will be held on Thursday 27th June, with the purpose of asking children to bring into school a bottle donation for the Bottle Tombola. Invariably the Bottle Stall is a very popular one at such events. Please donate and help us make this a success.

Raffle: We have a good selection of prizes but we need more, please! We have a considerable number of people attending this event and so prize donations, whether big or small, all help towards making stalls like this a success. Should anyone like to make a prize donation please bring it to school and drop it off at the Office, marked for Rachel Kay. If you run your own business and can contribute in any way, then it is a way of promoting your business through our community also. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers: Thanks to all our volunteers who have worked towards making this event a success. Pray now for good weather ☺ and let's all have some fun. 😊

On behalf of the PTA
Alastair - Chair

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All Absences must be reported to the Office via phone or by email to absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk

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Note: The Government are issuing schools with updated expectations and advice regarding attendance ready for the Autumn term. Any additional measures will be put in place when this is reviewed.

190 School days in each year - 0 days absent	= 100% Attendance	Children have the best chance of success	Excellent to Good Attendance
180 Days - 10 days absent	= 95% Attendance		
171 Days - 19 days absence	= 90% Attendance	Attendance is slipping – less chance of success	Concerned To Very Concerned
161 Days – 28 days absence	= 85% Attendance		
152 Days – 38 days absence	= 80% Attendance	Poor to very poor attendance = serious impact on education and reduced life chances	Persistent Absentee: Serious Concerns
143 Days – 47 days absence	= 75% Attendance		