



Value of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back!

Welcome back to everyone. We hope everyone had a wonderful Summer holiday. The children have been amazing with settling back into new routines; they are cheerful, positive and hardworking. Well done to them all – we are so proud of them. Thank you to everyone in the school community and all the staff who have made me feel so incredibly welcome- it is an absolute privilege to be Head of School at St Francis. As I stated in my letter please do come and introduce yourself to me on the gate. I am looking forward to the coming academic year and working with the staff and getting to know all the children and their families.

Just a reminder to please remember if you are bringing your children into the school that they are left on the Infant playground and you do not enter the school- this is to ensure the safeguarding of all your children. If you need any help or assistance there will be a member of the Senior leadership team on the gate to help every day.

New Reception Children and Parents!

We wish our new Reception pupils and their parents a very warm welcome to St Francis' and look forward to having the final intake next week. The children are a delight and are settling well into school life. If you have any queries, please do ask the class teachers, or email in to the office and we will reply as soon as we can.

Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our school on Monday 9th September@3.45pm for our "Meet the Teacher" sessions. These will be held in your child's classroom and give you an opportunity to hear about what you child will be learning about in their year groups, key information and to "meet" the class teachers. **Please note if you need to speak to your teacher about a concern about your child please make a separate appointment.**

Absence

Please remember if you child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please leave a message on the answer phone or email absence@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk no later than 9.30am.

Green Flag Distinction

A huge well done and congratulations to all of you and our eco warriors for achieving a Distinction in our Green Flag Award last year!! Thanks to a lot of hard work, litter picking and your support in both the Green Redeem and Bags of Hope projects, it is the first time we have achieved this status and the flag will be flying high very soon.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs McGrath & Staff



Music at St Francis



I would like to highlight some wonderful achievements from the last academic year. The Festival Choir began in October winning the Woldingham Choir Cup, singing carols at Westminster Cathedral and visiting the Yehudi Menuhin School. In the Spring Term the Junior Choir sang at the Royal Albert Hall in Prom Praise for Schools. The Summer Term ended with winning the Choral Shield and Youth Choir of the Year Cup for outstanding performance in the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival with an invitation to sing at the Winner's Concert in Redhill. Well done! Thank you for a very special year!

Please do apply for **music lessons** using the link below. These include – **All strings; woodwind** including flute, clarinet, and very popular saxophone; **brass** including trumpet and trombone.

Full details of how to apply, as well as the cost and concessions available, are on our website - [Apply and pay for children's music lessons - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://surreycc.gov.uk)

There are discounts for Year 5 pupils who have taken part in Tuning Up lessons. May I strongly encourage Year 1s and 2s to join Stringbabies – group lessons for violin and cello making a more affordable and attractive option. Your children are very talented and would benefit from these music tuition offers. Please see the flyers below.

Best wishes
Mrs Karen Hardy
Music Teacher

MOST AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START NEXT WEEK, PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE.

Calendar Dates

9 th September	Meet The Teacher @ 3.45pm
26 th September	KS1 Phonics Meeting @3.30pm in classrooms
25 th September	McMillan Coffee Morning 9-10.30am
1 st October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.15am
4 th October	Inset Day School Closed
25 th October	Year 6 Trip -Tower of London
25 th October – 1 st November	Half Term
12 th November	Open Morning For Prospective Parents @ 9.15am
28 th November	Whole school Flu Sniff (Details to Follow)
1 st December	Lighting of the Cedar Tree (Details to Follow)
2 nd December	Xavier Day School Closed
5 th December	Whole School Panto Day
1 st December	Beginning of Advent
20 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm

School Lunches

A reminder that lunch money is now due for the new term. The cost is now £2.70 per day, making the totals as follows:

Weekly - £14.00

First half term – £106.40

Second half term –£ 95.20

Payment can be made online – if you would like instructions, please ask at the School Office. Meals are ordered on a weekly basis; you **cannot** alter midweek. Anyone wishing to change from Packed Lunch to School Dinners or vice versa, must let the school office know by the Friday of the previous week. You will be charged for dinners if you have not informed us. Thank you

Plea for building blocks

Our ELSAs would be very grateful if you are able to donate building blocks to them for use when providing support to our children. They would love a collection of Duplo or Lego type building bricks. If you are able to help with this please pass them to you child's Class Teacher or hand them in at the office.

Many thanks
The ELSA's

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