



## Value of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers.



### Class Assemblies

On Tuesday, Willow class led the way with the first class-assembly of the year. The children shared their learning around the RE topic of "Creation and Covenant" which included telling the story of Genesis. The children made links to the Catholic Social Teaching value of Human Dignity, specifically focussing on Refugees as the book we have been reading in class "The boy at the back of the class" discusses this topic and we have deepened our learning around this. The children led the assembly with beautiful singing, and well projected voices.

Larch class did their assembly this week, also about their RE topic, Creation and Covenant. They did an amazing job, showing their lovely artwork, singing a song about Noah's Ark, as well as telling us all about the Bible, baptism and Sofia the Sloth. Well done Larch. Thank you so much for all the parents who were able to join us for both assemblies.

### World Mental Health Day

It was lovely to see everyone wearing green on Thursday to celebrate World Mental Health Day. We spent some of the day talking about our emotions and the zones of regulation, which we are implementing across the school to help children recognise their feelings. We have also learnt about tools we can use to help us when we are feeling all of the different emotions. Please see below about the zones of regulation we are using in school. It would be very helpful if you can support your children at home with this too.

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

On 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>

### Whizz Kids October Holiday Club

Please do sign up as soon as possible – see the booking details in the flyer below.

### Individual School Photographs Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Gentle reminder: smart winter uniform. No PE kits - if children have PE they need to bring the PE kit in a bag.

### Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the certificate winners this week and to [John Fisher](#) for winning 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.



### 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.




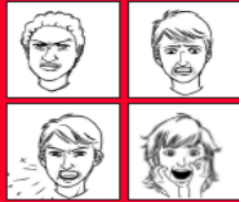


**Caterham Foodbank** (covering north Tandridge)  
[caterham.foodbank.org.uk](http://caterham.foodbank.org.uk)  
Registered Charity in England & Wales (1155330)

## Calendar Dates

15 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fayre <b>EFYS and KS1 Parents 8.45-9.15am &amp; 3.30- 4pm</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Woldingham Choir Festival
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Food Bank Collection
21 <sup>st</sup> October	School Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening <b>Years 1-6</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Reception Only</b> Parents Evening
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)
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Beginning of Advent
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Xavier Day School Closed</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto Day
6 <sup>th</sup> December	A Christmas carol Yehudi Menuhin School- Details to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Westminster Cathedral Carol Service- Details to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm

## The ZONES of Regulation®

			
<p><b>BLUE ZONE</b></p> <p>Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly</p>	<p><b>GREEN ZONE</b></p> <p>Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn</p>	<p><b>YELLOW ZONE</b></p> <p>Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control</p>	<p><b>RED ZONE</b></p> <p>Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control</p>



## **NEW School year, NEW PTA committee, NEW chance to be involved!**

The new academic year starts off with a new PTA committee! One that is ready to learn and has enthusiasm in abundance! Keen to know your ideas and to work collectively to help aid the school!

**Chair : Amie Morrell**

**Deputy Chair : Rachael Kay**

**Treasurer : Andrew Tsui**

**Treasurer : Lauren Willan**

**Secretary : Debbie Robinson**

### **Why do we need a PTA and what is the money spent on?**

We raise money in many ways to aid the school. Whether it's a coin collection in a raisin box, or organising the summer fair including an amazing colour run, all the money goes to supporting your child.

This money pays for school supplies, art materials and everyday stationery for the classroom which is needed, as well as larger elements like fixing the toilet block... Quite an essential piece of equipment!

Be part of the PTA, all help counts! We would love you to be part of it! Thank you to everyone that attended the recent reception disco meeting! It was great to see new faces!

We are planning to update and refresh how we communicate, so keep an eye out on updates on how we intend to move forward with this, for now please see PTA information here, in the newsletter!

Get in touch with our new email address if you have any ideas or want to get involved with our events!  
[sfpta3@gmail.com](mailto:sfpta3@gmail.com)

Your children will have taken home the Christmas forms to make your child's artwork into items such as a Christmas mug! £1 from each item ordered will be raised for the school! Never too early to think about Christmas!

The first event is the Reception Welcome Disco which is scheduled on the **18th October 5.30 till 6.30!** The ticket link will have been sent out via the class WhatsApp, and are available on the PTA-events Facebook page. [St Francis' School Association | Facebook](#)

We look forward to welcoming the new children, their siblings and parents/carers.

Amie Morrell  
Chair of PTA

# Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005 with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have five venues around West Sussex and Surrey.



01798 873077

If you are looking for a treat, or for someone to entertain your child, Whizz Kids is the perfect opportunity for children to really enjoy their school holidays. With fully qualified sports coaches on site teaching new skills providing the finest in sporting activities, together with a whole host of creative activities and much much more.

email: [mail@whizzkidsclub.co.uk](mailto:mail@whizzkidsclub.co.uk)  
[www.whizzkidsclub.co.uk](http://www.whizzkidsclub.co.uk)

For exact dates please visit our website.

We accept Childcare Choices, Childcare Vouchers, Working Tax Credits & Tax Free Childcare.

Whizz Kids is registered with Ofsted, see website for details and recent reports.

only £32 per day  
 \* Bulk booking discounts available

## Venues

- 1 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 2 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 3 Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- 4 Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 5 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham



## Operating Dates

**FEB HALF TERM:**  
 Sites 1, 2, 4, 5

**EASTER:**  
 Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**MAY HALF TERM:**  
 Sites 1, 2, 4, 5

**SUMMER:**  
 Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**OCTOBER HALF TERM:**  
 Sites 1, 2, 4, 5

**CHRISTMAS:** n/a



## SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket/Kwick Cricket
- Tennis/Short Tennis
- Basketball
- Rounders
- Mini Sports
- Team Games
- Adventure Playground
- Field Activities
- Mini Olympics
- Dodge Ball
- Tag Rugby

## CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Cooking
- Face Painting
- Painting & Sticky Stuff
- Play Dough Modelling
- Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Dance and Drama
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Days
- Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Board Games



## Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

## TIMES & PRICES

**Day Activities**  
 9am - 4.15pm (per day)  
 £32.00

## EXTRAS

**Early Birds**  
 8.15am - 9.00am  
 (per day) £4.50

**Late Leavers**  
 4.15pm - 5.00pm (per day)  
 £4.50

**Late Leavers +**  
 4:15pm - 6.00pm (per day)  
 £7.00

**Tuck**  
 £1.00 (per day)

**Sickness & Flexibility Insurance**  
 £2.00 (per day)

Active Fun!



# 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



Mindworks Surrey

NHS Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

## 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!

