

St. Francis' School Newsletter

8th November 2024



Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that everyone had a lovely break and that you enjoyed time with your families.



Head of School Induction Mass

My induction service as a new Head of School on Sunday at Sacred Heart Church was truly wonderful. The service was uplifting with prayers of encouragement and support. My heartfelt thanks go to Bishop Richard, Father Sean and everyone who helped make it a special day.



Remembrance Day

If your child is a member of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Guides or similar uniformed groups, they may come to school on **Monday 11th November** in their club uniform. **Any children who are not member of these group should come to school in their school uniform**

Odd Sock Day and World Kindness Day – Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week, **Wednesday 13th November** to help raise awareness of bullying. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! To take part, all children need to do is wear their uniform as usual, but with odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Red Wednesday

On **Wednesday 20th November 2024**, ALL pupils (and staff) are asked to come to school dressed in their uniform, but with an item of clothing or accessory that is red for world-wide Red Wednesday. Red Wednesday is a day to gather together to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs.

Whole School Flu Sniff 28th November

Please remember to give you e- consent for your child's nasal flu. Any issues please contact the nursing team. Details on the letter already sent out.

Outdoor Day

Most classes braved the elements at some point this week to do some outdoor learning in aid of the National Outdoor Day.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Our next open morning is **Tuesday 12th November @ 9.15am** The Head of School will address parents at the start of the event and this will be followed by a tour around the school.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners This week and **Thomas More** for winning the House Points Cup.



Best wishes,
Mrs McGrath and Staff

Calendar Dates	
11 th -15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
12 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.15am
13 th November	PTA Little Recylcers Unwanted clothes donations.
13 th November	Odd Sock Day -Details to Follow
20 th November	Red Wednesday- Details to Follow
28 th November	Whole school Flu Sniff (Details
1 st December	Lighting of the Cedar Tree - Details to Follow
1 st December	Beginning of Advent
2 nd December	Xavier Day School Closed
5 th December	Whole School Panto Day
6 th December	A Christmas carol Yehudi Menuhin School- Details to follow
8 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre -12.30-3pm
9 th December	Westminster Cathedral Carol Service- Details to follow
10 th December	9.30am Reception Christmas Performance
11 th December	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance 2.45pm Reception Christmas Performance
12 th December	9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
13 th December	KS2 Carol Service TBC
18 th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Details to Follow
19 th December	Sliver Cross Liturgy
20 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm



Christmas Market

Outdoor shopping event

Friday 29 November
5.00-7.30pm

Eat, drink and shop

Luxury gifts, fashion, accessories, handcrafted home decor, stocking fillers, artisan food & drinks and more...

Live carols and Christmas lights

Parking and Woldingham station shuttles operating

£5 entry under 18s free
incl. event guide

Woldingham School,
Marden Park, Woldingham,
Surrey, CR3 7YA

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use postcode CR3 7LR





St Francis Christmas Fayre

Sunday 8th December 12.30-3pm

To enhance the PTA's Christmas Fayre, we kindly seek your generous donations on the following dates:

Monday, November 11th - 6th December



Please contribute a clean jar filled with items, such as wrapped sweets, chocolates, small toys, and new hairbands or clips. The class that gathers the most festive jars for the fayre will be rewarded with extra break time.

Friday, November 22nd

Gifts for adults are most welcome—
face creams, bubble baths etc



Friday, November 29th
Sweets and chocolates



Friday, December 6th
Full, unopened bottles





**St John
Ambulance**

**Caterham Valley Library
Saturday 16 November
2-4pm**

**FREE
FIRST AID
INFANTS/CHILDREN**



The course will include:

- the approach and response to an emergency situation
- identifying and responding to an infant/child that is unresponsive (including recovery position)
- able to respond to a infant/child suffering with a bite or sting
- identifying and responding to an infant/child that is choking
- identifying and responding to an infant/child with major bleeds
- understanding how to help an infant/child suffering from shock
- the skills to give cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on infant/child
- the knowledge on how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED)



**Places are limited, please book at Caterham Valley Library
enquiry desk or
email caterhamvalley.library@surreycc.gov.uk**



NEURODIVERSITY ADVISOR PADLET

FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We understand that navigating life with a Neurodivergent child can be overwhelming. We have brought together key resources and information in a easy to use format.

Please scan the QR code to access our Padlet for Families.



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