



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: 27.11.23

Collective Worship - Our thinking!

We continued to think about **COMPASSION** today. We started with a reminder of the meaning.

The word compassion is a combination of two words, 'com', which means with and 'passion', which can mean suffering. Compassion, therefore, means being with someone who is suffering or sad, trying to understand how they might be feeling and showing that you care about them.

We looked at the picture below and then a few scenarios. Children came up with some great ways of showing compassion at school. We looked at the following picture to generate some ideas.



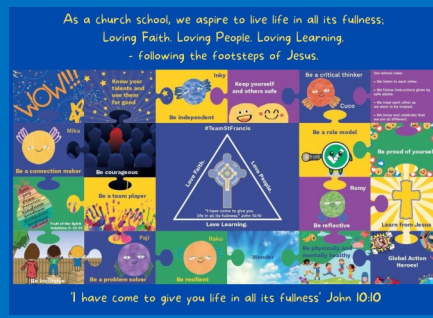
Clothe yourself with compassion
Galatians 3:22

Talk to your child(ren) about...

Challenge—as you put on your school uniform, what attitudes and values are you clothing yourself in?



How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



It's Time To Talk.

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



Who is responsible for Antarctica?

What do you think?

Why is it important to be responsible for your actions?



Individual Liberty

I am responsible for my actions. It is important to remember they can have an impact on people, places and things. We can choose actions that can help preserve and protect Antarctica.

[Click here for more information on British Values](#)

Protected Characteristics

Robert Swan's beliefs about the importance of protecting and caring for Antarctica form part of how he lives his life. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming dates...

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

Christmas Tree Service - THIS Friday

Please join us as we decorate the Christmas Tree and sing some songs on Friday, 1st December at 2:30 pm. Our Worship Wardens will be leading us through our time together.

Drop-off—Before 8:45 am

Some parents/carers have explained they have seen several children running near or on the road before 8:45 am and expressed their safety concerns. Please speak to your children about appropriate road safety and ensure appropriate supervision.

Christmas - Change of Routines

As we head towards Christmas, we recognise that some children can struggle with the change. Please speak with your child's class teacher about any changes in your child's presentation and how best to support them.

Changes in Detail

If any of your contact details change, please inform the school office.

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.

