

St. Francis' School Newsletter

22nd November 2024



Value of the month – Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

Red Wednesday

Thank you so much to all the children who supported Red Wednesday this year by wearing an item of red. Prior to Wednesday we had spoken with the children about how not all people are able to practise their faiths and this day - focussed on Christians, but really about all faith- shows us standing in solidarity that all people should have the freedoms that we do in our country. The RE monitors and Miss Morris created a prayer space for children to come and pray during lunch time with was attended by children across the school, which was wonderful to see. If you would like further information on this, please visit this website. <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday>



Road Safety Week

This week is Road Safety Week, well done to all those who walked, scooted, cycled, car shared and park and strode into school. Badges for those who did so were given out at the gate. Can we be mindful when driving in the local vicinity of our speed and how we react and speak to each other. I appreciate that parked cars can cause frustration and delay.



Junior Playtime Health Snacks

Junior first playtime health snacks: Please can everyone be reminded that the Junior children are only allowed 'healthy snacks or fruit' in school for first break. We have had a few children who appear to be bringing in crisps, sweets and chocolate for a break time snack which is not appropriate. The children will be asked to return these to their bags and not allowed to eat them at break time.



PTA - Christmas Fayre

Plans are in motion for our Christmas Fayre this year 8th **December**. Please scroll down for flyer.

Cedar Tree

The Choir will be singing **on 1st December** at the annual Lighting of the Cedar Tree 6pm– do come to watch and support our local Caterham community.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

On **Wednesday 18th December**, show off your best Christmas sweater, decorate your everyday jumper, or even tinsel up Granny's homemade knitwear! Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day!



Celebration Assembly

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



Best wishes,
Mrs McGrath and Staff

Calendar Dates	
26 th November	Linden Class Assembly 9.10am class parents invited
28 th November	Whole school Flu Sniff
29 th November	Beech Class Assembly 9.10am class parents invited
1 st December	Lighting of the Cedar Tree – 6pm
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, Morning - Details to follow
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

For satellite navigation please
use postcode CR3 7LR





Please find below useful information and links:

Christmas Trees

We are trialing a new fund-raising initiative this year, you can pre order your Nordman Fir Christmas trees directly from us. This is the most popular tree nowadays, due to its low-drop qualities and we can supply them in a range of sizes starting from £25. See below the link to purchase your Christmas tree, a percentage of each tree sold will be given back to our school and the total cost to you is still cheaper than local garden centers. The day for the trees to be collected is Saturday 7th December, time tbc.

Father Christmas Visits School!

The man himself is due to visit during school hours on Friday 6th December. He has been busy in his workshop and will be coming with gifts for the children. Taking on board the feedback from parents and the school, Santa will be providing Yr 6 children with an edible alternative. The details are on the PTA events website for a small donation.

Christmas Fayre:

There is so much going on behind the scenes to prepare for the Christmas Fayre, there will be something for everyone. The date of the fayre is Sunday 8th Dec 12.30pm until 3pm. There will be pin the nose on Rudolf, face painting, crafts, biscuit decorating, Christmas decoration stall, teddy tombola, guess the sweets, as well as some lovely refreshments, including mulled wine and pulled pork buns! There is also a raffle with lots of exciting prizes donated by supportive local businesses. If you own or work for a company that would also like to donate a prize to the raffle, do get in touch.

For tickets to all the exciting events detailed above, please visit the website below, or click on the link! <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/>

[St. Francis' School Association](#)

Dates for the diary:

Friday 29th November - Mufti day and bring sweets/chocolates for the children's tombola

Friday 6th December- Santa visits school & bring a bottle for the adult tombola

Saturday 7th December- Christmas tree collection (am)

Sunday 8th December- Christmas Fayre 12.30pm until 3pm

Friday January 24th- Quiz night 7pm

Today's riddle: what has a face, but can't smile.

Answer in next week's newsletter

Christmas Fair

Sunday 24th November

10am - 2pm

**Centenary Hall
Essendene Rd
CR3 5PA**

Home produce

Grand Draw

Art & Craft

Bottle Stall

Snacks

**Father
Christmas**

Tombola

Toys

Beauty

Beneficiaries:
*Sacred Heart
Parish and*

**Many other
attractions!**

SVP
who support
local needs