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! Amongst celebrating many elements this half-term, our primary focus value is TRUST.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have reviewed a few different quotes and some linking Bible verses. These can be seen later in the Newsletter. Please explore this language and see how you can weave it into your home conversations.

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week. Please review their website for various resources and information. (<u>https://antibullyingalliance.org.uk/</u>)

This year's theme is CHOOSE RESPECT. Children will learn and think about the definition of bullying, what respect is, understanding disagreements and conflict, and what respectful and disrespectful disagreements look like.

Disagreeing respectfully is a challenging skill. How do you promote respect in your family?

Talk to your child(ren) about... TRUST IS....

- **T**aking someone at their word
- Relying on someone to support you

Unbreakable promises

Showing that you can be trustworthy

Treasuring good friends

- What does TRUST mean to you and your family?
 - What does TRUST look like?
 - How do you grow TRUST?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?





Upcoming Dates...

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WB 11 th November	All week	National Anti-bullying week	Whole School
Tuesday 12 th November	All day	Odd Socks Day!	Whole School
Friday 15 th November	09:30 (following Celebration Worship)	EYFS Charity event	EYFS
Friday 15 th November	Afternoon	Class Business Partnerships	Whole School
Thursday 21 st November	15:30-16:30	Messy Church	
Wednesday 4 th December	15:30-16:30	Parents/Carers invited to view children's work	Whole School
Friday 6 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
		Christmas Craft Day	
		KS1 Bring chocolate, KS2 Bring bottle donations	
Friday 6 th December	14:30-15:30	Christmas Tree Service	Whole School
Sunday 8 th December	10:45	St. Francis Church – December Church parade	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th December	Afternoon	Mrs Musa Choir singing in the community	Mrs Musa's Choir
Friday 13 th December	15:30	PTA Christmas Fair	Whole School
Sunday 15 th December	16:00	St. Luke's Church – Scratch Nativity!	All welcome
Tuesday 17 th December	14:00	Nativity Time!	Year1 & Year2
Wednesday 18 th December	09:00-09:30	Music Performance: Mrs. Kolosova's pupils	All welcome
Wednesday 18th December	All day	Christmas Party and Lunch day – Non-uniform day	Whole School
Thursday 19th December	10:00	St. Luke's Christmas Production!	Whole School
Thursday 19 th December	13:00	School Closes – early finish	Whole School
Saturday 21st December	14:00-16:00	St. Luke's Church – Christmas Fun Day!	All welcome
Sunday 22 nd December	16:00	St. Luke's Church – Carol Mash-up!	All welcome
WB 23rd December and 30 December – Christmas Holidays			
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!			

Christmas Dinner!

A SchoolSpider has been sent out regarding the Christmas Dinner sign-up. Please complete this as soon as possible so we can confirm the numbers with the kitchen.

ParentPay Accounts

Please check your accounts and pay off any outstanding balances.

Please note that significant and ongoing balances will be managed through our debt policy, which could result in legal action.

Attendance

As you will know, the Government changed its attendance thresholds and fines in August 2024. Our new attendance policy will go live once it is approved later this half-term.

If a child misses ten school sessions (5 days), fine paperwork will be submitted to the council. If a child is absent regularly due to illness, this must also be reported to the council.

Attendance will be reviewed across the school next week. If you need support in improving your child's attendance, don't hesitate to contact the school. The aim is for your child's attendance to be 96% or above.

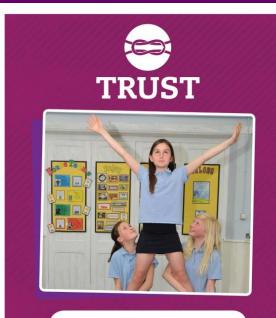
Some Key Website Links

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

Parent/Carer Partnership Dates – Spring Term 2024

Attached to the email with this newsletter, please find attached Version 1 of the Spring Term Parent/Carer Partnership dates. Please take note of these dates, for example, Parents' Evening, and place them into your diary.

Our Focus Value – Autumn 2



'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

Psalm 18.2

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. (Corrie Ten Boom)

Corrie Ten Boom faced many risks and challenges in her life. She got through them because she trusted God to provide what she needed. Do you trust God to help you?

Trust is the most valuable thing you will ever earn. (Anon)

How trustworthy are you?

Trust yourself, you know more than you think. (Benjamin Spock)

Can you remember an occasion when you surprised yourself by what you were able to achieve?

> Trust takes years to build, seconds to break. (Anon)



What do you think this saying means? Try to put it into your own words.



Bolton Music Centre Blackburn with Darwen **Ensembles**



WEDNESDAY



GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Wednesday 4.00pm-5.30pm For children from age 8 Term time only

£17 per month direct debit over 9 months Bursaries available, see below

register HERE enquiries music.service@bolton.gov.uk 01204 333533

The Bureau Centre for the Arts Exchange Street, Blackburn, BB1 7JN

BwD BLAST OFF ENSEMBLE

Thursday 4.30pm - 6.00pm term time For children from age 8 Beginner Instrument players

£17 per month direct debit over 9 months Bursaries available, see below

register <u>HERE</u>

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As an 'Ensemble Member' you can attend as many Bolton Music Service weekly ensembles as you wish without additional charge & for those families with more than 1 child involved we have a sibling discount; brothers and sisters pay only £8.50 per month. We also have free places for children on free school meals – please enquire about these bursaries if appropriate. St. Francis Church Christmas Fair

Please support St. Francis' Christmas Fair taking place on Saturday 30th November. See below for more information.



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30 1PM – 3PM ST FRANCIS CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR IN ST FRANCIS CHURCH HALL

RAFFLE, TOMBOLAS, STALLS, GAMES REFRESHMENTS

AND A SPECIAL SEASONAL VISITOR Please support this event

ASDA Cashpot

We are signed up to ASDA Cashpot. If you shop at ASDA, please link your account to our school so we can raise some additional funds, hassle free!

INTRODUCING **CASHPOT FOR** SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.



Neighbourhood Network

Scan below and have a look at whether you and your family can benefit from any of the information and/or activities.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Inspiring and supporting families to take control of their health and wellbeing, enabling them to embrace a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle.



Scan for healthcare services and family activities in the area