



# 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: 13.11.2020

### Worship Theme

We have held an 'interfaith week' this week. We have looked to increase our awareness and understanding of different world faiths. Please use the following links to understand the different aspects we have looked at...

#### Judaism:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73Wslne-FKq&list=PLcvEcrsF\\_9zLEkriUn7s2E8wDNkn7vgp&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73Wslne-FKq&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zLEkriUn7s2E8wDNkn7vgp&index=6)

#### Islam:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5c9-1zxPeA>

#### Sikhism:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXhV3dMxSzE>

#### Hinduism - Diwali:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Niy1XYspVfg>

We have spoken about the importance of respecting different religious beliefs. We spoke about how this links to the British Values.

### Speak to your child about...

Do you have a faith?

What do you believe?

What might other people believe?

Why is it important to understand and have knowledge of other faiths?

What are the British Values?

How do the school rules, school values and British Values link to 'interfaith week'?

How do we show kindness to those around you?

Can we be kind to everyone? Should we be?



### British Values / Global Neighbours



### British Values

9th – 15th November

#### Mutual Respect

Situations and circumstances around the world are always changing. Sometimes how we use certain things will change too. We should always try to think about different ways to use these things so that they do not go to waste.



### Birthday Celebrations

Just to remind, we are not allowing children to bring sweets in for their class friends because of COVID-19. We have requested prior to COVID that children bring in a book for the class library so they can enjoy a book on their birthday.

Thank you to an EYFS child for bringing in a book to share with their class friends this week! It was a great book about supporting children and their mental health. What will your celebration birthday book be about?



### Positive COVID Test?

Please remember, if you or your child was to test positive, please email <[office@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk)> with 'URGENT- POSITIVE TEST' as the subject during the weekend so appropriate action can be taken.

During the working week, please telephone to discuss.

Thanks in advance!

### Trim Trail

Due to insurance and COVID, please make sure your child does not play on the Trim Trail at the end of the school day.

### School Dinners



### Remote Learning

We are changing the form office staff will complete with you with regards to remote learning. Remote learning may take up to 48 hours to set up. During the time while you are waiting to interact with your child's teacher, please use Purple Mash and Mathletics. Please be aware that live lessons will only be given as an opportunity if it fits with the teacher's planning. For houses without internet or devices, a work pack will be used.

## School Photographs

Please can you return school photo orders to school by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

Tempest will be back in school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November to take photos for pupils in year 2 and 4. They will also take sibling photos for year 2 and 4. We are aware that some siblings may have PE on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and be in their kits. The photographer has confirmed that the photos will be taken of head shots only. Therefore, we are asking if your child has PE and you would like a sibling photo please send them in PE bottoms and trainers with school top and jumper.

## PTA News- Firework Competition update

Thank you to all the children who entered the 'Design a Firework' Competition. We had some fantastic entries! Every child who entered can collect their small entry prize from the School office. Well done! The three best entries have been chosen and these will be posted on the PTA Facebook page. We are asking parents and carers to vote on their favourite by Wednesday 18th November by 'liking' the best photo. The overall winner will then be announced. Good luck!

## Staff / Year Group Emails

As you are aware, we are now using year group emails to better increase parent contact, however, please be mindful that teachers will not be able to access their emails whilst they are teaching and do have a number of commitments after school. Your email will be responded to as soon as they can but it may take some time. If your query is important, it might be better to contact the school office.

## Anti-Bullying Week - NEXT WEEK!

Next week is national anti-bullying week. Once again, this is another opportunity that we will use to make the message around bullying will not be tolerated at St. Francis.

Many times, we find that the word bullying is overused and misunderstood by children so we will focus on what the working definition of bullying is and what bullying is not.

We will be looking at friendship difficulties and using drama to explore how bullying can cause negative impact upon other people's physical and mental health. More information: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying>

## Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

The launch of national anti-bullying week starts with 'Odd Socks Day'! Please choose your most *interesting* socks to wear but making sure they do not match!

Speak with your child as to the reason behind Odd Sock day and its link to anti-bullying week.

More information: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>

The graphic features a yellow background with puzzle pieces in purple, blue, and yellow. The text is arranged in puzzle pieces:

- UNITED AGAINST BULLYING
- #ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
- What part will you play this Anti-Bullying Week?
- ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2020
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November
- ODD SOCKS DAY 2020
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Look out for pictures of odd socks and different children giving their views on bullying and what to do via our school Facebook page next week!

We will share different video clips with the children and make these available on our school Facebook too.

## School Facebook Page

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

@stfrancisceprimary

## Celebration Worship

If your child completes anything outside of school that they are proud about and would like to share during Celebration Worship, please email a picture of their achievement and I will add it to the presentation.

## Clothing

Please can we ask that children have suitable clothing, including wellies for playtimes and lunchtimes outside.

Please remember to get in touch with one of the St. Francis team if you need to.

Happy weekend!

Mr Kewley

The banner features the text: "Join the conversation #WakeUpWednesday SUBSCRIBE to our mailing list today". It includes social media icons for Facebook (@nationalonlinesafety) and Twitter (@natonlinesafety). Below the banner is a screenshot of a Twitter profile for National Online Safety, showing follower and following counts.

## Online Safety

Check out National Online Safety - #WakeUpWednesday Campaign.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>