



## Value of the month – Responsibility

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Harvest Celebration Assembly

On Thursday, we joined together as a school to celebrate

Harvest. It was wonderful to have 20 of our Year 6 children lead us in this whole school celebration where we considered; the importance of farmers, in addition to where food comes from across the world and the journey it takes. The Year 6 children then spoke about Catholic Social Teaching values and how when we give at Harvest, we are living out our Christian values. The children also enjoyed singing the Harvest classic "The Harvest Samba" to conclude our celebration. Thank you so much for the generous donations that we have received. We have collected so much, which next week will be donated to the Trussell trust.



#### Junior Choir at Woldingham

On Tuesday our Festival Choir attended the Junior Choir Festival at Woldingham School. This involved singing workshops during the afternoon, dinner in the refectory and an evening choir competition in the auditorium. St Francis were one of seven school choirs singing a chosen piece - ours 'The Blessing', to a 'live' audience and adjudicator. Comments received were...."What really stood out here was how much your teacher trusts you - it brought tears to my eyes! Everyone had a chance to share and there were so many wonderful solos. It was amazing to see one of you conducting and also how well you sang uncondacted." Brilliant news - we won for the second year running! An amazing achievement - well done! Thank you to Mrs Hardy for all her hard work and commitment.

#### Book Fayre

Thank you to our Year 6 School Librarians: Jonatan, Lois, Erwin and Laila for helping to organise our Scholastic Book Fair. They put up posters, visited classes and directed parents and did their job really well. It's the first book fair that I've organised and whilst the book fair was hugely successful, I've learnt how to make future book fairs even better. Thank you to all the parents that made time, either before or after school, to purchase books. Thank you to Ms Soares who supported and was a big help. All the money spent will help us to purchase new books for your children to enjoy and learn from. I hope your children enjoyed the book fair and enjoy their new books even more.

#### 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



## After school Clubs

It is the last session of all after school clubs this week due to Parents Evenings next week. The morning clubs will still run as normal.

## Calendar Dates

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>
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.15am
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Sock Day -Details to Follow
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Red Wednesday- Details to Follow
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
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am Reception</b> Christmas Performance
11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am KS1</b> Christmas Performance <b>2.45pm Reception</b> Christmas Performance
12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am KS1</b> Christmas Performance
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service TBC
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Sliver Cross Liturgy
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm

## Coffee Morning

Wednesday 23rd October, 9am in Treetops. All Welcome

**We have a guest speaker from Tandridge Mental Health Support team speaking about Understanding and supporting your child with anxiety.**

# 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.**



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## 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!





Dear Parent/ Carers,

Last week I had a positive meeting with the head of Schools, Mrs McGrath.

It was agreed that events can be planned for the year, and where possible, events will be held on the same date every year! This helps the school to know in advance and allows parents to plan ahead, maximising attendance and planning time. With this new approach in mind, we have the next PTA meeting on **Thursday Nov 7th at 6.30pm** at school. We will discuss initial ideas for possible events for the year, as well as tackling the details of the Christmas fair which will take place on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December!**

Looking ahead, we plan to have an end of year PTA meeting before summer break, to brainstorm events for the next school year! Nothing like being organised!

We also want to keep you informed of where the money we all work so hard to raise is going. The school would love a sound system for the hall. This would benefit all the children across both key stages and be a great asset to the school. We also have a long-term goal to raise funds towards provision for a new trim trail for the KS1 playground.

### **XMAS4SCHOOLS**

The Xmas4schools forms will have made their way home. Please use the back of the form for your child to draw their Christmas picture, and return the form to school by **October 21st**. Once submitted, you will be emailed an order form to make your purchases. Remember £1 per item purchased goes towards our fundraising efforts!

### **SECOND HAND RECYCLING**



We are currently organising the next second-hand clothes drop off. Parents can bring bags of items (please check items they accept), which are recycled and school gets money in return. This used to be organised using Bags2school, however they have recently reduced their price per kilo significantly, so the next collection will be with **The Little Recyclers**.

Items accepted: good quality clean clothes, pairs of shoes, bags, hats, scarfs, belts, fashion accessories, swimwear, jewellery, lingerie, perfumes. See link below to find out more.

<https://thelittlerecyclers.co.uk/>

### **RECEPTION DISCO**

The reception disco is this Friday, Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped organise and those that are due to welcome the new members of our school! See some of you at the disco!

Kind regards

Amie Morrell

Chair of PTA

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# 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.



017 98 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.

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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 Steunung 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



### Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

### Active Fun!

- 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
- 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)

