



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

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Collective Worship - This week...

We have started to use the 'Worship Together' series that Blackburn Diocese have created. Today, we focussed on Epiphany.

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian holiday which falls on 6 January.

It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.

This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realised something.

Children talked about how the Magi would have felt meeting Jesus and what gifts they could offer Jesus.

Talk to your child(ren about...

What was great about the Christmas holiday - what do you treasure the most?

It's Time To Talk.

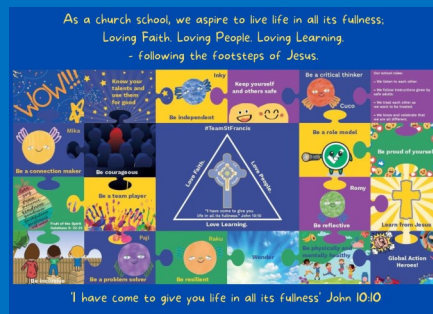
How has it been making the change from holiday mode to school mode?

What do you count as blessings in your life?

Is there anyone we could help this week?

Is there anyone you would like to think about or pray about?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/picture-news-at-home/84388>)



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different so the way we respond to the demands or pressures we may face will be different too. We understand and respect that not everyone is the same and everyone needs to be treated as an individual.

Protected Characteristics

'I think this year especially has shown that women are strong and nothing can stop you doing what you want to do. Your age or gender don't stop you.' - diver, Andrea Spendolini-Sirieux



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 17th January 3-3:30pm - Year 1 Lesson Visit

Friday 20th January 2:30-3pm - Year 5 Lesson Visit (You can then stay for Celebration Worship at 3pm)

Friday 10th February after school - PTA Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale

For more dates, please go to: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/parentcarer-partnership/128152>

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Y4 board games club. Year 2 and 5 science club.

Please note, if you were able to submit a School Spider form, this means your child has a place. If you were not able to fill in a form, this means that the club had already reached its maximum number.

These clubs start this week.

Remembrance - Leo Turco

A much loved family that moved back to Darwin to be closer to family during a period of significant illness, has shared with us that Leo sadly died. Leo showed tremendous courage and resilience during his time of ill health. Leo, aged 10, died peacefully with his family by his side.

Many staff, children and parents/carers will remember Leo. He was a delight. He was full of love and warmth and his smile brightened every room. Our love and prayers are with Leo's family at this devastating time and we pray that they might know God's peace and comfort in the darkness.

A prayer at this time:

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the life of Leo; for the smiles, the fun and the friendships he brought to our lives.

Through our tears we ask, Lord, that as he is welcomed into your loving arms he also stays in our hearts.

He will always be special to St. Francis C.E. school.

Help us all, family, friends and community, to say farewell to Leo; but never to forget him.

We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Donations:

Donations towards the work of Derian House Children's Hospice would be gratefully received.

<https://www.derianhouse.co.uk/donate-now/>

Our school rules:

- We listen to each other.
- We follow instructions given by safe adults.
- We treat each other as we want to be treated.
- We know and celebrate that we are all different.

When a Loved One's Gone

Those we love, remain with us,

For love itself lives on.

And cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone.

Those we love can never be more than a thought apart.

For as long as there is memory they'll live on in the heart.

Anon.

