



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: 11.06.2021

Worship Theme

Over the next half-term we are going to be looking at, discussing, acknowledging and unpicking learning relating to diversity and equality. We are going to delve into the Bible and see what Jesus says about this area of learning. We are looking at our school rule of 'We treat each other as you want to be treated' and 'We know and celebrate we are all different'. We linked this to Jesus saying 'love your neighbour as yourself.' In addition to this, the staff took part in a training session with Blackburn Diocese this week regarding 'Multi-Cultural Education'. This sparked much thought and consideration around our curriculum offer and the opportunities to allow our children to develop 'Diversity Dexterity'.

Speak to your child about:



- What does 'diversity' mean?
- What does 'diversity' look like?
- Why is 'diversity' so important?
- What does the rule 'We treat each other as we want to be treated' mean and look like?
- What does the rule 'We know and celebrate we are all different' mean and look like?
- What does 'racism' mean?
- What does 'discriminate' mean?
- How important is it to speak up and out about racism and discrimination?
- Have you ever experienced racism or discrimination?

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



British Values

7th – 13th June 2021

Individual Liberty

There are lots of different jobs that we can choose to do when we leave school. The types of jobs people do might change over time. Sometimes employees, like older farmers, are offered money to persuade them to find a different job. Older farmers can choose to stay in the job or take the money and leave farming.



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:

- 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

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

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.

Online Safeguarding Training - FREE - Parents/Carers



Let's keep kids safe online

Having to stay home means kids are spending even more time exploring the online world. There's lots of exciting and educational stuff for them to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.



Partnership with NSPCC, YOUTH ACTION, and children's Blackburn Diocese

The next workshop is on:

Date: Wednesday 23rd June 2021
Time: 6pm to 7pm
Where: This will take place online

To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/BwDOnlineSafety>

To book, click: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-keep-kids-safe-online-safety-session-for-parents-carers-tickets-158559097529>

COVID-19 - Update

You will already be aware of the increase cases within Blackburn with Darwen. A letter from the Local Authority is attached to the email sent with this newsletter containing more information.

This letter makes it clear that children identified as a contact due to a bubble closure must isolate for 10 days regardless of a negative PCR test result.

Please be aware that 'soft data' is showing the Delta/Indian Variant appears to be causing more sickness symptoms within children. To confirm, if your child is sick and/or has diarrhoea they must not attend school until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Please consider testing your child for COVID-19 at this time to support the campaign to slow and stop the spread of the virus.

New EYFS Starter Information

Please note, electronic information packs have been sent to all of our new EYFS families joining us in September.

Outside Staging Area

Does anyone know who could build an outdoor stage area for us? Please let us know if you do.

After-School Club (ASC) News

Please see poster below for more information regarding PALS who will be running our ASC from September 2021.

PALS Play And Learn Scheme

AFTERSCHOOL CARE CLUB AT ST FRANCIS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHERRY TREE LANE, BLACKBURN, BB2 5NX

MISSION STATEMENT:

- Provision:** We aim to provide a happy, positive environment where children can feel safe and secure at all times.
- Attitudes:** By developing effective relationships with peers, teachers, parents and guardians we aim to improve the community and enhance the community spirit.
- Learning:** By providing a stimulating and engaging learning environment, our aim is to develop children mentally, physically and emotionally.
- Self:** We want to promote a child's self-esteem, development and confidence using constructive dialogue and positive attitudes.

FOOD AND DRINK: Children are offered a picnic meal which includes a sandwich, biscuit or cake, fruit and a drink.

USEFUL INFO:

- Tax Credits** - As a registered childcare provider you can claim tax credits for all your childcare costs. Just quote the Ofsted number and the school details when you apply. We can also provide a statement of the childcare costs paid for evidence if needed.
- Childcare Vouchers** - We are able to accept childcare vouchers as payment for your fees. When booking, please ask your provider to make electronic payments directly into our account.

ACTIVITIES: BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES, PUZZLES, FOOTBALL, DANCE, GO NOODLE, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, LEGO, ICT, ARTS AND CRAFTS, CONSOLE GAMES, BRIO, FANCY DRESS, CINEMA CLUB, PLUS MANY MORE

£8.50 PER DAY

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Wrap around care club for Reception - Year 6
3.30pm - 5.45pm Monday - Friday

For further enquiries please email: playandlearnscheme@gmail.com
How to book > www.pals.schoolipal.co.uk

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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=TFFrZc9aNDM3V0ZWVUyNTZnRWxwUT09> 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.

[@stfrancisprimary](https://www.facebook.com/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>.

Thank you!



I hope that everyone had a good and happy half-term, even our Year 2 children and staff who were isolating.

Mr Kewley