



## Value of the month – Perseverance

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Meet the Teacher

On Monday we had our annual 'meet the teacher' it was wonderful to see so many families join us. We look forward to welcoming you many more times over the school year.

#### Head Girl and Head Boy

We have been celebrating this week the appointment of our Head Boy and Girl. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and to those children who prepared and made speeches. We are proud of you all. There will, as usual, be a further opportunity for pupils to put themselves forward again in the spring term. Congratulations to our new **HEADGIRL Orla and HEADBOY Tommy. The School Council, RE Monitors, Librarians and Eco Warriors will be announced next week.**

#### RE at St Francis

We have started the year as we always do by celebrating the school value of perseverance, and children will be receiving certificates for this value in Celebration Assembly on Fridays over September. We also introduced our Catholic Social Teaching (CST) value of the month- which is Stewardship. Children heard about this in Key Stage Assemblies and will be working hard to take care of God's world. We have also "rebranded" our Gospel Assemblies, to "Celebration of the Word" these take place on Monday mornings, beginning at 9:10 and are about 20 mins in length, each week we visit the Gospel of the previous Sunday and take time to reflect on the scripture. Parents are very welcome to attend these, please come to the office after drop off on Monday's if you would like to join us.

#### RE Monitors

Our Year 6 RE monitors will be receiving their badges next week in assembly. We are very excited for them to begin their work supporting Miss Coggins and Miss Morris in leading assemblies on Monday's, Leading prayers in classes and at lunchtimes, and later in the year running events.

#### Pupil Led Class Worship

Earlier this year the Diocese released new guidance on "Prayer and Liturgy" It is called "To love you more dearly". Our RE leads had the opportunity to have training on this in the Summer term and Miss Morris is now our Prayer and Liturgy co-ordinator. This term, we are focussing especially in KS2 on supporting our children to lead Class Worship. During our Class Worship time on Thursday, teachers demonstrated what this should look like. Classes should now have a rota, where each child will have the opportunity to lead if they so wish (they can ask a friend for help). The children have been given themes for the week and a planning sheet is available to help them plan it. Please support us as we develop the children's leading skills.

#### Class Assemblies

This year we will also be re-introducing Class led assemblies to parents. Over the course of the year each classes parents will be invited in. In the Autumn term it will be Year 6 and Year 2. In the Spring term it will be Year 5 and Year 1, and in the Summer term it will be Year 4, Year 3 and Reception. Please look out for the dates in class communications and on our newsletters. We are all looking forward to welcoming parents in to celebrate the wonderful work the children do. The theme of these will be linked to our RE learning, but may bring in other areas.

## Harvest

For our Harvest Celebration on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. We will be supporting the "Trussell trust", our local food bank. They wrote to us and said that "Sadly demand for our services remains high, and we're continuing to see numbers of people in our local area - including those with children - who can't afford food. Last year we were able to provide over 5000 food parcels, on average for 100 people (adults and children) per week." **During the week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> October** we will be asking for donations to be brought in. The trust have recently contacted us, with the items that they are in short supply of, please when donating, if possible, refer to this. Last year at Harvest we donated over 20 bags of food, and essential items, it would be wonderful if we could do the same again this year. Please see flyer below.

## St Francis' Catholic Primary School Parent's Coffee Morning

Wednesday 23rd October from 9 to 10:30am in Acorns (The hut on the playground)

Surrey's Mental Health Support Team will be joining us.

This is an opportunity to come and get to know us better and talk to us about any worries you may have.

All parents are welcome. Please confirm attendance here so we have an idea of numbers.

Please arrive after 8:50 - we will take a register in Acorns so you do not need to sign in at the Office.

Any questions please ask Mrs Dommett or Mrs Hamilton.

Please use this link to let us know you are coming so we have an idea of numbers attending.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xBB2rnJPM3>

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to **John Fisher** for winner the house cup points.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs McGrath & Staff

## Calendar Dates

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



## HARVEST COLLECTION

# COLLECTION POINT HERE

### SHOPPING LIST

MOST NEEDED

- Tinned meat
- Tinned or packet soup
- Cereals
- Tinned pulses
- Long life fruit juice
- Tea bags (40 or 80)
- Small coffee jars (200g)
- Soap or deodorant
- Shower gel or shampoo

### DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.

Caterham Foodbank (covering north Tandridge)

[caterham.foodbank.org.uk](http://caterham.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1155330)

### Battle of Britain

**This weekend (Battle of Britain Sunday) at Kenley..**

**11am-3pm, Saturday 14th September..**

We'll be opening up two of RAF Kenley's WWII blast pen air raid shelters as part of the Open House Festival. Just drop by, no need to book.. <https://programme.openhouse.org.uk/listings/1189>

**10am Sunday, 15th September..**

There will be an Open Air Service for Battle of Britain Sunday at Airmen's Corner in the churchyard of St. Luke's, Whyteleafe. <https://www.stlukeswhyteleafe.co.uk/>

**12.45pm Sunday 15th September..**

There will be a short service and wreath laying for Battle of Britain Sunday at The Tribute on Kenley Common. Free roadside parking along Hayes Lane.

**Sunday 15th September..**

Historic Croydon Airport Society will be doing a special opening for Battle of Britain Sunday, with tours of their beautiful 1928 Control Tower. Kenley Revival will be there with our travelling exhibition. The event is sold out but you can join the waiting list for cancellations here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/historic-croydon-airport...>

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# WELCOME TO ST FRANCIS, CATERHAM



**OPEN MORNING FROM 9:15AM-11AM**

HEADTEACHER PRESENTATIONS 9:15

**TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER**

**TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO ARRANGE A  
TOUR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THESE DATES.

**We welcome children and their  
families from any Faith**

