



# 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 continued thinking about what Christians believe about the Easter story as told in the gospel of Luke. We heard a story about how Jesus knew what was going to happen and that he was going to be betrayed by one of his own disciples. Jesus was able to tell his disciples that one of them would betray him and he solved this with love and kindness. The children explored how the story seemed final in terms of Jesus being arrested and taken away, however, an understanding grew that the story was far from over.

We spoke about how children can resolve conflict by acting out the values of the school and by mirroring how Jesus has taught us - the way of love and peace.

### Speak to your child about...



What does betray mean?  
Have you ever betrayed someone?

What does conflict mean?  
Have you ever been in conflict with someone else?  
How did you resolve it?

How could you solve an issue in the way Jesus did? How can you use the way of love and peace to solve difficulty?



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



### British Values

15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#### Rule of Law

Some people do not agree with where HS2 will be built and have decided to take action. If people break the law when they protest, there can often be a consequence.



### Shakespeare Week - Poet Visit

This week the children enjoyed a visit from a poet - Ian Bland. There was a real buzz around school. His visit connected to Shakespeare week. The theme of the week has been: 'To Thine Own Self Be True.' This theme links really well to our focus on mental health, aspirations and wellbeing. Ian shared the poem he wrote for us on this theme. The children loved it and loved spending time performing and listening to poetry.

A link has been sent via ParentPay so you can make an order of any of Ian's products. If you are able to, please consider this so you are able to continue this learning at home.

Thank you Ian and well done St. Francis children for your amazing energy!



### Year 6 - Road Sense

Year 6 took part in a Road Sense Workshop from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. With Year 7 and high school fast approaching, the children have been thinking about how they are going to safely travel to and from their new school. The children were super sensible (as ever) and contributed really well when it was time. Well done, Year 6!



### Adult Learning

The Blackburn with Darwen Adult Learning Team have created their next brochure of course available.

Find the download to this at: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/adult-learning/84357>

### Parents' Evening

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

### New Collection Procedures after Easter Holidays

On Monday 22nd you will be sent a School Spider Survey to collect information on who will be collecting your child(ren). This will be completed per class and will require you to identify up to 3 people and it will also request you to set a password for the occasions an another adult will be collecting. This will system will be mimicked for after-school club. Please complete by Sunday 11th April.

## Upcoming Dates / Events

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=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWVWUyNTZnRWxwUT09> 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.

## REMINDER: 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.

@stfrancisceprimary

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.

## Jewellery

Just a reminder that we do not allow children to wear jewellery as this can become a health a safety issue as children complete various activities. Please ensure your child does not wear earrings to school.

Another excellent week here at St. Francis. Our SHINE TIME at the end of lunchtime play has provided some excellent example of how the children show our values in action. SHINE TIME has quickly become a great way to start the afternoon with such positivity and calm.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Kewley