



# 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: 02.07.21

### Worship Theme

We continued our current theme of 'diversity and equality' with clear links to a couple of our school rules:

- 1) We treat each other as we want to be treated
- 2) We know and celebrate that we are all different

This week we spoke about racism. We looked at a story book about racism. The book talked about racism happening a lot and started to show us that racism can be in the big things but also in the small things. The book helped us to further understand diversity. The children linked our discussion to Jesus and how he spoke to and helped all, irrespective of culture and skin colour.

### 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?
- How important is it to speak up and out about racism?
- What is racism?
- What is discrimination?



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



## British Values

28<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Individual Liberty

Learning new life skills helps us to make better choices about how we live our lives and how we manage risk.



## 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.

### Term Dates

In light of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, an additional bank holiday has been created within academic year 2021-22. The term dates for relating to this year has been amended to reflect the additional bank holiday. We have placed it at the end of May half-term.

The term dates for academic year 2022-23 have also been confirmed by the Local Authority and these are now available on our school's website.

### Sporting Achievement! Quad Athletics Results

Congratulations to the athletes who represented school last week at the Quad Athletics. Team St. Francis came in bronze position out of all the attending schools from Blackburn with Darwen. The girls team won silver in the combined team event and we had a double gold medal winner in Aimee Davis of Year 6 who took gold in the vortex throw and the standing long jump. A successful afternoon, we are extremely proud of not only your medals but your fantastic spirit and attitude during the event. Well done to Floyd, Aaron, Jack D, Jack B-T, Aimee, Georgia, Tess and Neeve.

### ParentPay - Debt / Outstanding Payment

Please clear any outstanding payments on your ParentPay.

## Year 6 Activity Week

A big WELL DONE to all of our Year 6 children who have participated in a number of events this week. It is very clear from photographs that they have had an AMAZING time. Thank you to all the staff members who helped to organise and supervise these activities. Photographs to follow - you can probably imagine the amount of photographs that have been taken over the week...a lot of sorting is required! Sleep well Year 6! We are very proud of you and you have been real ambassadors for St. Francis whilst you have been out and about.

## Plastic Free July

July has arrived! This means Plastic Free July has started! As a school we are choosing to refuse to use single-use plastics. What can you do at home? I know that so many households have started to reduce their plastics. Personally at home, I have moved over to a company that provide cleaning tablets to add to water so I am no longer throwing plastic cleaning bottles away each time one is finished. Below are some of the things children have spoken about. What can you do? How can you reduce your plastic use as a family?

Refuse to use any single plastics during the month of July;  
Use refillable water bottles; reuse plastic bags; do not use plastic straws just once; do not throw anything away which is plastic unless it is put into a recycling bin; wrap sandwiches and packed lunches in reusable packaging; recycle plastic products into new and useful objects!

## Millie's Smiles - Whole School Charity Fundraiser

As you will be aware, we are trying to raise as much money as we can for the charity "Milly's Smiles". This charity provides a bag of goodies for children going into hospital for cancer treatment.

Your child brought home a strip of raffle tickets recently. If you have not done so yet, please return your raffle tickets, with your name on the back and send in £1 via ParentPay. The draw for the raffle prizes will take place in school next Friday so please have your payment and raffle tickets returned by Thursday at the latest. Thank you!



## Transition Day - 9th July

This will be via zoom. If your child is showing signs of worry about transition and you feel would benefit from enhanced transition, please contact us on Monday.

### St Francis School PTA

## Dare To Be Different Day!

**You can dare to be different by:**

1. Wearing pyjamas or normal clothes inside out
2. Having crazy hair
3. Wearing non-school shoes
4. Bringing a snack of your choice for break
5. Wearing nail varnish or tattoos
6. Bringing a cuddly toy to class
7. Wearing odd socks, shoes or crazy tights

**Here's how it works:**

**When?**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**For ONE DAY ONLY**  
50p per rule

We dare you to be different in all these ways for just **£3!**

Parentkind Member Association



## After-School Club (ASC) News

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




**£8.50 PER DAY**

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

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

**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



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**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.

For further enquiries please email: [playandlearnscheme@gmail.com](mailto:playandlearnscheme@gmail.com)  
**How to book > [www.pals.schoolipal.co.uk](http://www.pals.schoolipal.co.uk)**

## Summer Holiday Club 2021



# SportsCool HOLIDAY CLUB

## Multi Sports

We are pleased to announce that SportsCool will deliver a fun holiday club

**St Francis C of E Primary School,**  
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<b>DATES</b>	Week 1 - 19/07/21 - 23/07/21 Week 2 - 26/07/21 - 30/07/21 Week 3 - 02/08/21 - 06/08/21 Week 4 - 09/08/21 - 13/08/21 Week 5 - 16/08/21 - 20/08/21 Week 6 - 23/08/21 - 27/08/21
<b>TIME</b>	8:30am - 4:00pm

**£20 per day or £80 for a FULL CONSECUTIVE WEEK**

- ✓ Our aim is to deliver a responsible, safe, engaging course
- ✓ Limited numbers
- ✓ You MUST book and pay in full, in advance of your start date
- ✓ Strictly NO walk-ons allowed in order for us to plan accordingly
- ✓ Strict hygiene rules in place
- ✓ Outdoor play as much as possible
- ✓ We have adapted certain activities accordingly
- ✓ Staggered lunchtimes
- ✓ During these unprecedented times, we will be trying our best and going above and beyond where we can. We ask for all parents' and guardians' full co-operation during these times.
- ✓ Holiday club is subject to change - if course has to be cancelled, full refund will be given



book now on our website at: [www.sportscool.org](http://www.sportscool.org) and click the BOOK NOW button

Follow us on Facebook for all the latest info, events and special offers. @SportsCoolLtd

### 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](mailto:covid19@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk)>.

Thank you!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Kewley



**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK DINNER SELECTIONS!**