



# 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: 25.01.23

### Collective Worship - This week...

We continued using the 'Worship Together' series that Blackburn Diocese have created. Today, we focussed on the question of 'What is Forgiveness?' Forgiveness is a tough topic! Does forgiveness always equal forgetting or can forgiveness also include drawing appropriate boundaries.

We listen to the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant from the Bible (Matthew 18:21-35).

You can watch a video of the Parable we heard: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zMcHsYvPTk>

This story talks about how important it is to forgive. Children decided that it was hard to forgive sometimes but it is usually the right thing to do so you can solve problems and feel better.

The children were very grown up and came up with some excellent thoughts and ideas around forgiveness.

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

What is forgiveness?

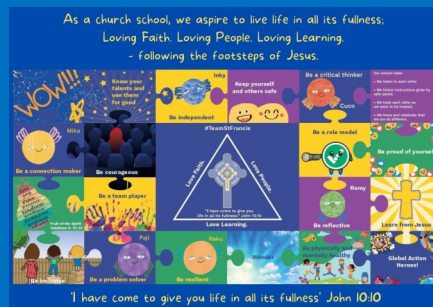
Why is forgiving important? Why?

Does it feel good to be forgiven for something we did wrong? Why?

What sort of things do you struggle with and need to ask for forgiveness?

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 all have the power to influence so should consider how our behaviour, actions and words can affect others.

### Upcoming Dates

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

As you know that members of the Education union, the NEU, have voted in favour of strike action.

Having completed a risk assessment and considering multiple factors, school will be shut to all children on Wednesday 1st February. I have had to make this decision based on the information I have at present and the

want to give you as much time as possible to plan. If anything changes on a national level or I am made aware of staffing changes in school that alters my decision, I will of course complete a review and communicate any changes with you. I am aware that other schools may be able to make other decisions due to their staffing and union membership so please remember that different schools will have to make different decisions.

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.

I realise this is not the ideal situation for you and your children, however, I would urge you to look into why the union is taking this action.

### Year 5 Sing Together

Our Year 5 children will be performing at King George's Hall on 9th March. The children will leave school during the day.

The concert starts at 6pm. Parents/Carers

will be able to pick children up at 7:30pm. We have bought each Year 5 child a 'performance polo shirt'. For the day, please send your child in smart navy or black trousers and plain dark shoes/trainers. Please speak to Mrs Farran if you have any questions about this event.

### Smart Watches—Safeguarding

Please note, our behaviour and safeguarding policy does not allow smart watches to be worn to school. We have had a couple of conversations recently with smart watches that are able to connect with phones, take photos and videos and play games on. Please do not send your child to school with these devices.

### Eco-Warriors Meeting

If your child is an Eco-Warrior, we are holding our first meeting on Thursday 9th February from 3:30-4:30pm.

Our second meeting will take place during and after school on 1st March. If your child is not a part of this leadership group but is very passionate about supporting, then please ask them to speak to Mr Kewley.

#### 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.

## Tickets £6.50 per adult. £1 per child.

Tickets available from King George's Hall Blackburn starting 1 February 2023.

Tel: 01254 582579 or visit: [www.bwdvenues.com](http://www.bwdvenues.com)

