



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: 20.07.2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have all crossed the finish line! MASSIVE congratulations to parents/carers who have had an incredibly difficult time completing home learning along with all other commitments – work and home etc. etc.

What a challenging term and what a rubbish end to the year! I am really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school in September and getting back to a normal(ish!!) routine. Once we are back in September, I will send out our school development plan for academic year 2020/21. I do hope that the Summer holiday brings peace and relaxation to all. I look forward to getting back to gate duty and seeing everyone's smiles on Wednesday 2nd September.

Take care and God bless. *Mr Kewley*

Goodbye Year 6

There is a small gift awaiting our Year 6 children – these will be given out when we are allowed to safely reorganise the leavers' meal. We will be in touch with current Year 6 families with the relevant details

Benches, By Kev Payne

I remember my first day at school.

Fun. Exciting. Scary.

We'd just met our teachers and then we were taken into a big room

With big children and big ideas.

And we didn't know what to do.

Fold your arms. Cross your legs. And I tie myself up in knots.

But I look behind me, at the big children,

At the biggest children, who are sat at the back,

On benches,

and they're smiling, proud as punch, sat at the back,

On benches.

And I tell myself that, one day, that'll be me.

In and out; up and down; time after time we sit at the front.

Until September comes.

New teacher. New children. New ideas. New place.

And we're not sat at the front, but one place behind,

Moving a jot nearer the benches.

And I look behind me, at the biggest children, and the faces are different but the smiles are the same.

Smiles as wide as the ocean; proud as punch;

Sat at the back,

On benches.

In and out; up and down; time after time we sit near the front.

Until September comes.

New teacher. New ideas. New place.

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And then, before I know it, I'm there.
Finally. Sat at the back.
With a smile as wide as the ocean; proud as punch;
Sat on the benches.
And from there, I can see it all.
I can look back through time, through the laughs and the tears,
through the thoughts and the dreams,
through the shuffling bottoms and fidgety feet.
And at the front, my eyes stop.
And I can see me.
A smaller me, wide-eyed with wonder, with the World at our feet.
And we wave.
But it's not goodbye.
It's a fond farewell.
New adventures now await.

Enjoy your break Year 6! All the best for the start of high school. At this stage, I am reminded of our bible quote for our 'Love People' section of our mission statement.



Shine bright Year 6! Keep the Fruit of the Spirit at the centre of all you do and you will be successful.

We will miss you but we are so excited to hear about how you embrace this next step!

Welcome!

As sad as it is to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, we are hugely excited to welcome our new EYFS families from September. If you require any support over the Summer holidays in preparation for September, please email head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk and I will get back to you. Please note, emails will not be being checked on a regular basis.

Blackburn with Darwen – Important Information

Further information can be found on our website at:
<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/covid-19-information/>



REMINDER: COVID – 19: Initial Planning for September

We are awaiting approval of our school risk assessment for full opening in September from the Local Authority but at present the following points give a flavour of what school will be like from September:

- Breakfast club will take place – the hall might be split into quarters to increase the ability to social distance and to support Test and Trace.
- Arrival time to school: Doors open from 08:40 with all children coming through external doors rather than congregating on the playground. All children are expected to be in school by 08:50. Parents/carers will drop their children at the gate.
- Meetings – encouraging meetings with parents/carers to take place virtually.
- School office – encouraging contact with the school office to be via email or telephone calls to reduce number of face to face contact.
- Exiting school: We are considering the site being open from 3:15pm to allow children to be collected from external doors. This is to ease congestion at the gate and on site.
- The school day will largely be the same, however, playtimes and lunchtimes will be organised differently.
- Playtime: Different classes may have different playtime times and different classes will be allocated a space to play outside so classes do not mix with another class.
- Lunchtime: Children may continue to eat their pack lunches in their classroom. There is likely to be no more than two classes in the hall for school dinners at a time. Outside time will see each class allocated a space and there will be no mixing of classes.
- After-school club will take place. Any children not collected from school by 3:40pm will also be placed into after-school club as standard procedure. This will be at a charge of £8.50.
- Music lessons will not have more than 15 pupils at any one time and therefore, music lessons will be split to include a rotation between music and additional reading time.
- All existing procedures around cleaning and increased hand washing will continue.
- At this stage, unless central government advice changes, Robinwood is likely to be cancelled.
- The ability to send reading books home will be allowed on the basis that books coming back into school will be left for 48 hours before processing.

