



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

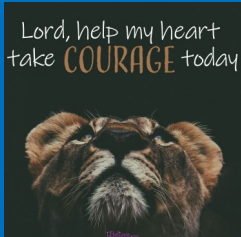
School Vision: Our aim at St. Francis Church of England Primary School is to guide our children to live fulfilling lives, rooted in the values taught by Jesus based on the gospel value of love for one another.

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 thinking about the values of: faithfulness, courage and truthfulness .

This week we carried on the story in the book of Esther in the bible. Esther showed great courage by going to the King to raise the matter of his aid Heman and his plan that was agreed to hurt the Jews. The king listened and the Esther's people were saved. We spoke to the children about times when they may have to show great courage like Esther.

Speak to your child about...

How did Esther show courage?

Was her initial response to Mordecai one of courage?

What do you know about Jews?

Who do you think Esther trusted and made her feel courageous?

How could you show courage like Esther?

What are you thankful for this week?

How could you show your thankfulness to those around you?

What prayer could we say?



Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/19-20/84388>)



18th-24th January
How can we show our thanks to those who help us?

British Values

18th – 24th January 2021

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Every individual has their own idea about how to say thank you to others. I respect the fact that their ideas may not be the same as mine.



Well done children and parents!

A huge thank you and well done to all those parents and carers who are supporting their children at home. You are doing a great job. Thank you for supporting your child with the computer, unmuting and muting and supporting your child to complete and submit their work.



Government Message

We are asked to reiterate the government message. During this national lockdown, please ensure you follow the rules in order to support the reduction in infection rate and reduce the pressure on our NHS. Together we can help.

Please act as if you have the virus.



School Library

Exciting news! The final design for our new school has been completed and should be being installed near February half-term.

I am very thankful to the PTA as they have agreed to fund the new library. THANK YOU PTA!! Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported PTA events.

The library will sit within our newly refurbished room - the old ICT suite. This room will slowly become our 'Research Hub' with access to books, use of laptops and a green screen. Face-to-face music lessons will also be taught in this room in the future.



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. Please send to <head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk>. The link for Celebration Worship is: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined our virtual Celebration Worship today! It was a great way to end to the week!

Staff Testing—COVID-19

You may or may not be aware that from next week (hopefully!), all staff who wish to will be completing a COVID-19 test on a twice weekly basis. Unless circumstances change this, testing will be carried out on a Monday and Thursday evening. If a member of staff's results are negative, this will not change the operation of school. If a staff's members test is positive, the class bubble will close. The next working day will be given to the teacher to undertake a PCR test and to prepare remote learning. Please note the scenarios below:

Staff tests positive on a Monday. On the Tuesday there will be no live lessons and children will be asked to continue learning on Mathletics, Purple Mash, Letter Join and Spelling Frame. On the Wednesday, live lessons will commence.

Staff tests positive on a Thursday. On the Friday there will be no live lessons and children will be asked to continue learning on Mathletics, Purple Mash, Letter Join and Spelling Frame. On the Monday, live lessons will commence.

Staff will be using Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) and current guidance states that a positive LFT result requires a Polymerase Chain Reaction test (PCR). There is a possibility that a member of staff could test positive using a LFT and the class closes but then tests negative using the PCR test. Guidance states that classes would then reopen in this scenario.

Global Neighbours - Update

We have had an update from the work we have produced so far. Our mentor has identified excellent strengths and wants us now to gain more evidence of how our St. Francis children act upon their knowledge of global matters. This will link to various learning through the curriculum and our class charities. This is about our children being courageous advocates for global matters and that their actions go some way to improve our world that we all live in.

Starting soon, we will be featuring a 'Global Hero - What actions can you do to improve the world' section in our newsletter. Please use this section to support your child's understanding of various global matters and encourage them to be the change that they want to see.

If your child has already been a Global Hero, then please send photographs to your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your support in this area.



Adult Learning

Attached to the email containing this newsletter, you will also find a document that outlines the different activities taking place next week run by BwD's Adult Learning team.

Please remember to prioritise St. Francis learning though!

Mental Health Week and Storytelling Week

During week beginning 1st February, we will be celebrating National Children's Mental Health Week and National Storytelling week. Miss Ryding and Mrs Foster are planning a creative week full of lovely activities. As the theme for Mental Health week is 'Express Yourself' so advance warning...Friday 5th February children can come to school wearing clothes that expresses themselves. It would be really good for children to be able to articulate the reason why.

Mobile Internet

You may well know but if you need your mobile data to stretch further, the government have worked with phone providers to help. This is to support remote learning. Speak to your mobile provider.

Lockdown Help, including Food Boxes

If finances are tight and you are struggling, please do contact us and we can complete a referral for a food box for you.

If there are aspects of lockdown that you are finding hard, reach out and we will help by speaking to you and signposting to relevant support.

School Facebook Page

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

@stfrancisprimary

Check for updated photographs from this week!

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.

Please note a really good website containing great resources to support children's mental health: <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/coronavirus>

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I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Kewley