



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.

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Worship Theme



We have continued to think about advent and explore the meaning of the second candle. The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.

We discussed how this links to our mission statement of 'Love Faith'.

Speak to your child about...

What is the dictionary definition of faith?

What does the word faith mean to you?

How does having a faith help you prepare for events or situations?

What does the phrase 'have faith' mean to you?



British Values / Global Neighbours



British Values

7th – 13th December

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We all have memories that are a record of our lives and the experiences we have had.

Memories can evoke different feelings in each of us. Letters, photos and other special objects can bring these memories to life in different ways for different people.



Christmas Parties

Next week will be our Christmas parties for each class.

We are keeping them as safe as we can in light of Covid-19 measures so each class will have their party in their own classrooms or in the hall.

On their party day your child can come dressed in their party clothes.

KS2 children (not Y6) - Tuesday 15th December

EYFS, KS1 and Y6 children - Thursday 17th December



Positive COVID Test or Symptoms of COVID?

A new email address has been set up for reporting COVID-19 positive tests and / or symptoms. The new email address is

covid19@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk

Schools have been requested to continue to support track and trace for positive cases relating to a school setting into the Christmas holidays.

Any cases of COVID-19 symptoms or positive tests, please email the above email address to alert us, this includes weekends. This means appropriate action can take place in a timely manner.

School Dinners



CHANGE of PE Days

For the Spring Term (January to Easter holidays), please note the days for PE are changing.

EYFS: Tuesday & Thursday

Y1: Monday & Thursday

Y2: Tuesday & Friday

Y3: Monday & Friday

Y4: Tuesday & Thursday

Y5: Wednesday & TBC

Y6: Monday & Wednesday



Ventilation - COVID - Wrap Up!

The latest information regarding protective measures against transmission is around ensuring good ventilation of indoor spaces. This means that we have to have as many windows as possible open in all classrooms. As you can imagine, especially at this time of the year, it is making the classrooms feel rather cool in temperature. It is important that children come to school well wrapped up. They can wear extra layers underneath their uniform.

Please ensure that children are appropriately clothed for outdoor learning and outside playtimes.



Reading Books

Please ensure that school reading books are handed in next week.

It is really important that children continue to read over the Christmas holidays. If you have not already signed up to the library, please do this. This comes with the added benefit of being able to sign up for e-books so they can be read on different devices. This would be extra helpful to have in place in case of isolation and you are unable to visit the library.

Christmas Songs

Although we will not be able to invite parents/carers in to watch Christmas nativities this year, we are still planning to celebrate this season with parents and carers as much as we can.

Your child's class will be recording a Christmas song this week, which will be made into a video to be shared on our Facebook page next week.

Our Year 1 class are also busy practicing for their nativity performance which will be filmed and shared with parents and carers.



"A merry heart does good like medicine" Proverbs 17:22



Thank You ASDA!

Thank you to Asda for donating oranges for our Year 4 children to make Christingles. We will share some photos of this soon!

School Facebook Page

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

@stfrancisprimary

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.

New Website

Please note that our new school website has gone live. The website address is the same and the photographs on the front page will be updated in time! Missing content that has not been transferred will be re-uploaded. This should mean the website now syncs with the School Spider app.

School Closes

Please remember that school closes at 1pm next Friday 18th December. Gates will open at 1pm prompt and we request all children are collected by 1.15pm.

Online Safety

Check out National Online Safety - #WakeUpWednesday Campaign.

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



Love People!

Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. Please remember there are organisations who can help you if you feel you need to talk to someone.



Mind Infoline:

Call 0300 123 3393

or text 86463

A really busy week meeting to discuss all children's progress this week. So many happy stories of thriving children!

Happy weekend! Mr Kewley