



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.

Date: 12.03.2021

Worship Theme

This week we continued our Easter thinking in Worship. We have been thinking about how Christians believe Jesus knew he would have to die for the world. We thought about how we can predict things and that sometimes it is reasonable to make a prediction about what will happen in the short-term but not in the long-term. We spoke about this being different to Jesus, however, his disciples did not know! 'Jesus knew, but it was all new to his disciples.' (From Matthew 16:13-28) We spoke about that the Bible says in Jeremiah that God has a plan for us to prosper. We thought about the future and talked about the importance enjoying what is happening in the moment.

Speak to your child about...



What do you think about the Easter story in the Bible? Do you believe it? Do you think it is false? Why do you think that?

What does 'live in the moment' mean and how can you achieve this?

How could you spread the Good News of Jesus or spread joy of a different story?



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



British Values

8th – 14th March 2021

Democracy

If the rover Perseverance discovers that life existed on Mars long ago and that living on other planets may be possible, we can talk about whether we think this would be a good thing to do in the distant future.



WOW - Welcome Back!

Although, all children have been either in the school building or accessing remote learning since January 6th, this week feels like a new beginning. It has given a sense of hope for the coming months - returning to aspects of our lives that we have missed. The JOY around school has been tangible. It has been so good to see EVERYONE back. We welcome our new families to school, I know you will but please make them feel very welcome and connect with them. All staff have commented on how good it is to everyone back and that the children have adjusted really well considering such significant changes they have experienced.

Thank you to all parents/carers for following our 'COVID Safer' measures.



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure children arrive through the gate in the morning by 08.50am. Gates open at 08.40 with a transition until 08.50, however, lessons commence at 08.50am.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office before 9am at the latest.

Welcome - Alfa Music

Although many of you will be familiar with Mrs and Miss Hudson, it was great to have them with us in person this week!



Miss Hudson (YR, 1, 4, 5 & 6)



Mrs Hudson (Y4 and Y2)

Parents' Evening

The date for the next Parents' Evening is 14th April. We are completing a number of tasks this week to identify strengths and gaps in learning. This data will be ready for 14th April to share with you.

Welcome - New Sports Coaches

We welcome Coach Scott and Coach Steve this week who are new lunchtime members of staff.

Easter School Holiday Club

Please note that 'Sportscool' will be running an Easter School Holiday Club here at St. Francis. See attached flyer to your email for further details. Spread the word as there is a minimum number required to run the club. Children from other schools can attend.

Upcoming Dates / Events

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



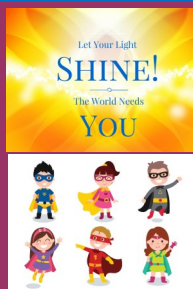
Celebration Worship

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> You are most welcome to join us at 2.45-3.10pm.

Global Action Heroes

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

Please send through photos and/or stories of your child's social action.



Parent Forum

I will be hosting a parent forum on Thursday 15th April at 2pm. This will be a virtual session. If you are not able to attend but would like to have a conversation about St. Francis, please email me and we can arrange a chat. We are very much thinking about the great parent partnership we have enjoyed through lockdown and are keen to retain and build on this.

Look! New Library! THANK YOU PTA!

We are so THANKFUL to the PTA for their dedication and commitment to fundraising for St. Francis. Through the funds raised by you - our parents/carers - we have installed a new library and it looks amazing! The library sits within our newly designed 'Research Hub' and will allow children to enjoy books in a very relaxing and calm atmosphere.



SHINE!

As part of our new beginning this week, we have rolled out a new system to further strengthen our Pupil Culture at St. Francis. We continue to ensure that no time is lost and children feel happy and safe so they can be effective learners.

Shine Sitting: **Sit up straight / Head forward / In your own space / No noise / Eyes on speaker**

Shine Walking: **Stay in line / Hands by your side / In your own space / No noise / Eyes forward**

Shine Line: **Stand up straight / Hands by your side / In your own space / No noise / Eyes forward**

Myself and Mrs Foster are exceptionally proud of all children and we have already noticed a positive impact upon learning.



School Facebook Page

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

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Check for updated photographs from this week!

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.

A great week all back together again - how it should be! If you feel your child's mental health has been impacted us, please contact us and we can arrange support. Enjoy the weekend!

Mr Kewley