



# 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.

**Date:** 04.12.2020

### Worship Theme

This week we have been thinking about advent. We have learned that the word 'advent' comes from Latin and it means 'the coming'.

We have also learned that an advent wreath can include five candles which represent

Hope, Peace,  
Joy, Love and  
Christ.

This week has been the first week of advent and we have lit our first candle: hope.

We have thought about how during 'these strange times' we need to continue to have hope that things will start to feel better for us all soon. We need to have faith that God will keep



Ask your  
child:

What do you  
hope for?



Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. Please remember there are organisations who can help you if you feel you need to talk to someone.

Call Mind Infoline

**0300 123 3393**

### Christmas cards

We know that many of you have already bought Christmas cards for your child to give out to friends. So that we can manage this as safely as possible, please bring them in this week, and leave in the box in your classroom. They will then be given out next week, once the period of quarantine has elapsed.

### Christmas Parties

Next week will be our Christmas parties for each class. We are keeping them as safe as we can in light of covid measures so each class will have their party in their own classrooms or in the hall.

On their party day your child can come dressed in their party clothes.



KS2 children (not Y6)—Tuesday 15th  
December

Rec, KS1 and Y6 children— Thursday  
17th December

### Positive COVID Test?

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

<[office@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto: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.

## Christmas Songs

Although we will not be able to invite parents in to watch Christmas nativities this year, we are still planning to celebrate this season with parents and carers as much as we can.

Your child's class will be recording a Christmas song this week, which will be made into a video to be shared on our Facebook page next week.

Our Year 1 class are also busy practicing for their nativity performance which will be filmed and shared with parents and carers.

"A merry heart does good like medicine" Proverbs 17:22

## 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

Thank you for all the contributions you sent for our Christmas jumper day on Friday. We now have some wonderful gifts to put in our hampers.

Please make sure you send in your raffle ticket money so you can be included in the draw which will take place next week—information to follow.

**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.



Junior Christmas Lunch Thursday 17th December 2020

If your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to join with Christmas Lunch please book and pay £2.20 through ParentPay.

Please note if your child normally has a school dinner, Christmas Lunch option is automatically placed for the correct day.

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December at 1.00 pm.

## Christmas Party Lunch

Picnic party lunch available on the following days:  
Infant Party Day: 17th December 2020  
Junior Party Day: 15th December 2020



Infant & Junior Christmas Party Lunch

If your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to join in with the picnic party lunch please book through ParentPay.

Please note if your child normally has a school dinner, Picnic Party lunch is automatically selected for the correct day.

## Clothing

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



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

Mrs. Foster (DHT)

Mr. Kewley will be back in school from January.



Infant Christmas Lunch Tuesday 15th December

If your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to join with Christmas Lunch please select a meal on ParentPay.

Please be aware all children who normally have a school dinner will already be counted in for Christmas Lunch.