



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.

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Collective Worship - Our thinking!

The children have continued to look at the value of compassion. They looked at this through the lens of the nativity story. Christians believe God showed ultimate compassion by sending His one and only son to walk the earth and become the world's Saviour. Our children continue to think about situations where they can show compassion to others. Some of our children talked about their family values and how they are encouraged to show compassion to those in need. How do you encourage compassion in your children?



Talk to your child(ren) about...

What is compassion?

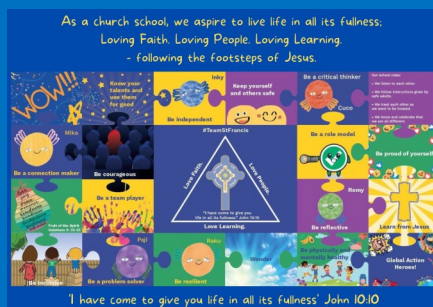
Can you think of a time when someone showed you compassion?

Can you think of a time when you showed compassion to someone else?

Is there anyone who would appreciate a compassionate act?

Are you good at noticing a need?

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>)



What do you think?

Why is it important to be responsible for your actions?



Rule of Law

Sometimes rules, such as not allowing people to stay in their homes, may be introduced in response to an event. They are put in place to help protect people and keep them safe.

Click here for more information on British Values

Protected Characteristics

The Fagradalsfjall volcano in Iceland has affected the lives of Icelandic people living there. We should never be treated unfairly because of our colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnicity or national origins.



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming dates...

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

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended our Christmas Tree Service last Friday. Our Worship Wardens did a great job leading our Service. The singing was excellent and set everyone up in a festive mood!

Homework

Please continue to prioritise reading and mathematical fluency at home. Ensuring our children can read well (fluently and comprehend well) means they have greater access to the rest of the curriculum. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12. Please sing times table songs and chant them so your child knows them by heart. Your children will thank you as their maths work will become much easier! Please speak to your child's teacher if you want to know more about how you can support your child's learning development.

Christmas Fair - Friday 8th December

Join us this Friday for fun and laughter at our Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who donated chocolates or bottles last Friday. The fair opens at 4 pm. Fair tickets can be collected from 3:30 pm. Fair tickets are available to purchase through ParentPay, but be quick, as they are only available until this Wednesday! We need Year 6 helpers to run some of our stalls—please see the School Spider sent to Year 6 parents/carers.

Parent/Carer - Drop in - from 3:30 pm

Come see your children's books and chat with them about their learning. Your child's teacher will also be on hand to ask questions. The drop-in will run from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to be proud of your child's achievements and see where you can help support their learning development.

Year 5/6 Girl's Football - Congratulations to our team last week for their success and good luck for tomorrow's games!

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.

