



Value of the month – Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

House Captains and RE Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new House Captains .**Thomas Moore**- George & Lois **Anne Line**- Celina & Harry **Margaret Clitheroe**- Ophelia & Harper **John Fisher**- Lara & Dylan. Well done to our RE Ambassadors who also received their badges.

Open Mornings for next year's Reception Parents

There will be the following events for prospective parents: **Open Morning & Tours – Tuesday 1st October 9.15am & 12th November 9.15am**. The Headteacher will address parents at the start of both events. **Please could any prospective parents who wish to attend contact the school office to book place.**

Starting School



Secondary School Applications

From 1st September, secondary school admissions for 2025 will be opening. If you are a parent or carer with a child reaching age 11 between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2025 and you have until 31st October 2024 to apply for their school place. If you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child. To help you prepare, click below to find out everything you need to know about the school's application process <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

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



Harvest

For our Harvest Celebration on **Thursday 17th 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 14th 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.

Caterham foodbank

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 (100g)
- 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

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1155330)

unded by the **trussell trust**

Calendar Dates

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
17 th October	Harvest Food Bank Collection
25 th October	Year 6 Trip -Tower of London
28 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



**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.**





ST FRANCIS SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA (Supporting the Curriculum since 2007)



St Francis Speech and Drama Lunchtime Club - Years 1 to 6 (Wednesdays OR Thursdays (alternate weeks) recommences on Wednesday 4th October/Thursday 5th October. (Numbers limited to a total of 32- 4 x groups of 8)

St Francis Speech and Drama After School 3.30 to 4.30 (small group private lesson for 2 to 6 max) recommences Thursday 5th October (Years 2 to 6 only).

Sign up via the school website). Any problems with signing up please contact Mrs McEvoy in the school office.

LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART EXAMS

CONGRATULATIONS to: **Romeo** (Rec – Intro 1), **Scarlett** (Yr 2 – Intro 3) **Francesca** (Yr 4 – Grade 1 V and P), and **Chloe C** (G 3 Public Speaking) Distinctions and **Archie C** Stage 1 Shakes[pare (Merit) in the July exam session at LAMDA. For Archie his fifth exam and the first St Francis pupil to take the even more challenging new Shakespeare syllabus where he achieved Distinction marks for his theory/knowledge of Iambic Pentameter. Well done to all!

Francesca, Romeo and Scarlett will receive their certificates at a forthcoming Celebration Assembly along with any outstanding certificates of those who were on holiday at the time of the end Summer term assembly.

GOOD LUCK to the three children who worked over the summer to take **Introductory and Graded Communication and Performance/** exams at LAMDA this weekend.

YEAR SIX LEAVERS – JULY 2024



The Francesca Shannon St Francis Alumni All Rounder Cup

This prestigious award by Reigate Festival Music and Drama medalist, Francesca, was won jointly by

AMBER, ARCHIE, BEA AND CHLOE

who all started in Reception and completed Mrs Shannon's seven year all-round (individualised) developmental programme in Communication (Reading/Vese), Performance, Shakespeare and voice with three taking their first LAMDA exams in 2019 The children also received Bible Reading Certificates and Books Mrs Shanonn will contact their parents to arrange to collect their individual drama and Bible Reading achievement medals/trophies. Last year's winners Eloise, Imogen and Anya will receive a trophy to keep at a special Awards Ceremony with other former St Francis pupils

Special Yr 6 Poetry by Heart International Oratory Festival and LAMDA Award ESME

for outstanding achievement in all areas in Years 5 and 6

Special Endeavour Award: - Exam Scholarship

Natasha K and Ivy S

for excellent progression in the past 2 to 3 years

Due to the pandemic and some children not continuing "post Covid" lockdown there were no 5 or 6 year Long Service runners-ups. However at a special speech and drama assembly the day before Leavers, books were selected by and awarded to the following year six children who represented St Francis School in the Speech and Drama section of the Reigate and Redhill Festival between one and three times since Reception. some of whom are younger siblings of former St Francis children who participated previously



Alexa, Ella A, Alex H Ella, Jennifer, Alfie, Ted, Chloe D. Rowan , Sienna

Rowan, who took his first LAMDA exam in 2019 also receives a Bronze Medal

GOOD LUCK TO ALL IN YOUR FUTURE PERFORMING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENDEAVOURS

Parent of anyone not there to choose/receive a book please contact Mrs Shannon on 01883 344373

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Francis of Assisi