



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.

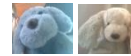
School Mission Statement: Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

School Values: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Date: 25.09.2020

Worship Theme

We have continued our value of **kindness** this week and we looked at the bible story from Luke chapter 15 verses 4-6. This story was told by Jesus to illustrate God's love for us. It is the story of the lost sheep. This story remind us that God notices needs and He wants us to notice the needs of those around us. We thought about lots of questions, for example, 'will you use your eyes to notice people in need around you today?' and 'will you show kindness to those people who need help?' We also listen to a short drama that involved Bella and Barney, which saw Bella and her mum stopping to show kindness to a young boy who was lost even though it made her late.



Talk to your child(ren) about:

- What does 'noticing a need' mean?
- How does it make you feel when you see someone who is upset or lost or fed up?
- How have you shown kindness this week?
- Can we shown kindness to our Global Neighbours?
How could we do this?

On Thursday, St. Francis looked at a story of a missionary – Gladys Aylward. The link to this story can be accessed through: <https://www.brooksidepc.org/videos/the-story-of-gladys-aylward-part-1-19th-june-2020/>

Our worship song this week has been 'My Lighthouse'. This can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Harvest – Blackburn Foodbank

The Year 2 charity is 'Blackburn Foodbank'. Harvest time will soon be upon us. Our Year 3 (not Year 2 as previously told!) children will be leading a special Harvest Worship via zoom on the 9th October. We would love you to bring donations in for Blackburn Foodbank week beginning 5th October. We will have boxes at the gate for different year groups and your donations can be placed in these boxes. Donations will be left up to 72 hours before processing to ensure we are working within our COVID-19 safe risk assessment. Last year, we saw an enormous offering so please consider purchasing some items in your shop that could be donated. Year 2 will be advertising the different items that would be good to donate.

Saint Day – St. Francis – Year 2 Special Worship

Year 2 will be presenting a special worship on Thursday 1st October via zoom. A link to this worship will be sent out nearer the time and as long as technology is on our side, we will hopefully see many parents/carers join us. The special worship will begin at 9:10am.

Advanced Notice – Parents' Evening

Parents' evening date is 4th November. Appointments will be held virtually. We will be using Microsoft Teams so please download this app to your phone/tablet in preparation. If you are having any difficulties, please do contact us. Parents' Evening booking will be made through School Spider nearer the time.

IMPORTANT - School Spider – Parent Communication

As explained in previous newsletters, we are changing the system we use to communicate with parents. We are moving to a company called 'School Spider'. Thank you to all parents/carers who have downloaded the app, registered, and signed into their account.

School Spider is only integrating with our system for 'priority 1' contacts who live at the same address. If two parents, living at the same address as the child, wish to have access to the app, please share username and password details for this purpose. Parents/Carers who live at separate addresses should be able to set up separate accounts.

If you have not downloaded the app, please do so and then use the following link to set up your account.

<https://parents.schoolspider.co.uk/password/forgot>

You need to input the email address you use for your school communication and select 'St Francis C of E Primary School' from the school list.

This will send you an email with a link to create your parent account. **This expires after 60 minutes.**

Please note, passwords need to include the following -

Uppercase Character

Lowercase Character

Number

Special Character

Please be aware that ParentMail will cease at the end of this month and all communication will take place through School Spider. It is vital that you download the app and register your account. Please note, we are able to see that 20 people have downloaded the app and link it to our school but have not actually signed in and therefore, you will not receive any form of communication.

Please contact the office as a matter of urgency if you are unable to register for an account, as this will be our only way of communicating with you moving forward.

Our website will change over the next month and the calendar and newsletters will be available through School Spider app also. We really do hope that this will improve parent/carer communication.

Reminder: Reading Books – When will they be changed?

Please ensure your child's reading book is brought to school on a Friday for it to be changed and sent back out on the following Monday.

Mathletics

Your child should now know their Mathletics login after the system has now rolled up the classes. Year 1 children should now have their new logins. Short but regular sessions on Mathletics will really help!

