



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: 09.10.2020

Worship Theme

We have continued our value of **kindness** and we also looked at how we can be thankful in tough times. We heard about Paul and Silas being jailed and how they continued to praise God. We thought about what this could teach us whilst we live our lives and linked it to living through the current pandemic. We discussed how we can keep focus on what is good and kind as well as acknowledging the difficult times.



Talk to your child(ren) about:

- What has happened today that was good?
- How did you feel during the good time?
- What has happened today that was tricky?
- How did you feel during the tricky time?
- What did you do during the tricky time to receive help or to help yourself?

Year 3 – Special Worship

A HUGE well done to Year 3 for their amazing online special worship. The worship was all about harvest. Unfortunately, some technical issues have meant the quality of sound is poor in places so please bear with it. I am sure you can still see what an amazing job they all did. You can watch this worship by using the following link:

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

Harvest – Blackburn Foodbank

A big thank you to everyone who donated items of food for the Blackburn Foodbank.



Walk to School Week

Well done to all the children who have successfully taken part in Walk to School Week this week.

Mental Health Day

Thank you to everyone for wearing the colour YELLOW today. It has been a great day discussing feelings and what to do when we don't feel quite right. We talked about 'it's OK not to be OK' and ways of how to seek help from safe adults.



Reminder: 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.

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.

Website Updates

Please note the following updates that have taken place on our school website and the links to navigate to the information.

Review of our 2019/20 development plan	https://st-francis-cofe-school.secure-primariesite.net/school-development/
2020/21 development plan	https://st-francis-cofe-school.secure-primariesite.net/school-development/
All about Phonics Teaching and Learning Booklet	https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-francis-cofe-school/UploadedDocument/3fc530692cf74302b0a4f07f88962396/st-francis-church-of-england-primary-school-phonics-teaching.pdf
KS1 Reading Booklet – including information about VIPERS – questions for developing children’s reading comprehension	https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-francis-cofe-school/UploadedDocument/de47a78d35b6435d9cdcc0eddababd39/st-francis-church-of-england-primary-school-eyfs.ks1-reading-procedures.pdf
KS2 Reading Booklet – including information about VIPERS – questions for developing children’s reading comprehension	https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-francis-cofe-school/UploadedDocument/630077b111d64365a299711d6d392698/st-francis-church-of-england-primary-school-ks2-reading-procedures.pdf
Curriculum information: Subject visions Curriculum maps per subject	https://st-francis-cofe-school.secure-primariesite.net/curriculum/

Our school website has a significant amount of information relating to our school operating procedures and children’s learning.

Remote and Blended Learning

If your child is off school ill, then no access to learning will be available, however, if your child is absent due to self-isolation and they are well then access to learning will be facilitated. Whilst the school remains open, children will be invited to join lessons virtually. The office staff will run through a series of questions relating to the absence so appropriate provisions can be made.

Punctuality

As the morning gate procedure has become much slicker, we now need to ensure all children are through the gate by 08:50 so children and teachers are not being disrupted by late pupils. It is so important that children do not arrive late as they miss vital morning procedures, information relating to the day and start of the day learning.

COVID Procedures – Positive Tests

In the event a positive COVID test is received for a pupil, please can you inform the school office without delay. If a positive test result was to be received during a weekend, please email office@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk with the subject of the email ‘URGENT – POSITIVE TEST’. As you can imagine, there are a series of actions we need to take as a school so the early we are informed the better! Thankfully, we have not had to close any classes yet...let’s hope this remains the case!

Year 3 – A note from Mrs Carter

On 21st October, Year 3 will be having a Q&A zoom session with David Wilkinson from ‘The Canal and River Trust’. As half-term approaches, don’t forget to complete some of the challenge badge activities and collect the sponsor money for our class charity. Thank you as always for your support.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards



We are taking part in the CAULIFLOWER Christmas Project raising money for our School!

GIFT LABELS Perfect for presents

MUGS Great multi-coloured snowflake design
Pupil name goes here

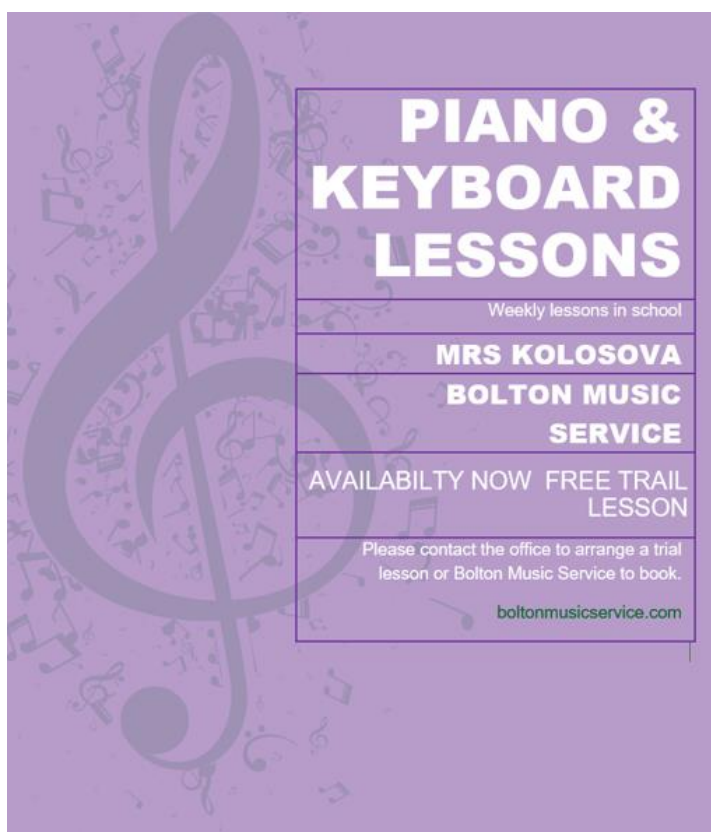
CARDS Packs of 12 High Quality cards
New custom card greetings including a choice of fonts and emojis!

WRAPPING PAPER INCLUDES 2 FREE GIFT TAGS!

ARTWORK MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:
Monday 19th October

CAULIFLOWER GROUP LTD.
WWW.CAULIFLOWERCARDS.CO.UK

Piano and Keyboard Lessons



PIANO & KEYBOARD LESSONS

Weekly lessons in school

**MRS KOLOSOVA
BOLTON MUSIC SERVICE**

AVAILABILITY NOW FREE TRAIL LESSON

Please contact the office to arrange a trial lesson or Bolton Music Service to book.

boltonmusicservice.com

Purple Mash

Well done to all the children who are engaging with Purple Mash. I have seen some excellent pieces of work

Flu Immunisation

For reasons that we do not know, the flu immunisations did not take place today. We have been told they will contact us with another date soon. We will let you know when we have been given a new date.

Mathletics

Unfortunately, due to poor engagement with Mathletics, it is likely we will have to stop our subscription.

Playtime Snacks - Morning

It is a long time between breakfast and lunchtime so if you wish to send your child with a snack for morning playtime, please do. Please be mindful of healthy diets when choosing what to give for a snack.

School Facebook Page

If you have not done so already, please like our Facebook page.

@stfrancisceprimary

Year 6 – Roving Reporters

Year 6 Newspaper Reporters have set up a Purple Mash blog to spread their news!

Access:

<https://www.purplemash.com/blog?sharedLinkMode=1#/app/blog/5f80442fb8c85d11f47fde27/>

Thank you for your continuing support. If you do have any questions or need to speak to a member of the St. Francis team, please do get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend. Mr Kewley