



# St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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## School Newsletter

**School Vision:** As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

*'I have come to give you life in all its fullness.'* John 10:10

**School Values:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Date: 20.01.23

### Collective Worship - This week...

We continued using the 'Worship Together' series that Blackburn Diocese have created. Today, we focussed on the question of 'Who is Your Neighbour?'. The children were asked to think about who they think their neighbour is. The children were given some ideas to extend their thinking. Is a neighbour the person who lives next door? Is it anyone in your town? Is it anyone in the same country? Is it anyone in our world? Children were reminded of the Christian biblical story of 'The Good Samaritan'. This story shows us two people ignoring an injured person and then someone taking the time to stop and help. The children were asked to reflect on who their neighbours are and how they could be like the Good Samaritan by helping and being kind to all—not just a select few. We linked this to our vision jigsaw of 'Be Inclusive' and 'Learn from Jesus'.

### Talk to your child(ren) about...

Who is your neighbour?

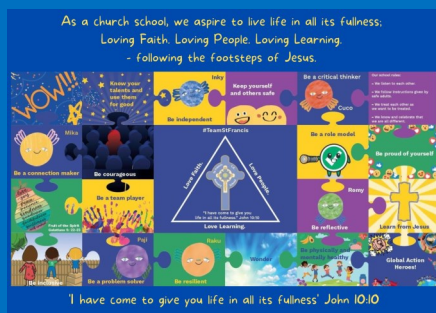
What do you think Jesus meant when he said 'love your neighbour as yourself'?

Can you retell the Good Samaritan story?

What can we learn from the Good Samaritan story?

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>)



Do we throw things away too easily?



### Individual Liberty

It is important to remember all our actions have consequences. If we choose to repair items, we can save money, help the environment and learn new skills.

### Protected Characteristics

Some people throw away more than others because of their beliefs. Our beliefs affect our life choices and the way we live our life.



### Upcoming Dates

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>

### National Education Union—Strike Action

You will likely be aware that members of the Education union, the NEU, have voted in favour of strike action. Action is planned to take place on the following days, which will affect school:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

(Please note, other strike days have been published but they are not for this area of England.)

This is the result of national issues around fully funded pay awards and working conditions between Education unions and the government - it is not due to any actions taken by the school, and it is a matter for the unions and the government to resolve independently of the school.

It may be the case that the school needs to fully close or restrict attendance. If a member of St. Francis staff is called to strike by their union, their class will close. Decisions with regards to which children attend school on the days listed above will depend on the number of staff being called by their union to strike. Obviously, some of our staff will also be affected with their attendance at work if their own children's school have closures in place. At this point, a risk assessment will determine which children attend school.

There is also the possibility that other members of staff could join in with strike action, even if they are not members of unions and with no obligation to inform leadership, plans set for the day, may have to change at incredibly short notice.

I think it would be worth planning ahead as if your child's class or the whole school were to close on the above dates. I have nearly finalised the risk assessment for our school and should be in a position to inform you of our plans by Wednesday 18th.

Please note, if your child was not able to attend school on the above dates, their attendance record would not be affected.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Guidance is still coming out to support headteachers so I may not know the answer to your question, however, I will endeavour to find out and come back to you.

### 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.

