

# St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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## School Newsletter 18.03.24

**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!

This half-term, we are focusing on the value of 'FORGIVENESS'.

Wow! The children did an amazing job recalling our thinking over the last few weeks. They were able to link their thinking to real experiences in school. The children spoke about the two meanings of sorry, focusing their attention on the need to change their behaviour to ensure similar incidents do not happen.

This week, we focused on 'not holding a grudge.' Two of our Year 6 children read a drama, and we linked it to the Book of Psalms, Chapter 32, verse 1: "Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned."

We explored the unhealthiness of storing anger and how this can cause friendship challenges. The children were given a challenge around forgiveness and restoring friendships.

### Talk to your child(ren) about...

Looking at the prayer below, talk together about...

How do you feel when people hurt you?  
Do you find it easy to forgive?  
Are you good at restoring friendships?

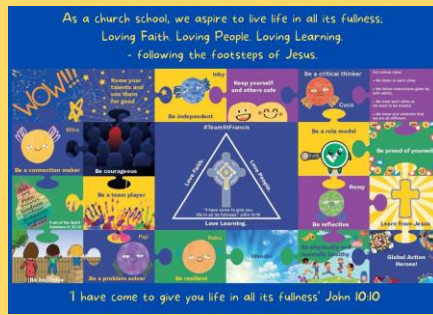
Dear Lord,

Thank you that you **forgive** us completely.

When people hurt us, please help us not to bear grudges, and instead, ask for your strength to **forgive**.

Amen

### How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



### Picture News (Link to Website)



How do you take responsibility for your actions?



### Individual Liberty

There are times in our lives when we will feel disappointment. We can choose how we respond to it. It is important to remember we are responsible for our actions.

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

### Protected Characteristics

Our religion or beliefs affect the places we choose to visit. They may also impact how we overcome disappointment. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or beliefs.



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

### Upcoming Dates....

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Spring Fair Day - Children	Whole School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	13:30-14:30	Charity Event Blackburn Deaf Village	Year 3
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year 1
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Easter Craft Day	Whole School
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	09:10-10:00	Easter Performance	Year 4
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	15:25	School Closes for Easter	Whole School

[Click here](#) to download the complete Spring dates.

### Some Key Website Links

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

### New Vicar for St. Francis Church

It was a pleasure to formally welcome Bryn to our school community last week at his licensing service.

We are looking forward to developing a close partnership. We will be welcoming Bryn to St. Francis soon!

### Cancer Bank Charity

One of my colleagues in the borough, who has a diagnosis of cancer, has set up The Cancer Bank Charity.



## What do we need?

Soft hair brushes, transfer eyebrow tattoos, dark nail polish, large tooth combs, thermometer, shower sleeves



Hats, gloves, scarves, snoods, headscarves, thermal slippers/socks (with grip soles), head bands.

[BRAND NEW PRODUCTS IN-PACKAGING ONLY]

Soft toothbrushes, non-alcoholic mouthwash, emollient cream (plain/perfume free/Lanolin free: Aveeno, E45, MooGoo, neuro genic, Aqueous Cream.), lip balm, hand sanitizer

Please note that we can only accept brand-new products in original packaging with labels. This is due to the risk of infection.

If you think you can help this charity, please come and drop the items listed into the 'cancer bank' in our entranceway. I really appreciate any help you can provide.



## Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak to all in our school community who are celebrating. We have spoken with an Imaan to ensure we make a good and respectful decision around children fasting during school time. I have decided that children in Years 5 and 6 who wish to join in with fasting are welcome to observe this during school hours. If your child is fasting, please inform their class teacher. If any concerns are noted, we will speak with you to see if any changes are needed. Children below Year 5 are asked not to fast during school hours.



## Important Breakfast Club Information

This is to remind families that our Breakfast Club opens at 8 am. We are unable to take responsibility for children until this time. An increasing number of children are being dropped off before the club opens and are waiting at the gates unsupervised. Some staff have noted some unsafe behaviour from these children. Please stay with your child/children until the gate opens at 8 am. Please ensure children enter through the open pedestrian gate, not the car gate.



## ParentPay Accounts - Financial Year End

Please clear any outstanding debts for school meals and breakfast club attendance by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We are approaching the end of the financial year, and no outstanding amounts must be left unpaid. In line with our school charging policy, we ask that attendance at the breakfast club and school meals be paid in advance. A full copy of the policy is available on the school's website. If you have any concerns about your child's account, please get in touch with a member of the school office.



## Home Time Arrangements

Please ensure that, where possible, home time arrangements only change when unavoidable, giving the school office as much notice as possible. We receive several calls daily informing us of changes to children's collection/home arrangements, often after 3 pm, which disrupts the smooth running of the office, interrupts class routines and can confuse the child(ren).



## Family Hubs

Blackburn with Darwen has launched a new website that harnesses their offer to support parents/carers, including parenting courses. [Welcome | Family Hubs Test \(familyhubsbwd.org\)](http://www.familyhubsbwd.org)



## Date Change

There was a slight change to our advertised dates this week. The Quidditch experience had to change so it has been rearranged to our Celebration Day in July.