



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: 28.05.2021

Worship Theme

This week we looked at Pentecost. We talked about how Christians believe Jesus ascended to Heaven. We spoke about the story from the Bible in Acts chapter 2 about the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples. Everyone spoke a different language, however, they were able to understand each other. On that day, more than 3000 people became believers of Jesus. The story spoke about the different feelings people had and we focused on how feelings matter. We spoke about how important it is to be understanding and accepting in order to live in community with those around us.

The children spoke about the gifts produced by Holy Spirit.

Speak to your child about:



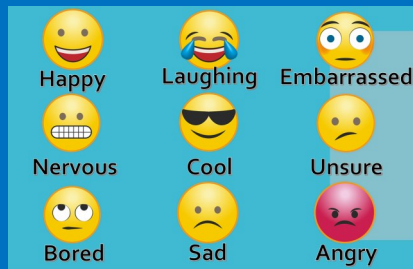
What kind of fruit does the Holy Spirit produce?

Can you say the memory verse relating to our school values?

What does 'community' mean?

What does 'living in community' mean and how does it look?

How do you show that feelings matter?



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



24th-30th May
Is there a place for sensory toys in the classroom?

British Values

24th – 30th May 2021

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Everyone's sensory needs are different. Some people may need sensory toys to help them when they are anxious, but other people may not. Every person needs to be treated as an individual.



School Uniform

The school's uniform is a unisex uniform and any items can be worn by either gender. Please note 'G/W' next to an item of clothing means this is available at Grays and Whitakers uniform shop. Other items, if available and unbranded, can be bought from any shop.

Year EYFS to Year 5:

NOTE: Changes to the uniform colours in line with PE kit will be made for September 2022.

- White, blue or gold school polo shirt G/W
- Royal Blue school sweatshirt / cardigan G/W
- Navy blue or tartan skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue check dress with white socks may be worn in the summer months
- Grey trousers / shorts
- White, navy blue or grey socks
- White or navy blue tights
- Black shoes (these can be plain black trainers for the whole week)

Year 6:

- White shirt, school tie and a knitted navy blue jumper or cardigan

P.E. Kit

At St Francis, children must attend school in the following PE kit on their PE days or days in which they have a sports club. This kit will also be used for educational visits if appropriate and also days involving more outdoor learning.

- Gold, purple or royal green t-shirt (logo options) G/W
- Royal blue hoody or zip-up hoody (logo options) G/W
- Plain (unbranded) navy joggers or leggings
- Plain (unbranded) navy shorts
- Plain trainers (Velcro if child is not able to tie shoe laces)

Jewellery

Items of jewellery can cause serious accidents. Therefore, children are asked not to wear jewellery (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, friendship bands) in school for safety reasons. Watches are permitted. Children will NOT be allowed to participate in P.E. / Games / Swimming lessons if they are wearing any sort of the above items because of potential injury to themselves or other children. Watches should be removed and long hair should be tied back for P.E. and Games. It is recommended that children who have their ears pierced should do so at the beginning of the summer holiday. This will enable adequate healing time before returning to school at the start of the school year.

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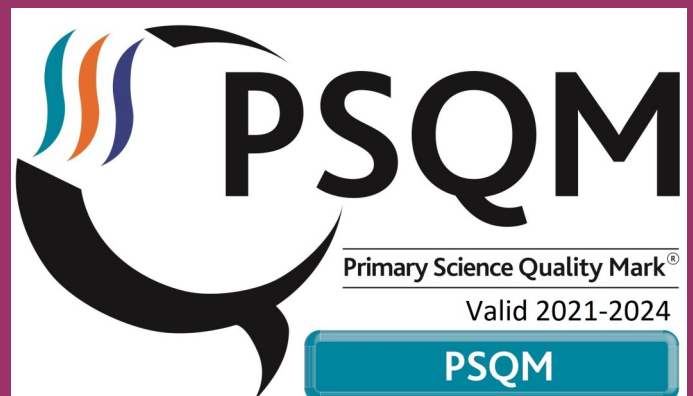
As you know, Mr Carter is our science lead in school and he has been building a very large portfolio of evidence to show off how he has raised the standard and profile of science throughout school. Mr Carter has worked very hard indeed!

Drum roll please.....

We have been awarded the 'Primary Science Quality Mark'.

Well done #TeamStFrancis! Thank you to all parents/carers who have promoted science with their children too.

I am very proud of Mr Carter and the staff team for what they have achieved!



Sad News - Mrs Sharon Thomas

It is with a very heavy heart that I have to inform you that Mrs Sharon Thomas, the past headteacher of St. Francis, has very sadly passed away. Mrs Thomas was very much loved by the St. Francis community. Mrs Thomas took up headship in 2005 and led the school until 2019. During this time, she worked tirelessly to support the school community achieve its best.

Our thoughts, prayers and love are with her family at this incredibly difficult time.

Staffing Updates

It was a sad week this week as we said goodbye to Mrs Quirk. Mrs Quirk has been such an amazing member of staff and we wish her the very best as she moves to the next chapter in her life.

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Bickham. She will work across our Year 1 and 2 class.

New EYFS Starter Information

We will be sending out an electronic information pack on Monday 7th June to our new EYFS starters. This will provide lots of information, including transition dates. It will also contain a number of electronic forms to complete.

After-School Club (ASC) News

We thank Mrs du Randt for her service to our After-School Club. We have another member of staff running the club until July when a member of PALS will take over. From September 2021, 'Play and Learn Scheme' will be running our ASC in full. Further information to follow but we feel this is a really exciting partnership to benefit our families who require ASC provision. See below for a poster containing more details.

Class Photos

Please note, Monday 7th June will be class photo day! This will be completed by Tempest.

ParentPay Accounts

Please check your ParentPay accounts and clear any debt.

Year 5 - Sing Online!

Well done to Year 5 who sounded absolutely stunning in the hall singing their 'Sing Online' project songs. These have been recorded and sent off. We cannot wait for the official video to be released. We will keep you informed. Mrs Musa is working on a date for a performance.

Celebration Worship

Any PROUD MOMENTS or GLOBAL ACTION HEROES? 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 each Friday afternoon.

School Facebook Page

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

@stfrancisceprimary

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>.

Thank you!



Happy half-term holiday! We will see you back on Monday 7th June.

We hope you have a blessed time as a family. Mr Kewley