



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

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School Vision: Our aim at St. Francis Church of England Primary School is to guide our children to live fulfilling lives, rooted in the values taught by Jesus based on the gospel value of love for one another.

School Mission Statement: Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

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

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Worship Theme

This week we have been thinking about Forgiveness. We have learned that this important value is encouraged in all faiths and it allows us to 'move on' when someone has upset us. Forgiving people is also important for our own mental health, as holding grudges can lead to us feeling anger and frustration for too long. We have also considered why Forgiveness is important for Christians. The Bible gives us many examples of times Jesus forgave those who treated him badly. He died so we could be forgiven. Although Forgiveness is not one of our Fruit of the Spirit values, we linked it to every one! Forgiveness shows Love, it leads to Joy, it brings Peace, it needs Patience, it is a form

of Kindness, Goodness and Gentleness, shows our Faithfulness and needs Self-Control to show it!

Head over to Purple Mash to add your own ideas about how we can take part in a Forgiveness Challenge. Archbishop Desmond Tutu we learned, was able to forgive those leaders in South Africa who encouraged apartheid, and he is now encouraging us all to show



British Values / Global Neighbours



Please remember charities such as Blackburn Foodbank especially at this time of year. Many people in our own communities rely on these organisations for food, clean clothes and friendship. If you can offer any donations or need support from them please contact them here:

<https://blackburn.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/>

Birthday Celebrations

Just as a reminder, we are not allowing children to bring sweets in for their class friends because of COVID-19. We have requested prior to COVID that children bring in a book for the class library so they can enjoy a book on their birthday.

Prayers for Mr. Kewley

I am sure you will all have heard Mr. Kewley's sad news recently. Mr Kewley continues to work from home for some days of the week and is in regular contact with school to ensure the effective day-to-day running.

Understandably, he also needs time with his family at this difficult time.

Please join with us in praying for him and his family.



Positive COVID Test?

Please remember, if you or your child was to test positive, please email

<office@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk> with 'URGENT-

POSITIVE TEST' as the

subject during the weekend so appropriate action can be taken.

During the working week, please telephone to discuss.

Thanks in advance!

Trim Trail

Due to insurance and COVID, please make sure your child does not play on the Trim Trail at the end of the school day.

School Dinners



Remote Learning

We are changing the form office staff will complete with you with regards to remote learning. Remote learning may take up to 48 hours to set up. During the time while you are waiting to interact with your child's teacher, please use Purple Mash and Mathletics. Please be aware that live lessons will only be given as an opportunity if it fits with the teacher's planning. For houses without internet or devices, a work pack will be used.

Anti-Bullying Week—Last week!

Thank you to all those children who came to school wearing their odd socks last Monday! It was a great reminder that we are all different and that we celebrate our differences (and this is one of our school rules.) During the week classes learned that bullying is never tolerated. They discussed what bullying means and what it doesn't mean. Very often in school the word bullying is used to describe situations which, although may not be pleasant, are not bullying. It is important that where bullying is suspected, a safe adult in school is informed straight away so it can be dealt with in the correct manner. It was great to see classes performing dramas and poems to show how to resolve friendship fallouts. We also considered the importance of forgiving those who upset us so we can both move on. Our Reception children learned that it is really important that we include everyone in our games and be careful not to leave anyone out.

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk>
Information & advice about all forms of bullying



Staff / Year Group Emails

As you are aware, we are now using year group emails to better increase parent contact, however, please be mindful that teachers will not be able to access their emails whilst they are teaching and do have a number of commitments after school.

PTA News— Christmas activities

Our PTA have been busy thinking of creative ways to celebrate Christmas in school even with the restrictions we are facing and we are grateful for their commitment and time!

Friday 4th December. Non-uniform/xmas jumper day in return for children bringing in a hamper item. Each class will be asked to bring in a specific item.
Christmas raffle. Children will be sent home next week with raffle tickets for you to buy in order to try to win the Christmas hampers.

Christmas pet photo competition. Information is on the PTA website.

Letters to Santa. Post your letters to Santa by Friday 11th December for a guaranteed reply. More info on the PTA website.

Please join our PTA 100 Club: It is currently live for payments on ParentPay and is £12.00 for the year.

Changing Home Reading books

This is a reminder that due to Covid restrictions on handling materials from different homes, we are kindly asking for all reading books needing to be changed, to be sent to school on Fridays with your child's signed reading record. Staff will then be able to leave them for up to 78 hours over the weekend before issuing a new book on Monday afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Christmas Parties in school

On Tuesday 15th December our KS2 children will have their Christmas parties and on Thursday 17th December it will be the turn of our Reception and KS1 children.



God
always
keeps
His
promises

School Facebook Page

If you have not done so already, please like our Facebook page.

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Celebration Worship

If your child completes anything outside of school that they are proud about and would like to share during Celebration Worship, please email a picture of their achievement and I will add it to the presentation.

It is always lovely to hear and see what our children get up to outside of school—although we understand that at the moment, this might not be much!

Clothing

Please can we ask that children have suitable clothing, including wellies for playtimes and lunchtimes outside especially as the weather gets colder and wetter. Due to our current procedures for playing out, children will be playing on the school field even when it's muddy.

Please remember to get in touch with one of the St. Francis team if you need to.

Happy weekend!

Mrs. Foster (DHT)



Online Safety

Check out National Online Safety - #WakeUpWednesday Campaign.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>