

# St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Vision: As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. following the footsteps of Jesus.

'I have come to give you life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

School Values: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

## **Collective Worship - Our thinking!** This half-term, we are focusing on the value of 'COURAGE'.

Before talking about courage, the children did well remembering some aspects from the 'generosity' and 'compassion' acrostic poem.

We have looked at a couple of Bible stories: one about Moses at the burning bush and the other about Esther going to King Xerxes. The children were asked to identify where these characters showed courage.

The children reflected that it would have been easier for both characters to do the easy thing and run away or say 'no'. The children commented that showing courage usually means doing the hard thing. The children spent some time reflecting on aspects where they have shown or could show courage.

## Talk to your child(ren) about...

Talk about the COURAGE acrostic Courage is...

poem. **BE STRONG** COURAGEOUS FOR THE LORD

YOUR GOD

WILL BE WITH YOU Whereever • YOU GO •

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Goina for a goal

**E**mpowered by encouragement

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



Picture News (Link to Website) What do you think? British Values Rule of Law Why are There are rules and laws that people must follow when driving vehicles. These help rules keep everyone safe. As we move into the future, the rules and important? laws will change. Who is responsible for vehicles in the future may change too!

Click here for more information about British Values.



**Upcoming Dates** 

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Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	09:00-10:00	Parent/Carer Lesson Visit Reading	Year5
Week Beginning: Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	TBC	Parent/Carer Opportunity for National Storytelling Week	Whole School
Wednesday 31st January	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year2
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	15:30-16:30	Messy Church: Lent	EYFS, Year1, Year2 and Year3
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Mental Health Workshops (Details TBC – opportunity to join your child's class workshop.)	Whole School
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00-9:30	Internet Safety Day: Parent/Carer Presentation	Whole School
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year3
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	15:25	PTA Krispy Kreme Sale	Whole School
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	15:25	School Closes for Half term	Whole School
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30-11:15	St. Francis Church Parade	All welcome



DON'T FORGET TO

Please check your ParentPay balances and clear any outstanding money owed.

- We follow instructions given by safe adults. We treat each other as we want to be treated. - We know and celebrate that we are all different. Please continue to speak about our school rules with your child(ren), including the importance of

following them.

Click here to download the complete Spring Term dates. We will release the Summer Term dates around the February half-term. Some Key Website Links

Term Dates / PE Days / Curriculum information / How to contact us / Breakfast Club / After School Club / Policies / Parent/Carer Partnership Dates

## Crossing Patrol - Preston Old Road

As you know, we used to have a School Crossing Patrol on Preston Old Road. The council removed the funding for this. The Governors have engaged with local councillors; however, no response has been given. When the school crossing patrol was removed, there did not appear to be any concerns shared by parents/carers; however, several parents/carers have recently commented about the dangers crossing Preston Old Road presents. Please complete the following form to help me make decisions about the next steps for us to take. School Form. Please share this form with your peers.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Please note that the breakfast club starts at 8 a.m. Please do not leave your child at the gate unattended. The gate will now be open between 8 and 8:30 when children can come in for breakfast club. The gate will close at 8:30.

### Science Day

Please watch our video from our Science Day on Facebook. There was such a fantastic buzz about school! A huge success.

#### Parent/Carer Lesson Visits

Thank you to Year 3 and 4 parents/carers who have come to our parent/carer lesson visits this week! Year 5 tomorrow!