



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 been thinking about new beginnings and different seasons this week. We have taken time to pause and acknowledge the storms that currently surround us. We have explored how we feel and discussed misconceptions to support children's knowledge and understanding. We have spoken about people's beliefs and faith. We have spoken about who can support us in times of need. Christians believe that God is faithful and will help through the storms.

Speak to your child about...

What are you thankful for?

What worries you?

What questions do you have?

Listen to the following piece of music
- Faithful God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1NSU2Lqo-g>

What do you think about from listening to this song or what questions does it make you think of?

What prayer could we say?



British Values / Global Neighbours



British Values

4th – 10th January 2021

Individual Liberty

If we make the choice to own a pet, we know that we have a responsibility to take care of all its needs.



School Update and Thanks!

What a week! I am one very proud and happy headteacher and that is because of the amazing St. Francis community - staff, parents/carers and children. I am thankful for your understanding with my decision to remain closed last Tuesday so we could properly prepare and organise. I am thankful to the staff, who have adapted with such great resilience and determination to do their very best for their children. Staff have learned lots of new skills! I am thankful to all of you - parents/carers - for supporting us and for such words of encouragement. It has been an all time low this week listening to our Secretary of State for Education encouraging parents/carers to complain to Ofsted with regards to remote learning. I have witnessed amazing learning this week on zoom and Purple Mash. Please ensure you give yourselves a pat on the back as I am sure you are juggling jobs, home learning and many other aspects so please remember to be kind to yourselves!

Teaching staff will continue to contact you via email to alert you of timetables, zoom links and any other work associated. If you are not receiving the correct information, please ensure you emailed your year group teacher using your preferred email address.

Lockdown - Need help?

If you are struggling with any aspect of lockdown, please do contact us! We may not have the direct answer but we may know of a service that can help.

If your finances change and you think you are eligible for Free School Meals - please apply at: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

Unfortunately, the last lockdown saw a rise in Domestic Abuse cases. Domestic Abuse is not OK and there is support and help even in lockdown. Please reach out to people around you and if we can help, please contact us and ask to speak to either Mr Kewley, Mrs Foster or Mrs Algar.

If food is a difficulty, we are able to make referrals to the Food Bank and the Winter Food Scheme so do please contact us.

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.

We held our first virtual Celebration Worship today and although tweaks to make - WOW! How amazing to see so many St. Francis children/families. I am aware that the sound for the music was glitch but the consensus is we will sing that song each week and therefore, if the sound pauses, you can carry on singing with gusto!

Please can I ask that everyone joins Celebration Worship on mute and the chat function is only used by children when they have been asked to type a response.

Remote Learning Expectations

Within the latest government guidance, they are requesting that EYFS and KS1 children complete up to 3 hours of remote learning and KS2 children complete 4 hours of remote learning.

Staff, for purposes of safeguarding and engagement, will be completing registers per zoom sessions and monitoring engagement on Purple Mash. We understand that juggling all the various aspects at present will be difficult so please speak to us if you need some support.

Technical Support

If any parent requires any basic technical support to access Zoom and or Purple Mash, please contact the school and this will be arranged for you.

Year Group Emails

Please be aware that emails sent to teacher's year group emails are unlikely to be read and actioned during the day as they are teaching. If you are having technical difficulties, please call the office.

School Facebook Page

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

@stfrancisprimary

Year 5 Parents' Evening

The Year 5 parents' evening has been rearranged. This will take place across two days - Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th January 2021. Information regarding the booking of these appointments has been sent out separately to Y5 parents/carers.

Positive COVID Test or Symptoms of COVID?

If your child(ren) develop any COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive, please report this to school by emailing us at: <COVID19@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk>.

Please report COVID-19 symptoms and positive tests even if your child is not in school provision.

The application process for key workers has closed and is not being viewed. If you need to discuss a place, please call the office. You will then be asked to complete the paperwork.

Online Safety -

As children likely spend more time on the internet across different devices, please continue to ensure your children operate safely. The internet is amazing in so many ways, however, it is incredibly important that children continued to be educated about the dangers and what they can do to ensure they keep themselves safe.

Check out National Online Safety - #WakeUpWednesday Campaign.

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



Mental Health - Be Kind and Seek Support

The lockdown situation is difficult. If you are struggling and is negatively impacting upon your mental health then please seek support.



School Dinners



It is great to be back, although, not quite the start to Spring 1 that I had planned! Thank you to so many parents for their kind words over the last month. We are all in this together and I am convinced that Team St. Francis will continue to flourish over the coming weeks and months.

Mr Kewley