



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

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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.

Collective Worship - Our thinking!

We continued to think about COMPASSION today - what it is and why it is important. Children remembered many of the different elements that make up compassion.

We spoke about COURAGE TO CARE today. We looked at the Bible story from the Old Testament, where Moses' mother boldly cared by placing him into a Moses basket and floating him to safety. Because of her compassion, Moses became a mighty leader and freed many Hebrews from slavery.

We spoke about different situations in school that could present an opportunity to be bold and to care with courage, like Moses' mother. We recognised the starting point of noticing a need - taking time to think about others.

I wonder how your child showed compassion today...?

Talk to your child(ren) about...

How could you or do you show compassion?

- Compassion is...**
- Costly caring
 - Offering help
 - Making a difference
 - Putting others first
 - Always listening
 - Sensitive to suffering
 - Service in action
 - Interested in others
 - Offering care and concern
 - Noticing a need.

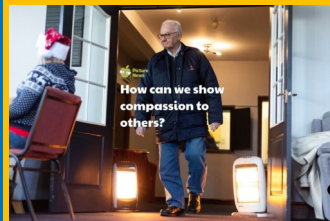
Using this 'Compassion is' acoustic poem...What are you great at doing and what do you need to work on?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?

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Picture News: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/picture-news-at-home/84388>



What do you think?

How do you make sure you affect others in a positive way?



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone. By showing compassion, we ensure our behaviour, actions and words affect others in a positive way.

Click here for more information on British Values

Protected Characteristics

Winter can affect different generations of people in different ways. No matter our age, we should be treated fairly. We should be able to help others and receive help if we need it.



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday 22th November	09:00-10:00	Parent/Carer Lesson Visit: Reading	Year3
Wednesday 22th November	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year2
Thursday 23rd November	15:30-16:30	Messy Church: Advent	EYFS / Year1 / Year2 / Year3
Friday 1st December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Craft Day KS1 Bring chocolate, KS2 Bring bottle donations	Whole School
Friday 1st December	14:30-15:25	Christmas Tree Service	Whole School
Wednesday 6th December	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year5
Wednesday 6th December	15:30-16:30	Parents/Carers invited to view children's work	Whole School
Friday 8th December	15:30	PTA Christmas Fair	Whole School
Sunday 10th December	16:00-16:45	St Francis Church Christingle Service	All welcome
Monday 11th December	All day	Christmas Fun! Snowballs	Whole School
Tuesday 12th December	14:30-15:15	Music Performance: Y3 and Mr. Higginson's pupils	Year3 / Music pupils
Wednesday 13th December	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year6
Thursday 14th December	09:15-09:45	Joyful! Joyful! Christmas Performance	Whole School
Tuesday 19th December	14:00-15:00	Nativity Performance	Year1
Wednesday 20th December	All day	Christmas Party and Lunch day - Non-uniform day	Whole School
Wednesday 20th December	09:00-09:45	Music Performance: Mrs. Kolosova's pupils	Music pupils
Wednesday 20th December	14:30-15:30	Blackburn Food Bank - Reverse Advent Calendar	Year2
Thursday 21st December	13:00	School Closes for Christmas holidays - early finish	Whole School
Friday 22nd December	--	Staff Inset Day - School closed to children	--

Some Key Website Links

[Term Dates](#) / [PE Days](#) / [Curriculum information](#) / [How to contact us](#) / [Breakfast Club](#) / [After School Club](#) / [Policies](#) / [Parent/Carer Partnership Dates](#)

Spring Term Dates

Spring Term Dates are now available on our website [here](#). They have also been attached to the email with this newsletter.

Christmas Tree Service

Please come and join us as we decorate the Christmas Tree and sing some songs on Friday 1st December at 2:30pm.

OPAL

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the OPAL Stay and Play session last Friday. We are working towards our accreditation.

Children in Need - Thank you to everyone who donated towards this charity.

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.

Talk to your child about how important our school rules are and seek examples of how they are meeting expectations.



Device Check Night

- Do you know what is on your child's device(s)? If you have not checked in a while - please do it tonight.
- ✓ Do you know your child's device codes?
 - ✓ Do you know everyone in the contact list?
 - ✓ Are the appropriate settings to disable live location enabled?
 - ✓ Is the content on different apps appropriate?
 - ✓ Check each social media channel - is the content appropriate?
 - ✓ Check each social media channel - are the people your child is connecting with appropriate?
 - ✓ Are the photos/videos on the device appropriate?
 - ✓ Is your child being safe online?