

Value of the month – Appreciation

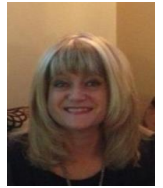
Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week full of wonderful learning and events flew by and we get closer to the end of the academic year. We all waited with baited breath for the England football results on Wednesday

Sad news

It is with sadness that we learned last Friday of the passing away of one of our former Teaching Assistant colleagues Mrs Terri Griffiths. Terri worked here for 22 Years until her retirement in 2021. Our older Junior children will remember her support in classes and her reading with them. Many of our staff were very good friends with Mrs Griffiths and have been seeing her socially and helping her out over the last few years - they are all missing her tremendously. We keep Mrs Griffiths, her family and our Staff in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.



Mrs Jackson's Retirement

We say a fond farewell next week to Mrs Sara Jackson who is retiring after 25 happy years at the school. She has taught right across the school during her time here. We thank her for her commitment, hard work and dedication through her time at St Francis and wish her a happy and restful retirement.

Dinner Money: Dinner Money should have all been paid in full by today 12th July. If you have not done so, please can you do it immediately. Thank you.



Fund Raising' challenge

Thank you to all who took on the Fund Raising' challenge. The children have been telling me all the different ways they raised money from emptying the dishwasher, washing cars and even brick laying! I'm pleased to announce the total raised was £525.32, towards the (£1440) cost of a new mobile cooking station, the winning class was Rowan who raised an amazing £90! They will be rewarded with extra breaktime and an ice-lolly treat. Mrs Kay

Wellbeing Monday (8th July) & Fundraising for The Trussell Trust

Thank you to Mrs Siobhan Bartlett and the Wellbeing Ambassadors for organising a mufti and well-being day on Monday of this week. The children wore green and fundraised for the Trussell Trust.

School Council Fundraising next Monday 15th July

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.**



Sharing Music Assembly

It was with great joy that Mrs Hardy, once again, was able to share with the school all the wonderful whole class instrumental learning that has been going on during this year. The children shared their growing knowledge of the recorder, the ukulele, and led by Mr Beagley, the trumpet. Thank you to the children for such wonderful performances and hard work over the year. In addition, thank you to the music staff who have taught the children this year.

Year 6 Performances

Our two Year 6 Performances of their end of year show was successful performances. The children were wonderful. Our thanks go to Miss Morris, Miss Coggins, Mrs Hunter, Mr Crispin, Mrs Holden, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Hardy and Mr Dommett for all their hard work in helping to prepare the children.

REMINDER! 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!

Poetry by Heart

Our thanks goes to Mrs Shannon who volunteers to run our Poetry by Heart Club. The children enter and win many awards at the Redhill and Reigate Poetry and Prose Festival and Mrs Shannon prepares many of our children for LAMDA exams. The children do extremely well in these events. Well done to the following children:

- Chloe (Yr 6) and Taylor (Yr 2) achieved BEST IN COUNTY for their joint Freestyle shared poem entry (which also won first place Gold Medal in the R and R Festival)
- Francesca (Yr 4) achieved the top mark of HIGHLY COMMENDED in the main two poem recitation competitions.
- The one poem Freestyle KS1 and KS2 groups and solos all achieved COMMENDED

CLiPPA Award Ceremony

Year 3 Ivy from St Francis has won the CLiPPA Shadowing Scheme category for My Heart is a Poem with her performance of Lost for Words by Jay Hulme. Congratulations to Ivy who will be performing this poem at the CLiPPA Award Ceremony on Friday 12th July at The National Theatre, London.

Film Debut

Congratulations to Taylor in Year 2 for his recent TV Series debut in Black Doves We also look forward to seeing him at Christmas in his next performance.



End of Term

Please note that school finishes @ **1pm next Friday 19th July**.



Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Calendar Dates

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



The poster features a blue and white wavy background. At the top left is a crest with two crosses and a shield. At the top right is the Rotary Club of Caterham logo, which includes the word "Rotary" in blue and "Club of Caterham" in black, next to a yellow gear icon. The central text reads "THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CRICKET" in bold black letters. Below this, a table provides event details: "3 AUG 2024" and "10:30 AM - 6:30 PM" on the left; "CATERHAM CRICKET CLUB" and "Hill Fields, 11a Park Avenue, Caterham, CR3 6NH" on the right, accompanied by a shield-shaped club crest. The bottom section describes "Andrew Patterson's 6-A-Side Cricket Tournament" starting at 11:00 am, with free coaching for kids, Dynamos, and Kwik Cricket. A line drawing of a batsman is on the left, and the website "www.caterhamrotary.org.uk" is at the bottom right.

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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		