



Value of the month – Appreciation

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been having a hectic and exciting time this week in school and there will be more to come too! Scroll down and keep reading!

Congratulations!

To Mrs Brown who has now worked at the school for 22 years this month! Well done and thank you to Mrs Brown for all she does for us. 😊

Kingswood Assembly

Thank you to our Y6 Parents and family members who attended the Kingswood Assembly on Monday. It was wonderful hearing about the children's favourite memories and seeing some of the pictures of their week. Thank you to all the staff and volunteer helpers for making this trip so special.

School Council Fundraising

The school council met with Mr Murphy and have asked to organise a fundraising day to raise funds for an Outdoor Reading Shed such as the one in the image (£450), which will help encourage reading at playtimes. They are, therefore, having a 'School Council Monday Mufti' on Monday 15th July. Please support their cause by donating £1 to this excellent cause.



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.



Good Shepherd Celebration (Scroll down to see the photos)

Well done to our Y5 RE Monitors who attended the Good Shepherd Celebration last week. We presented our Family Prayers in a display at the Celebration. Thank you to this families who wrote prayers with their children and sent them in.

Summer Fayre

A very big thank you goes to Alastair (Chair) and Russell (Finance) and all the PTA Reps and parent volunteers for making the Fayre such a success. A special thank you to Mrs Kay for organising the Colour Run – what a highlight! Great fun was had by all...including me – I loved it!



District Sports

This week our juniors competed in the District Sports Athletics competition. They competed over 2 days at Hamsey Green and at our school in a variety of track and field events. We showed our sporting credentials as we finished with 6 third places, 17 second places and 21 first places. As a result, St Francis regained the trophy that they just missed out on in last year's competition. All the children performed to the best of their abilities, showcased their talents and were true representatives of the school. A big thank you to all the family and friends who supported them, and a massive thank you to the staff for organising it, especially Mrs Couch, Mr Crispin and Mrs Jackson for helping out at her last ever District Event. We will be back next year to defend our title!



Year 2 Trip to Painshill Park

Year 2s had a wonderful time at Painshill Park completing activities linked to their science and PE topics. Thank you to our staff and the parents who volunteered to help.

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

A quick reminder! 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. 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 – Ms McCutcheon!

Class Mixing

We are mixing YR and Y3 this year and letters have been emailed to these year groups. No other year Groups are being mixed.

Clubs: All Clubs apart from Palmer Drama next Friday have now finished.

Dinner Money: **All Dinner Money should be paid in full by next Friday 12/7/24 Thank you.**

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.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff

Calendar Dates

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 Event
15 th July	School Council Monday Mufti Day - £1 suggested donation Class Changeover – in the afternoon
16 th July	AM: Mrs Wheeler’s Retirement Mass – 10:30am in School – details to follow. PM: Year 6 Fundraising Activity Afternoon for Mary’s Meals Charity
17 th July	RE Day – Our Father focus for the Pope’s Year of Prayer
18 th July	Last Celebration Assembly Y6 Leavers Mass – 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.





Rotary
Club of Caterham



THE
ANNUAL

FESTIVAL OF CRICKET

**3 AUG
2024**

10:30 AM - 6:30 PM

**CATERHAM
CRICKET CLUB**

Hill Fields, 11a Park Avenue,
Caterham, CR3 6NH



Andrew Patterson's 6-A-Side Cricket Tournament

Kids cricket tournament starts @ 11:00 am
Free coaching for kids, Dynamos and Kwik
Cricket fun from 11:00 am !



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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		