



## Value of the month – Appreciation

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Well, in a week of 'lasts', here is my final Newsletter!

### **Goodbye and Thank you**

Thank you to all (Children, Parents, Staff and our wider school community members) for such wonderful send offs, gifts and flowers from Mrs Sara Jackson (retiring after 27 years at St Francis!), Miss Ali Morris, Mrs Siobhan Holden and myself. We all move on to new adventures and wish everyone at St Francis the very best of luck – we shall miss you all.

Note: I have sent all parents and staff a special letter of reflection and thanks from me directly via email.

### **Year 6 End of Year Celebrations – Leavers Event, Leavers Mass and Leavers Assembly**

Last Friday evening, we held our Year 6 Event. The pupils looked fabulous and had loads of fun! The Leavers Mass celebrated by Fr Cannon Jim at Sacred Heart was very meaningful: our readers and altar servers were superb, and the children sang beautifully. Thank you to Canon Jim and all the parents who were able to attend. This morning, we were able to welcome the Year 6 parents to our Leavers Assembly. It is always very sad when our children move on to secondary schools, the memories they shared with us at the Assembly were very moving. We wish our Year 6 children and their families a fond goodbye.

### **Awards**

We were also able to celebrate their achievements and award the special prizes to the following pupils for their commitment and dedication:

#### **Music:**

- **Barraclough Music Award** – congratulations to Bea who was awarded this  
**Choir Awards:** Theo - for conducting, Chloe – for singing, Anabelle – for all round music.  
Music Medals – 17 medals were awarded. These were awarded to all who have all represented the choir and school this year. Well done!
- **Maths:** The **Fr John Maths** award for most improved mathematicians went to Masie and Luke
- **English:** Maria Wheeler English Award – Ella & Alex
- **Sports Awards:** were awarded to Lola and Sam for – super sportsmanship!
- **Drama:** Special Drama Awards go to: Lewis for outstanding performance in the Y6 production and Amber for outstanding performances throughout her time at St Francis.

**The Governors' Award:** Trophies have been awarded for amazing effort, perseverance and resilience displayed consistently this year. Well done to Kudi (KS2) and Joseph L (KS1)

Finally, the **Hamilton Award**, our most prestigious award which is awarded to the pupils who most embody the ethos of our school, went to **Saoirse and Theo** who have shone throughout their time at St Francis'!

Well done to all our pupils throughout the school for doing very well this year, and to the staff who work with them and encourage them. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff.

## Poetry Club

All pupils who worked with Mrs Shannon over the year received certificates and books for their commitment and achievements across the year, including the Redhill and Reigate Poetry and Prose Competitions and LAMDA exams. Well done to all and our thanks to Mrs Shannon for her continued dedication and voluntary work running this successful school club.

## Housepoint Winners

This week Blue House won the weekly challenge, but overall for the term it was Green House. **Green House can wear their house colours on the first Friday back to school.**



## Mary's Meals Year 6 Fundraising Event

Following my Retirement Mass our Year 6 pupils organised and ran a fundraising afternoon for the school in aid of the Charity Mary's Meals. There were stalls and activities for the children to choose from and a great time was had by all. Thank you to all the Y6 children and all the staff for helping out on the stalls and ensuring the children had a fabulous afternoon. The throw the sponge activity was a big hit...I wonder why?!



## New Staff Welcome

We welcome to our School in the Autumn:

Mrs Tamsyn Lawlor – Executive Head

Mrs Fiona McGrath – Head of School

Mrs Katie Tulloch – Year 6 Class Teacher (Wednesday-Friday in Willow Class)

Mrs Filomena Verrillo-Heron – Year 3 Class teacher (Fridays in Hornbeam Class)

Ms Shanice Leith - Year 2 (Fridays in Larch Class)



## PTA

My sincere thanks to Alastair and Russell and our PTA team who have worked so hard in the background to fundraise for our school. Their dedication and commitment has been very much appreciated. The PTA members terms are now coming to an end and we are looking for a new Team for September. Without a PTA, we cannot have the additional activities, such as discos, fairs and events that they support. **Please do let the current team know if you can volunteer, or wish to talk about being a PTA team Member.**

I'd like to say **thank you to ALL the staff** who make us the great school we are: the Teachers, the TAs, the Office Staff, our SBM, the Kitchen Staff, our Caretaker Mr Colyer, and our Cleaners, who ensure that the school is ready for us every day when we come in.

**Last but not least**, thank you to all you as Parents and Families who have supported the children and our staff throughout the year. We appreciate your help and special thanks go to our Volunteer Parent Helpers and Readers.

## School Reopens 3rd September @9am.

Best wishes,

Have a wonderful and peaceful Summer.

Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Year 6 Leavers Event 2024



Hamilton Award  
Winners 2024

