

St. Francis Church of England Primary School



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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

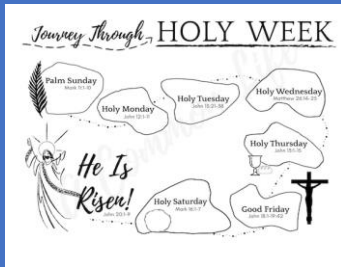
School Values: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Collective Worship - Our thinking!

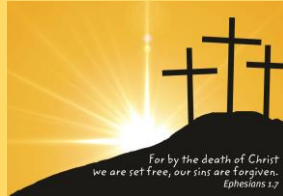
This week is a very special week for Christians. It is a week of different emotions as Holy Week is explored. We looked at Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We explored how this fits into God's Big Story of 'salvation' and our current focussed value of 'forgiveness'.

We watched a Lego Easter Story. You can watch it here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59iA sUBB79E>



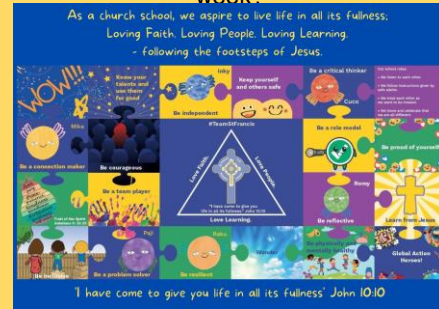
Talk to your child(ren) about...



How do you celebrate Easter?
 Why do you think Easter is so important to Christians?

Listen to this song and talk about the lyrics: [Hope Song](#)

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



Picture News (Link to Website)



How do your family values and actions make the world a better place?

Individual Liberty
 We are free to make our own choices and pursue our own goals. At times, it is important to consider those less fortunate than ourselves when making decisions in order to make the world a better place for everyone.

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

Protected Characteristics
 Everybody deserves fair pay for the work that they do. Today, there are still differences between the salaries of men and women, who do the same job.



Upcoming Dates....

Date	Time	Event	Participants
Sunday 14 th April	10:30-11:15	Church Parade	All welcome
Monday 15 th April	08:45	School Re-Opens	Whole School
Week beginning 15 th April		End of Spring Term data report	Whole School

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

(These now include music performances for Y3, Mrs Kolosova and Mr Higginson music pupils.)

Some Key Website Links

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

Easter Performance

WOW – Year 4 did an absolutely amazing job of performing their Easter play for the whole school. They retold a powerful story using their speaking, acting and singing talents. There was a great buzz in the air and some poignant moments in the Easter Story as the children immersed us in the events of Holy Week. The Easter play also highlighted the many parables Jesus told, which we can use to help shape our character.

Once again, a huge thank you to our Year 4 parents/carers who came to support us on the day and for the support you gave your children to learn lines and songs.

Cancer Bank Charity

Thank you so much for the donations that have already been given.

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]

THE CANCER BANK

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 appreciate any help you can provide.



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?

End of Spring Term

Thank you to everyone in #TeamStFrancis for what has been achieved over the spring term. I cannot believe that only one term is left this academic year! We come back to school on Monday, April 15th. 8:45 am at the gate!

Swimming news

Unfortunately, Blackburn with Darwen has informed us that they can no longer provide our swimming slot. As a result, we are having to cancel swimming for Year 4 in Summer 1 half-term and Year 3 in Summer 2 half-term.

We have begun conversations with a company that brings a swimming pool to the site. We are awaiting a site visit to complete the relevant viability checks of this scheme here at St. Francis. If this option is viable, we will book the pool to come to school!

PE Days for Summer 2

Due to the swimming change outlined above, a small change has had to be made to our advertised Summer Term PE days. Click [here](#) to view the Summer Term PE days. I have labelled it version 3, so if you have an earlier copy attached to your fridge, you know the most up-to-date version.

ParentPay Accounts - Financial Year End

Please clear any outstanding debts. Contact the school office if you have questions about your child's account.



New Menu from Monday 15th April – ACTION NEEDED

Our new menu will commence on Monday, April 15th. Please book your child's meal choices for returning after the Easter holiday. Any options selected in advance on the winter menu will automatically be cancelled, and ParentPay will credit your child's account. Please select their choices on the new menu. We hope our children will enjoy trying some of our new menu items.

After School Clubs – Summer 1

After-school clubs will start from the week commencing 22nd April. The following clubs will be running:

Monday – Year 3 Cricket

Tuesday – Year 5/6 Cricket

Wednesday – Football Team training – Year group and names TBC first week back after Easter

Thursday – EYFS Cricket

Friday - Year 4 Cricket

School Spider surveys have gone live to book for these clubs. If you can complete the form, your child will have a place. Once all spots are filled, the survey will close and will not be visible in your School Spider account's survey and forms section. Therefore, if the survey is not visible, the club is full.



Polite Reminder - Parent / Carer Communications & Code of Conduct

I am aware that a number of Year Groups have set up parent/carers WhatsApp Groups. While I have no doubt that these are a great source of information sharing and checking, I have been made aware of messages that have highlighted some concerns.

I would politely ask that if there are any issues you feel need to be discussed or resolved, you come into school and speak directly with the relevant staff member. This is undoubtedly the best way to reach a solution.

Sadly, I have been shown some chat messages that are not true, which has resulted in a number of unfair comments about the school. Clearly, I cannot 'police' these groups, but I would like to reiterate the need to speak to the relevant staff member to seek clarification and agree on any way forward.

Additionally, there has been a growing number of issues surrounding parent/carers support of school when dealing with certain behaviours. Please be assured that our intention is always good and to do the right thing by all of our children, therefore if you wish to discuss anything that directly involves your child, please come and speak with us with an open mind to understand the specific aspects rather than making assumptions or jumping to conclusions which have led to angry challenges towards staff.

I know this is not all parents/carers, and I would like to extend my thanks to those who have brought these issues to my attention and who support the school when discussing inappropriate behaviours and any resulting consequences.

Easter Holidays – Keep Learning!

Amongst the business of the upcoming holiday, please keep up with any work set for the Easter holiday by class teachers. Read to and with your child. Visit the library to select new books. Keep up with 'quick maths' – number bonds to different numbers, counting forwards and backwards from different numbers and chant/sing times tables. The 'little and often' approach is best! It will help ensure your children can jump back into their learning after the holidays. Thank you in advance for your support!

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 \(familyhubsbwd.org\)](#)

Easter Celebration Songs

[Story of the Cross - Rend Co Kids Lyrics](#)

[God Showed Us His Love – Awesome Cutlery](#)

[He Has Risen – Awesome Cutlery](#)

[Jesus, When You Died](#)

[Jesus, Strong and Kind – CityAlight](#)

[Super Saviour – Colin Buchanan](#)

[One, Two, Three – Yancy](#)

[Your Forgive Me – Lifetree Kids](#)

[Hope's Song – Rebecca St. James](#)



Happy Eid to our families who are celebrating during the Easter holidays!