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!

Due to the Bank holiday on Monday this week, we completed our whole-school focus on friendship today. We welcomed Rev. Bryn to school who led his first worship at St. Francis. It was a pleasure to welcome him and hear what he had to say to us about the value of friendship.

Rev. Bryn told us a story of two women – Mary and Martha. (Click here)
The children talked about whether they were inclined to be busy all of the time or rather not have much to do.
Jesus came to Mary and Martha's house. Martha prepared and did not stop—she was busy, busy, busy! She was so busy that she did not have much time to stop and be with Jesus. Mary, on the other hand, did not busy herself. She spent time in Jesus' presence—learning and talking. She spent time developing her friendship with Jesus. Christians believe this is their most important friendship. We were encouraged not to become too busy, so we missed out on developing our friendships.

Talk to your child(ren) about...

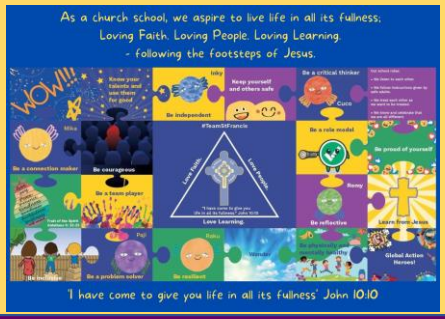
Friendship is…
Finding things to do together
Relying on each other
Impossible on your own
Enjoying being together
Never selfish
Depending on someone else
Sharing hopes and dreams
Happiness and laughter
Including others
Precious

Is this what your friendships look like?

Are you a good friend?

What could you develop?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



Picture News (Link to Website)

What do you think?

How do we be unique and respect each other for differences?

Click here for more information about British Values.

Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming Dates….

Tuesday 7th May	14:00-15:00	Parent/Carer Lesson Visit Continuous Provision	EYFS
Thursday 9th May	15:30-16:30	Messy Church Pentecost	EYFS, Year1 and Year2
Friday 10th May	14:30-15:25	OPAL Stay and Play	Whole School
Sunday 12th May	10:30-11:15	Church Parade	All welcome
Week beginning Monday 13th May	Monday to Thursday	Year 6 SATs week	Year6
Wednesday 15th May	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year3
Friday 17th May	09:00-10:00	Charity Event Christian Aid Fun Run	Year6
Saturday 18th May	10:30-1:30	Community litter pick – come for as much as you can	Whole School
Wednesday 22nd May	14:45-15:25	Cherry Tree Library Visit	Year6
Friday 24th May	All day	PTA Rainbow Basket raffle (children bring in items for a hamper raffle drawn on 7th June in Celebration Worship)	Whole School
Friday 24th May	15:25	PTA Krispy Kreme Sale	Whole School
Friday 24th May	15:25	School Closes for Half Term	Whole School

Click here to download the complete Summer dates. (Please note: The most up-to-date version is dated 29.04.24)

Some Key Website Links

Term Dates / PE Days / Curriculum information / How to contact us / Breakfast Club / After School Club / Policies / Parent/Carer Partnership Dates

Deaf Village – EYFS and Year 3

Thank you to the parents/carers who have supported the Deaf Village Charity. Year 3 has currently raised £28. Any further donations would be welcome. Please donate via Parent Pay or bring money to the school office. Thanks to the Deaf Village for all the time they have given us with lots of wonderful activities and learning.

Staff Update – Mrs Shorrock

After 25 years of working in Childcare and Education, Mrs Shorrock has decided to make a career change. She has been an excellent member of staff, supporting the advancement of OPAL, helping children improve in key areas of learning, and leading the gardening club. Thank you to Mrs Shorrock for all of her hard work and dedication. We will miss you, but we wish you the very best!

OPAL Play & Stay – Come and join us at 2:50 pm to join in with your children playing! Note: There will be no Celebration Worship

Year 4 Parents/Carers – The children's times tables test is on the horizon. Keep practising up to 12x12! Quick recall is needed!