



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: 01.10.21

Worship Theme

We continue to think about Equity, Diversity and Justice. This week we heard a bible story with Jesus in it. Children were asked to draw and picture Jesus. What did he look like? How is he depicted in many images? Children found it interesting that all the pictures of Jesus with white skin and blue eyes are likely to be a misrepresentation of how he looked. We looked at a range of pictures and we thought about how this links to our school rule of 'we know and celebrate that we are all different'. We linked this to the British Values.

Speak to your child about:

What does equity mean?

Is equity and equality the same thing? If not, what's the difference?

What does the rule 'know and celebrate that we are all different' mean? How would we know you are following this rule?

Is there someone you want to say a prayer for?



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



British Values

27th September – 3rd October 2021

Individual Liberty

We can choose whether to use reusable or disposable items such as face masks. It is important to consider a number of factors, including the environment, when we make our choices.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month. We are pleased to be celebrating and learning about Black history across the school. This is in addition to the learning around diversity within our curriculum.

Visit the following website for more information:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

National Poetry Day - 7th October

On the 7th October, all classes will be learning a poem and recording this to perform to celebrate national poetry day. If you have a favourite poem, bring it in on the 7th to share with your class!



Parent Partnership

As restrictions have eased and the term progresses to understand what COVID cases are doing, we are thinking through our plan for Parent Partnership. We hope to host parents/carers in classrooms for Celebration Worship and we are thinking through inviting parents/carers into class for different workshops.

We will also be putting together a timetable for parents/carers to join your child for library time.

Watch this space! We have not forgotten you!

Online Safety

Check out <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to see how best to protect your children online - apps, games, social media.

Open Evening - Tuesday 5th October

Do you know any families with children who will be starting Reception class in September 2022? We have our Open Evening next Tuesday. It is a drop-in between 5 and 7pm. Children welcome to attend with parents/carers. This will give a chance to look around the school and hear about our work. Spread the word!

Advance Notice - 14th October

14th October is World Mental Health Day!

WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Summer Reading Challenge finishing this week

Congratulations to everyone who's collected their certificates and medals for the Summer Reading Challenge. If you haven't finished your 6 books yet, you just have a few more days. The deadline to complete is

2.00pm, Saturday 2nd October

As Mill Hill and Roman Road Libraries remain on restricted opening hours at present, customers from these libraries can collect their final prizes from Blackburn Library if they can't get to their own library before the deadline.



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: <office@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk>. Your child must not attend school if they have symptoms of COVID and/or received a positive test result for COVID.

Thank you!

School Facebook Page

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

@stfrancisprimary

Celebration Worship

Any PROUD MOMENTS or GLOBAL ACTION HEROES? Please send to <head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk>. The link for Celebration Worship is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWV0ZVVNTZnRWxwUT09> You are most welcome to join us at 3pm each Friday afternoon.


We are thinking about a plan to have parents in the school with us for Celebration Worship - watch this space!

It has been a superb week at St. Francis! See you all next Monday at 8.45am!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr J Kewley





Bolton Music Service Would your child like to learn a musical instrument?


You can book your child's music lessons on-line at www.gmmusicub.co.uk/bolton
(click on the Parent and pupil tab across the top, scroll down to Book your lessons online and select your school, lesson etc from the drop down boxes)

Lessons with specialist teachers are offered in strings, brass, woodwind, drum kit, guitar, ukulele, piano, keyboard and singing

Book now to reserve your place

If you would like to join any of our bands, orchestras or choirs please ring 01204 333533

Bolton Music Service, 01204 333533 or email music.service@bolton.gov.uk



There is current availability for children in the year groups 1 - 5 to have a keyboard lesson in school each Wednesday with Mrs Kolosova. Other options include Guitar, Ukulele and Flute with Mr Higginson.

*"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*