



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.

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Thank you!

I would like to start by saying a huge THANK YOU to you for your patience and understanding over the last three days. There has been much work and consideration concerning school opening in a COVID-19 safe way and we knew there would be elements that we needed to tweak as the days went on. The first day took 20 minutes to get all children on to site, however, day 2 and 3 was 10 minutes.

We are looking to change our going home plan from Monday, which will see families exit the site through the car park gate to support our one-way system.

The best bit this week has been having the whole school back together. Seeing children's smiley faces has definitely been the highlight this week. Whole school worship virtually has been an interesting experience! I need to increase my screen sharing skills quickly!

School Readiness

As classes settle back down together and learn how to negotiate and navigate their learning, please continue to support your children in the following areas. The following areas feature heavily within our RESTORE model. We want to ensure children feel safe and secure and we also want to ensure our children are ready to learn and progress quickly. For children to be able to do this, they need to be skilled in the following areas:

- 1) Listening and Attention skills
- 2) Independence skills
- 3) Cooperation and collaboration
- 4) Following tasks and routines

School Behaviour Rules:

Please help your child(ren) to remember our school rules and what they look like in practice.

We listen to each other.

We follow instructions given by safe adults.

We treat each other as we want to be treated.

We know and celebrate that we are all different.

School Values:

Can you help your child to remember our school values?

Try out some of the following songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-hrxEjWxkE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rezq4jYFoj0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWoWDdeD-ns>

*"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*

PE Days:

Apologies for some of the late notices last week in our ParentMail, for example, PE kits and wellies. Please see below PE days for your child's year group:

Year EYFS: Tuesday and Friday

Year 1: Tuesday and Friday

Year 2: Monday and Wednesday

Year 3: Monday and Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5: Monday and Thursday

Year 6: Tuesday and Thursday

Upcoming Change – Communication Method

We have continued to review our communication method and we are moving our website, parent communication (email, parent bookings and forms) over to a company named 'School Spider'. After demonstrations of this system, I really do feel it will further support communication with parents. At present, parent accounts have not been fully set up, however, we are asking that you download the app (available on apple and android stores) in preparation.

GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys and forms. book your parents evening and make online payments.

Select your school to get started!

LOGGING IN

See your schools recent website posts here but make sure you login to receive communication. Click parent login and enter your details if you have received them from the school. OR you can press forgot password to set your password.

You must have your email address linked to the school.

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all your action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child

Click the bell to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

DOWNLOAD FOR FREE...

Get it on Google play Available on the App Store

As soon as we have integrated School Spider with your details, we will send you your login details. We will be using School Spider for the following services:

* Emails * Smart Phone Messages * Parents' Evening bookings * Completion of forms and surveys

Once we have set up our new school website, the app will also integrate with the calendar and newsletters online. In the future, we will look to bring the payment system under this umbrella too. All with a view to make life a little easier for a busy parent/carer!

Can you help us to improve our school grounds?

We are hoping to improve some of the areas within the school grounds for the children. One idea so far is to create a reflective garden area which would include seating, planted pots and art work for the children to access with friends.



Are you a
joiner or
gardener?

Tyres
Pallets
Plants

Could you help
with materials?

Year 3 Learning

Can you guess what Year 3 have been learning about this week?



Find out more about the history of canals at: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/canal-history>

Purple Mash

We have invested into a system called Purple Mash. This system will support us in the event of any further school closures or children's absence from school. Teaching staff received training this week and we are now putting final plans together for our remote learning policy to encompass Purple Mash. Every child will have an account and there will also be a parent/carer login. These login details will be issued early next week.

Purple Mash hosts times tables games and because of this, we will be ending our subscription to TT Rockstars.

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](#)

Staying Safe Online:

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

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).

