



# St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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## School Newsletter

**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.

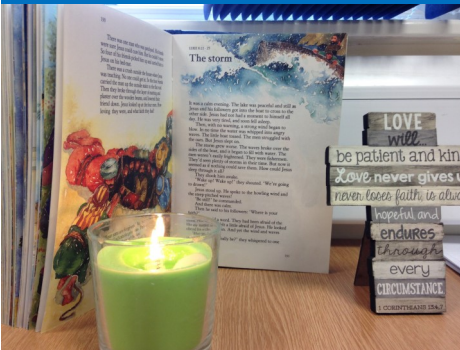
**School Mission Statement:** Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

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

Date: 16.10.2020

### Worship Theme

For our Worship this morning, we have been thinking about the story Jesus Calms the Storm.



### Speak to your child about...

- What does trust mean?
- What does faith mean?
- What does it mean to 'Love Faith'?
- Can we be thankful for the good things around us when we are in times of trouble?



### British Values / Global Neighbours



**British Values**  
12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October  
**Mutual Respect**  
If I try to do what I can to protect our amazing planet, it will create a better world for everyone to live in.



### Parents' Evening - Wednesday 4th November

Bookings for Parents' Evening will go live on Monday morning. Parents/Carers will be able to book appointments through the School Spider app.



Parent appointments will be completed via virtual meetings using Microsoft Teams.

### Cauliflower Cards

Artwork for Cauliflower Cards must be handed in to school on Monday to ensure orders can be completed in time. There are going to be some amazing personalised Christmas cards!



### Robinwood

Discussions with Robinwood continue and a decision is yet to be finalised. All money paid to this date will be given back to parents/carers if the trip is cancelled.

### Spare Uniform

If you have spare uniform suitable for our EYFS children, please send in. This will be for the 'just in case' moments! Thanks in advance.

### New Food Menu - Autumn 2

After the October half-term, there will be a new food menu launched. This menu will include hot meals once again. We have settled into a rhythm and are now able to provide this. Watch this space as the menu will be shared soon.

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### Year 4 - Advanced Notice

Year 4 will be learning about the Egyptians after half-term and they are planning an Egyptian dress up day!



### NEXT WEEK - Year 5 and 6

On Monday 19th, our Year 5 and 6 will experience a Diwali Dance Workshop. This will take place in the afternoon. If it is not already, please make sure your child comes to school in their PE clothes ready for to dance!

### Year 6 - Well done!

Our Year 6 children have completed some past SATS papers last week. They have been so grown up and WOW...I am very proud of you all!

### Havest Donations

Thanks again for all donations for Blackburn Foodbank. We will accept donations up to Thursday 22nd next week.

Thank you!

## Letter-join - Logging in from Home

We use a handwriting scheme called 'Letter-join'. With this scheme, there is a home login details. To support your child to improve their handwriting, please access the following resource.

# Letter-join Home log-in

Dear Parents,

Our school is now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and our pupils can log in to the Letter-join website on iPads and tablets as well as desktop and laptop computers at home. There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources that we use at school.



### PC DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Log in at [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk) and use the Desktop log-in option with these details:

User name: **jk6643**

Password: **home**

#### PC Browsers:

Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs/Macs:

- Google Chrome
- Firefox
- Safari

Do not use Internet Explorer.

### IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk) and use the Tablet log-in option with these details:

User name: **jk6643**

Swipe code  
(starting at top left):

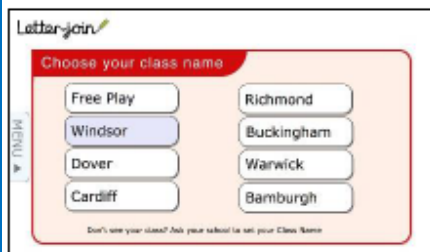


#### Tablet/iPad Browsers:

Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running iOS7 and above through the Safari browser.
- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome, Firefox or Opera.

### Choose a Classroom



Once logged-in, choose your child's classroom and you can use Letter-join's resources and fun activities to reinforce the handwriting we teach at school. You can trace over the letters and words and play the games on your tablet.

We are limited to the number of users who can log in to this account, so please do not share these log-in details.

### Parking - Please keep our children safe and our neighbours happy!

The road leading up to the school gate has been much better in the recent weeks gone by. If possible, please avoid coming up to the school gate by car. Please continue to respect the yellow zig-zag lines by not parking or stopping on them. Please keep the turning circle clear outside the school gates too.

We have had some complaints from local residents with their drives getting blocked by school traffic. Please be respectful where you park.



## PTA: We need YOU!!!!

The school is becoming more dependent on fund-raising revenue and the PTA plays a vital part in supplementing the budget. Some members have stepped down as their children have now gone to "big school", so we'd love to have new members join us with fresh ideas. We would especially like more Year 1 and Reception parents/carers to join us.

You can offer as little or as much of your time as is possible, either helping to organise events or simply helping out on the day. There is no pressure to make a regular commitment- just do what you can, when you can! We typically run 3 or 4 events per year, and last year we raised about £3,500 which went towards paying for things such as field trips, external visitors and school/classroom resources. These are all things which make our children's time at St Francis even more enjoyable.

Events are still being planned for this school year, albeit in different formats due to current restrictions that are in place. At the moment, we aren't able to run events where children and families are in close contact so discos and Christmas fairs won't be possible. We still plan to have lots of other fun events though so our children don't miss out. We need your help to plan and run these events.

PTA meetings take place (currently via Zoom), on a monthly basis. These last for around an hour to discuss ideas and plan upcoming events and we'd really welcome your participation. If you can't commit to the meetings and you just want to be involved in helping out, that's no problem, just let us know.

If you are interested in helping out in any way at all, please email [pta@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk). It would be great to hear from you.



**St Francis School**

**DESIGN YOUR OWN FIREWORK Competition**

**BUILD IT, CRAFT IT, BAKE IT!**

**FREE COMPETITION. PRIZE FOR EVERY ENTRY. WRITE YOUR NAME AND CLASS ON YOUR DESIGN.**

**BRING YOUR DESIGNS INTO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

## 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](http://boltonmusicservice.com)

### October half-term

Please remember the school closes next Thursday 22nd October as Friday is a staff INSET day.

## Site Security

You will have noticed the amount of hand sanitizer units on the fence have been depleted. Unfortunately, these had been kicked off and smashed last weekend. As our budget is stretched to its limit with COVID-19 costs, please can I ask that if you see people trespassing on our school grounds, to call the police on either 101 or 999 if damage to property is taking place.

Another great week of learning. Please remember to send me an email with any achievements your child receives outside of school so we can share it during Celebration Worship. Have a great weekend! Mr Kewley