Information Booklet

Once our school's risk assessment has been approved by the Local Authority, a parent/carer brochure will be sent out that will detail how school will operate from 2nd September.

REMINDER: Pandemic Register

As part of our RESOTRE concept, we want to ensure we know everything that we need to know to support your child when they return to school. If you believe, we need to know something significant, for example, suffered a bereavement, has particularly struggled during lockdown or is particularly worried about coming back to school. then please complete the following questionnaire so we can make sure staff are aware.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=N8ByAz5eqUmGyCh1EHabiNxdgRIbI4VLvHBAddkNaltUM0o4TVpIMDdTWEJQNIFZR0JFTEI3Rk9ONS4u>

Goodbye Coach Joel

With a lot of sadness, we say goodbye to Coach Joel. He is moving on to work as a Personal Trainer. We wish him the very best in his new adventure!

Welcome Coach Jordan

Coach Jordan will be coming to work with us from September. He is also one of the members of staff for the Summer sports holiday club. We will continue with our lunchtime sports, after-school clubs and PE sessions.

Can you help?



Railway sleepers / wood pallets –
Can anyone help us to get railway sleepers and/or pallets of wood?
Please contact the school office if you can help us.
If you can help – please email or telephone the school office. Thank you in advance!



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Picture News



Please visit the following link to find a newspaper and further information to discuss with your child in regards to the above information. [School Website: Picture News at Home](#)

Home Learning

Home Learning has now stopped, however, the home learning content from the last months will remain on your child's class page if you wish to complete any activities. St Francis Home Learning Materials can be found at:

<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/class-pages/>

BBC Live Lessons: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

There are a number of lessons covering, English, maths and varies other areas of the curriculum

National Oak Academy: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

There are a number of lessons covering all subject areas for each primary year group.

Phonics Lessons on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw

Phonically Decodable Books by Big Cat Collins: <https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks>

Staying Safe Online

Online safety is extremely important throughout the whole year, however, just at the moment, children may be having more contact through online devices/services meaning it might be even more important to ensure children are keeping safe and behaving appropriately. Please find below some websites that support parents/carers with online safety and Childline to support children.

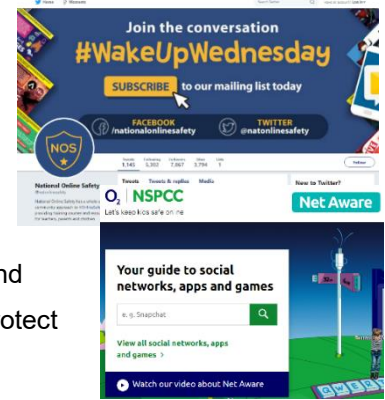
#WakeUpWednesday from National Online Safety. The focus this week is: 'What Parents Need to Know About Sexting'.

The link to their website is <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>

Net-Aware

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

This is an excellent website that supports your understanding of a variety of apps and social media platforms. By keeping yourself up-to-date, you will be able to better protect your child(ren).



REMINDER: Universal Infant Free School Meals / Free School Meals – Has your Financial Situation Changed?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive 'Universal Infant Free School Meals', meaning parents/carers are not required to pay for school dinners if their child has a school dinner.

'Universal Infant Free School Meals' is different to 'Free School Meals'

Free School Meals

If you are eligible for 'Free School Meals', you MUST apply for this. The criteria and information on how to apply is below. If you are awarded this, you will not be required to pay for school dinners from Reception to Year 6 and the school will receive a small amount of money that can be used to support your child's provision.



Are you eligible for Free School Meals? *****PLEASE APPLY EVEN IF YOU SEND YOUR CHILD**

WITH A PACKED LUNCH OR YOUR CHILD GETS UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS AS THE SCHOOL WILL STILL RECEIVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD***

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (PCGC)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190
- Universal Credit and have an income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £7,400.

Please note: if you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals.

Please go to: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals> to apply for 'Free School Meals'.

The Government have now announced that Free School Meal vouchers will cover the Summer holiday. Vouchers will not be issued to children on Universal Infant Free School Meals. This scheme is just for Free School Meals.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact the school office on 01254 201419 or email office@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk