



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: 16.07.21

Worship Theme

We continued our theme of 'diversity' with links to a couple our school rules:

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

Sadly, we saw an increase in racism across our nation following the England match. This is not acceptable. Some of the comments I have seen are vile and it causes me concern that some people do not see them as racist comments. Conversations have been acknowledged at school and thankfully we have seen some excellent comments around diversity and children wanting to 'tackle' difficult subjects. We linked this to how Jesus lived His life.

Speak to your child about:



What has interested you during Worship this half-term?

You have been speaking about the theme 'diversity and equality' - what can you remember?

What can we do to ensure our lives show diversity?

What would we do if we heard a racist or sexist comment? How would we deal with that?

How will we fight against gender stereotypes?

How will we live our lives like Jesus and support those who need support?



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



British Values

12th – 18th July 2021

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Reading books from a diverse range of authors helps us to understand that life is not the same for everyone. We can learn to respect people's different cultures, faiths and beliefs from books.



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.

Year 6! Goodbye!

It has been a very sad day today as we say "goodbye" to our Year 6 children, however, we will always be here for you if you need us! We had a fabulous end of year celebration. As part of this, our Year 6 children led a Year 6 leavers' Worship. Their words were stunning and I hope and pray they carry those words with them.

I shared with Year 6 my hopes and prayers for them. I spoke to them about rooting themselves in good soil as they move on to high school.

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give you is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27



A look ahead to next academic year...

This year has been all change for obvious reasons. We have had to change elements of the school day that we would never have changed, however, some of the aspects have worked and helped the smooth running of school. Plans have not been finalised, however, the following is what is highly likely to happen:

Morning procedure: We will remain with the system of dropping children off at the gate. The gate will open at 8.45am with the absolute expectation that all children are through by 8.50am. Gates and external classroom doors will close at this time and children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Playtime: Playtime in the morning will go back to 'normal'

Lunchtime: We will continue the current set up, however, we will look to reduce the number of outside zones to allow for one zone with a mix of children. Children will rotate through the open zone and closed zones working with a sports coach.

Afternoon collection procedure: The gate will open at 3.25pm. Children will be let out coming up to 3.30pm. Children who are still at school at 3.35pm will be taken to after-school club (ASC) and parents will be charged for a full session of ASC.

Collective Worship: We are going to have a hybrid of online and face-to-face worship. Monday and Friday will remain online and children will gather in the hall on a Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday will remain in-class Worship.

Please note, all of the above is dependent upon national AND local guidance.

FREE—White Rose Maths Scheme Books at Morrisons

We use the White Rose Maths Scheme to teach our Maths curriculum. Morrisons are offering free workbooks that are produced by White Rose Maths.

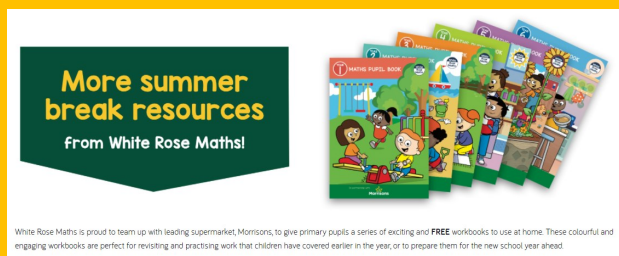
These books can be used to support your child's recall of their learning during the school holiday - little and often is better.

They can be collected from 26th July onwards.

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers too!

It would be very much advised to keep up some simple recall of basic mathematic skills—doubling, halving etc. Please use Purple Mash to support your times tables knowledge, including rapid recall. This will help a lot!

For more information: <https://whiterosemaths.com/morrison/>



Year 5 Sing Online

The link for the 'Sing Online' project has come through—we are within video B.

<https://www.letsgosing.co.uk/concert-videos>

ParentPay Accounts

Please check your PARENTPAY account now and clear any outstanding balances. Thank you!

Punctuality

We have noticed that punctuality is an issue currently and this will become a focus next year. Children arriving after 8.50am on a regular basis will require a meeting with a member of the safeguarding team so a team approach can be applied to improving punctuality. We want to ensure the right attitude is grown and children do not start their day confused as they have missed vital and important learning tasks right at the beginning of the day.

Thanks - Tyres!

Thank you to a parent in Year 3 who is going to be providing us with a lot of tyres! Thank you!



After-School Club (ASC) News

Please see poster for more information regarding PALS who will be running our ASC from September 2021. Please note, this will be a 3rd party registered independently with Ofsted. All administration for booking and paying for the club will need to be completed through PALS. The school will not be able to book children on to the club and all existing children MUST sign up with PALS. I have met the new ASC manager - I am VERY excited at what this ASC is going to offer.

Help! - Pond!

I am still in need of some help with building a pond! Any connections would be so welcome! Thanks in advance!

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,
Cherry Tree Lane, Blackburn, BB2 5NX**

DATES 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

6 WEEKS

TIME 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

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School Facebook Page

If you have not done so already, please like our Facebook page.

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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>.

Thank you!

What a lovely day today has been. Emotions have run high at times but a great day and a great way to finish our academic year.

A HUGE thank you to you - our parents and carers - because without your continued support, we could not do the work we do.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have taken their time to thank staff today - I know a verbal thank you to staff means a lot!

Please keep reading over the holiday! Have a brilliant holiday and we will see you back on Monday 6th September. Gates open 8:45am. All in by 8:50am!



*"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."
Galatians 5: 22-23*