



Value of the month – Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had two very busy weeks and the sun has finally appeared! The children are loving being able to get out on the field and having the extra space to run and play.

Bikeability Week

Well done to our Y6 pupils who took part in Bikeability Sessions in the week of 17th June. They have learned all about riding safely on the roads as part of their transition to secondary school. They also learned how cycling is a healthy and sustainable travel option for their lives and how cycling has a positive effect on mental well-being.

New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting

It was lovely, on 18th June, to welcome our new Reception Parents for their first meeting in school. We look forward to seeing them and the new reception children at Changeover Afternoon on 15th July.

Holy Communion Liturgy

Congratulations to all our children who have made their Holy Communions this year. We had a lovely Liturgy in School and a small celebration with juice and cakes afterwards. Thank you to the Parents and Grandparents who joined us

Family Prayers

Thank you so much for the family prayers that you have been sending in. We used some of them on our display that was used at the annual Good Shepherd Liturgy at Worth Abbey yesterday. Thank you to our Year 5 RE Monitors and to Mrs Zarembski who created the Prayers display piece.

Good Shepherd Liturgy at Worth Abbey

The year 5 RE Monitors went to share in the Diocesan Schools Good Shepherd Liturgy yesterday. They represented the school wonderfully. After the Liturgy they had photos taken with Bishop Richard and then we had a picnic along with pupils from other Diocesan schools. The RE Monitors will be fundraising in the coming weeks for the Missio Charity. This is the Pope's Charity for World Missions helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. See photos from the day below.

Olympic Day

We began learning about the Olympics in school on Tuesday this week with a whole school Assembly led by Mr Murphy on the history of the Olympics. Thank you Mr Murphy. Then on Wednesday our 'Olympic Day' in school. The junior children learned about Ancient Greece through VR headsets, which they absolutely loved and the Infants took part in dances from around the world, like those that we see in the Opening and Closing Olympic Ceremonies. The Infants all had a 'Closing Ceremony' demonstrating their newly learned dances. It was great fun.

The PTA Summer Fayre

Thank you to our PTA Volunteers for all the hard work that they have put into helping with refreshments at Sports Day and especially for the Summer Fayre afterwards. It was a huge effort switching days and everyone's help in making the event a success is very much appreciated.

Bags of Hope – Bag Collection - rucksacks, satchels, schoolbags & drawstring bags

It is time for our last appeal for bags for the Amara Charitable Trust. We will be collecting again and the bags are sent to school children in developing countries. Our collection begins on **Monday 8th July until Thursday 18th July** when they will be collected by the Rotary club in the morning. Please do not bring any bags before Monday 8th July.

All pre-loved rucksacks, satchels, schoolbags & drawstring bags etc. are suitable as long as they are in good condition. They will be sent to school children in Africa thanks to the Rotary club and the Amara Charitable Trust. This time there will be **5 minutes extra playtime for whichever class collects the most bags**. Many Thanks!

Y6 Kingswood Assembly Reminder

Y6 Parents are welcome to attend the Kingswood Assembly on Monday 1st July at 2:30pm.

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!

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week.



What a fabulous Sports Day and Summer Fayre!
Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Calendar Dates

1 st July	Y6 Kingswood Assembly – 2:30pm District Sports – Field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at St Francis (Long Jump & High Jump) • at Hamsey Green (other field events)
3 rd July	Y2 Trip to Painshill Park
4 th July	District Sports - Track – Hamsey Green
5 th July	RHead Girl and Boy's Film 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 – in the afternoon
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

Roadworks

Please note that roadworks begin again on 1st July for 3 weeks, this time to replace the lights at the crossroads. Burntwood Lane closed 8am to 5pm and temporary 3-way traffic lights on Whyteleafe. See Surrey Highways website and social media for more details.



Diocesan Good Shepherd Liturgy at Worth Abbey

We presented our prayers to Bishop Richard during the Liturgy Celebration. Afterwards, we had a picnic.



Attendance: Attendance Matters for Children's' Futures!

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. 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.

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

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.

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		