



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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Worship Theme

We have continued our value of **kindness** this week and we looked at how Paul started his letters to various different people. He started his letters with a line of thankfulness. We spoke about being thankful for kind acts and looked at the different kind acts that we may take for granted. The children were task to be 'Kindness Detectives' and then, like Paul, show thankfulness.



Talk to your child(ren) about:

- What kind acts have happened today?
- What were you thankful for?
- What do you think about the quote?
- Do you take time to be thankful to the people around you?
- How could you show thankfulness?

Year 2 – Special Worship

A HUGE well done to Year 2 for their fabulous online special worship last Thursday. If you have not seen it yet, it can be viewed using the following link: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/class-special-worships/>

NEXT WEEK: Harvest – Blackburn Foodbank

Year 3 will be completing their Harvest special worship next Thursday and Year 2 are collecting for 'Blackburn Foodbank'.

Please can you send food donations starting next Monday (5th October). There will be boxes for children to place their donations into.

Information on what foods are good to donate to the Foodbank can be found at:

<https://blackburn.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

NEXT WEEK: Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School Week at St. Francis!

This year we invite you to join us in celebrating the **incredible physical and mental health benefits walking brings to every individual.**

Strong hearts, healthy bones, increased muscle strength are all well-documented outcomes of walking, but the benefits for the mind are just as powerful. Increased sense of calm and self-esteem, time to connect with friends, family and the natural world, awakened creativity and improved overall cognitive function, phew! **All that**

makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom!

Each pupil will be challenged to walk, cycle, scoot or 'park and stride' (from Preston Old Road) – we hope as many families can get involved as possible!



NEXT WEEK: Mental Health Day – Friday 9th October

World Mental Health Day takes place on 10th October so we will acknowledge the day on Friday 9th October in school.

The following website is a good link to view: <https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day/>

To acknowledge and raise awareness about mental health, please WEAR YELLOW next Friday.

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

If you have not downloaded the app yet, please do. Any difficulties with accounts, please do let us know. ParentMail is no longer used by St. Francis. All parent communication will be used through School Spider.

Healthy Eating Week

Well done to the children who completed activities from Healthy Eating Week!

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.

National Poetry Day – Theme: Vision

Well done to Spence, Lex & Vinnie for winning our poetry competition. Thank you Mrs Musa for organising. There has been lots of fun with poetry this week! We will share an EYFS video next week too.

Lex:



of writing us
Celebration
we will be

Vinnie:

WHEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR

**WHEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR,
I SEE A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN,
WITH THE BLESSING OF VISION,
AND HE LIKES HAM.**

**WHEN HE LOOKS INTO THE FUTURE,
HE FINDS VISION IS GOOD,
AND HE IS ADMIRER,
BY THE WHOLE NEIGHBOURHOOD.**

**WHEN HE LOOKS IN THE PAST,
HE SEES HIS FIRST VISION,
TO WHEN HE WAS BORN AND HIS MOTHER KNEW,
HE WAS HER BEST DECISION.**

THE END

By
Vinnie

Spencer:

Spencer's Poem

MY VISION MY MISSION

My name is spencer king
And here is my vision
I want you all to understand
And that will be my mission

I want the world to know
How I feel inside
So that I can be proud
And never need to hide

Sometimes I see things differently
And so I might get upset
Just want you to understand
I have no control of this yet

Sometimes things annoy me
And this may seem silly to you
It's the way my brain works sometimes I don't know what to do

The little things that bother me
As silly as they are
Going a different direction
Or my mum getting a new car

Smells sounds taste and touch
Are very sensitive to me
This makes it hard to concentrate
It's not my fault you see

That's why I have a teacher
To help me day to day
To help me cope with school
And to guide me in the best way

My vision is to write a poem
That helps you understand
So that if you see me upset or hurt
You can offer me a hand

Disabilities can be hidden
So be kind to everyone
This is my mission
With help from my mum