



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

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

We look at and thought about the journey to Easter this week. We thought about the time of Lent and the the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness on his own. Whilst Jesus was there, he was tempted by the devil. Jesus continued to worship God and was not tempted to do the wrong thing.

We spoke about the importance of not being tempted and we wondered whether there was anything we could give up during Lent or, something we could take up to show love and kindness to those around us.



Speak to your child about...

What do you like doing? Could you imagine giving that up for 40 days?

Is there something that you could start doing during Lent that would spread goodness, love and kindness to those around you?

What do you think it was like for Jesus in the wilderness?

Is there ever a time you feel tempted to do something wrong?

If you have done something wrong, how have you sort forgiveness and reconciliation?

What do you think Christians think of during Lent?



Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/19-20/84388>)



British Values

22nd – 28th February 2021

Individual Liberty

Sometimes people make decisions on our behalf, such as building a wall to protect us. If we think that this decision affects our freedoms, we have the right to speak out about it.



Wooohooo! 8th March - All Back!

Unless anything changes...you will know that St. Francis will be open to all children from Monday 8th March. I am awaiting some extra guidance from the Local Authority, however, the government guidance appears the same as the guidance we used from September through to December 2020. This means, I cannot see that much will be different from Monday 8th March. I will write a letter on Tuesday 2nd March to inform you what our school procedures will be when we complete wider opening.

We are so thrilled about this news. If you have any specific question, please email me.

WELL DONE TEAM ST. FRANCIS!



Children's Mental Health

There has been so much change of late and it could have an impact on your child's mental health. Are there any difficulties or concerns that you need to share with us to support your child make the transition back into school? Do you feel your child may benefit from some mental health support? If so, please speak with us so we can arrange a telephone call to discuss options and possible support pathways.

Remote Learning

Remote Learning will continue as normal next week!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to our remote learning survey - overwhelmingly positive!

Yellow Zig Zag Lines

Thank you to the Council who have increased and upgraded our yellow lines outside of school. A polite reminder to all parents that the yellow zig-zag lines should not be used to park on or stop on to drop children off. It is really important to keep the turning circle clear. The ideal option is not to drive down Cherry Tree Lane to increase safety for our children.



Upcoming Dates / Events

4th March - World Book Day (No dressing up - just books!)

WB 8th March - Science Week

15th March - Visit from Ian Bland (Poet). We are connecting this to Shakespeare week. The theme for this week is 'To Thine Own Self Be True.' This theme links really well to our focus on mental health, aspirations and wellbeing. Ian is going to be writing a poem on this theme especially for St. Francis!

WB 22nd March - Year 4 will be completing an Easter performance



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. Please send to <head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk>. The link for Celebration Worship is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWVUyNTZnRWxwUT09> Thanks to everyone who joined us this week! See you next Friday!

Global Action Heroes

We had a further three GLOBAL ACTION HEROES this week. Thank you to those children who are completing social action to support those around them and their communities.

Who will be our GLOBAL ACTION HEROES at our next Celebration Worship?

Please email me at <head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk> with photographs and information about any social action that your child(ren) have completed.



Travel Survey

In order to ensure our children are as safe as possible during drop-off and pick-up times, we are considering a number of measures, for example, road closures etc. To help us with our decisions, please complete the following travel survey. The survey is being monitored by the Local Authority and not myself. Please use the link or the QR code. Thanks. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>



REMINDER: Young People's Mental Health

Are you concerned about someone's mental health who is under the age of 18? Advice sessions are available on-line via Attend Anywhere. Log on using the hyperlink - <https://nhs.uk/HLSC/CAMHS>

Enter the word "drop" as the first name and "in" as the second name followed by your date of birth. You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you from.

Wed	3 rd	March	3pm - 5pm
Tues	9 th	March	5pm - 7pm
Wed	17 th	March	1pm - 3pm
Tues	23 rd	March	3pm - 5pm

Devices and Technical Support

If you do not have an appropriate device to support your child with remote learning, please telephone us! Please do not be completing work on a mobile phone etc. If you have limited or no internet, we can provide BT internet codes too.

Also, if you are struggling with a technical issue, please just call us and we will do our best to support.



ParentPay - Outstanding Payments

As we head towards the end of the financial year, we have a lot of work to do with regards to our budget. To support us with this, please check your ParentPay accounts and ensure you are up-to-date with any payments. Please ensure your balance is cleared ASAP. Thanks.



School Facebook Page

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

@stfrancisprimary

Positive COVID Test or Symptoms of COVID?

If your child(ren) develop any COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive, please report this to school by emailing us at: < covid19@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk >.

Please report COVID-19 symptoms and positive tests even if your child is not in school provision.

The application process for key workers has closed and is not being viewed. If you need to discuss a place, please call the office. You will then be asked to complete the paperwork.

Have a great weekend and see you at school or online next week—one more week! Take care and stay safe.

Mr Kewley