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

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Healthy Eating Week

BNF Healthy Eating Week will run from 28th September to 4th October 2020. The aim of the Week is to bring the UK together for a dedicated week, focusing on key health messages and promoting healthy habits. This year's health challenges are:

- Eat more wholegrains (Monday);
- Vary your veg (Tuesday);
- Drink plenty (Wednesday);
- Move more (Thursday);
- Be mind kind (Friday);
- Get active together (Saturday);
- Eat together (Sunday).



If your child completes one of these challenges (on any day of the week) please tell us and we will issue them with a BNF Healthy Eating Week certificate. Let us know which challenges you have completed by sending an email to the school office or writing a note to your child's teacher.

This link will take you to a wide range of food based activities which you might like to try at home:

<https://www.foodfactoflife.org.uk/remote-learning/activities-and-ideas/waves-10-13-27720-to-1920/wave-13-activities-and-ideas-010920/>

Year 6 – Transition Work

A huge thank you to one of our school leavers as they virtually joined our Year 6 class for a question and answer session about high school. The Year 6 children found the session very informative and it was an absolute pleasure to see and hear Archie! Thanks Archie!



Virtual Rev. Roscoe!

Year 2 posed some questions to Rev. Roscoe and he then appeared in the classroom to answer all of their questions! Thanks Rev. Roscoe. His video can be accessed through: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj_mTnnc1RU



Celebration Worship

If your child(ren) achieve any awards outside of school and they wish for them to be presented at Celebration Worship, please take a picture of the award/certificate and send it to head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk with a bit of writing us informing what the award is for. This will then be included in our virtual Celebration Worship. Once we have got a little more confident with our virtual worship, we will be inviting parents/carers to join virtually.

Wellies and outdoor clothing

We are using the grass at times when maybe we would not have done due to our COVID restrictions, therefore, we are suggesting at the moment that your child has a pair of wellies that they can change into for outside time. I have now brought my waterproof trousers and wellies to school for anticipated wet gate duty!

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](#)

NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2020

See It Like a Poet

National Poetry Day is on

Thursday 1st October.

This year's theme is 'Vision'.

If you 'See it like a Poet' then enter our poetry
competition.

Your poem can be in any style you like but it must
all about 'Vision'.

Please submit your entry by Thursday 1st October.

Winners will be announced in celebration assembly
next week.

1st Prize: £10 Book Voucher and a writing journal

2nd Prize: £5 Book Voucher and writing journal

3rd Prize: Writing journal

More information can be found at: <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/>

October Half-term Holiday Club

Please find details below of a holiday club being run at October half-term by SportsCool. The holiday club is taking place at St. Francis.



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

We are pleased to announce that SportsCool will deliver a fun holiday club at this venue;

**St Francis C of E Primary School,
Cherry Tree Lane, Blackburn, BB2 5NX**

Date 26/10/20 - 30/10/20 **Time** 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Price £20 PER DAY OR £80 FOR A FULL CONSECUTIVE WEEK

- ✓ Our aim is to deliver a responsible, safe, engaging course
- ✓ Limited numbers
- ✓ You **MUST** book and pay in full, in advance - one week prior to your first booking date
- ✓ Strictly **NO** walk-ons allowed in order for us to plan accordingly
- ✓ **Strict hygiene rules in place**
- ✓ Outdoor play as much as possible
- ✓ We have adapted certain activities accordingly
- ✓ Staggered lunchtimes
- ✓ Once you have booked, you will then receive all extra safeguarding information prior to the course commences
- ✓ During these unprecedented times, we will be trying our best and going above and beyond where we can. We ask for all parents' and guardians' full co-operation during these times.
- ✓ **Holiday club is subject to change - If course has to be cancelled, full refund will be given**



HOW TO BOOK

Please visit: www.sportscool.org then click **BOOK NOW**. **MUST** book in advance please.

Staying Safe Online:

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

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).



Another busy week full of learning and play! Please check out our Facebook Page (@stfranciscsep) to see a little window into some of the learning children have been doing. As always, if you need to speak to one of the St. Francis team, please do get in touch.

Mr Kewley