

## Value of the month – Perseverance

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### McMillian Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported our McMillian Coffee Morning! Whether you baked, donated cakes, or simply joined us, your generosity made the event a wonderful success. It was lovely to meet so many of you and chat informally. Your contributions will help make a difference to a great cause. We are grateful for your kindness and support.



#### St Francis Feast Day – Special Assembly & Mufti Day 3<sup>rd</sup> October

We will be celebrating St Francis Feast Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It will be an 'own clothes/mufti' day. We suggest a voluntary donation of £1 which we will use towards renewing some of our RE resources in school. The children may wish to wear anything they may have related to animals and nature as St Francis was known for his love of animals. We will be learning and doing activities based around the story of St Francis.



*Feast of St. Francis*

#### World Mental Health Day 10<sup>th</sup> October

World Mental Health day will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and we ask that children wear an item of green to recognise and support this day. We will be celebrating the day by talking about our feelings and spending some time in nature.



#### Times Table Rock Stars Version Update Needed!

Some pupils have played on very out-of-date versions of Times Tables Rock Stars at home. It is important that they use the latest versions of the app and website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. **Solution - if children are playing at home** If using the website at home, parents should visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](https://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version in their device's browser, otherwise update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

#### Drop off Reminder

If you are doing the morning drop off we kindly remind everyone to follow the rules to ensure a safe and efficient process for all. Please be mindful of the following: Treat all staff and volunteers with respect and patience. Adhere to the traffic flow, drop your child quickly and do not park or leave your vehicle unattended. Avoid lingering to watch your child go in, if you feel your child needs more time, please park up in the marked bays only and accompany them into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Inset Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Please remember next **Friday 4th the school is closed** to pupils as this is a staff training day.

#### Celebration Assembly

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



Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs McGrath & Staff



## 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.



**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 20)  
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)

## Calendar Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.15am
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	St Francis Feast Day <b>Animal and Nature Mufti Day</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Inset Day School Closed</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health <b>Wear Item of Green</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fayre
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	<b>Half Term</b>
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	<b>Xavier Day School Closed</b>
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



**Tandridge Family Centre**  
**Fridays**  
**27th September**  
**10.30-12.00**

**Connect Café**  
**Coffee Morning for SEN parents and carers**

Come along to Tandridge Family Centre and meet other parents and carers with SEN children. Share your experiences, struggles, ideas and tips in a supportive environment.  
First sessions is 27th September 2024. Friday mornings 10.30-12.00.  
This is not a playgroup, but young children are welcome.

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01883 723496

**Believe in children**  
**Barnardo's**

Tandridge Family Centre,  
Wolfs Wood, Oxted, Surrey  
RH8 0HJ

## Secondary School Applications

From 1<sup>st</sup> September, secondary school admissions for 2025 will be opening. If you are a parent or carer with a child reaching age 11 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2025 and you have until 31<sup>st</sup> 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>



### Open Mornings for next year's Reception Parents

There will be the following events for prospective parents: **Open Morning & Tours – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9.15am & 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### 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 use this link to let us know you are coming so we have an idea of numbers attending.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/xBB2rnJPM3>

# WELCOME TO ST FRANCIS, CATERHAM



## St Francis Coffee Morning

Wednesday  
23rd October 2024  
Time: 8:45-10am



Fancy coming along to an informal chat hosted by Mindworks to help support manage your child's anxiety?

A presentation will be delivered to support parents whose children may be struggling with anxiety.



Top tips and strategies will be shared!



### 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.**

