



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

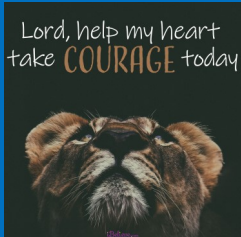
School Vision: Our aim at St. Francis Church of England Primary School is to guide our children to live fulfilling lives, rooted in the values taught by Jesus based on the gospel value of love for one another.

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

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

Date: 29.01.2021

Worship Theme



This week we looked at another biblical character - Gideon. We saw this person show great courage. He trusted God and he was able to defeat a giant army with far fewer people.

Gideon had to make a conscious decision to trust God and know it was OK to feel uncomfortable. We spoke to children about what situations make them feel uncomfortable and who they can turn to, who their trusted adults are.

Speak to your child about...

How did Gideon show courage?

How did Gideon defeat the large army?

Who are the people that you would trust and ask to help you if you had to do something that seemed scary?

Prayer:

Dear God,

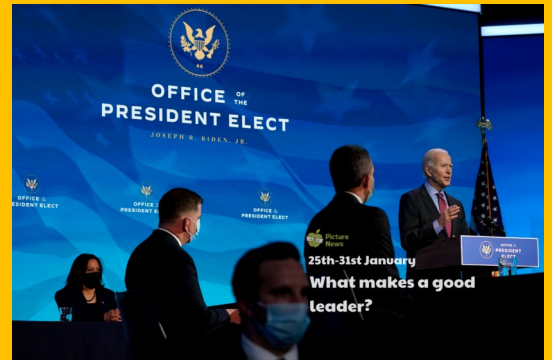
When I feel afraid...help me to trust you God. When I feel lonely...help me to trust you God. When I feel angry...help me to trust you God.

When I feel hurt...help me to trust you God.

Thank you that I can trust you. Amen



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



British Values
 25th – 31st January 2021
Democracy
 Many countries hold votes to allow people the choice to decide who will become their leader. When a leader of a democracy is elected, he or she agrees to listen to the opinions of the people.

Well done Parents/Carers

Once again, I am blown away by the excellent home learning and the support you are giving your children at home. The quality and creativity of the work being completed fills me with joy. Please take time to be kind to yourselves at the weekend as you juggle various commitments.

Thank you for your support!



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.



Children's Mental Health Week - Next week!

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Express Yourself'.

Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

We will be completing many activities next week that support children to express their emotions. It is good to talk and it is OK not to be OK. These are such important messages that our children need to hear to ensure they have the tools to be mentally healthy people.

Please donate to the work of the charity leading the national campaign, by giving online to our 'collection pot'. We have set ourselves a target of £200. Please give at: <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/83210/#>

0 contributions
 7 days left

add to this pot

© Pot closes on 5th February 2021

EXPRESS YOURSELF - Children's Mental Health Week - Friday 5th February

On Friday 5th February, children are asked to come to school wearing clothes that link to the 'EXPRESS YOURSELF' theme. Ideally, we want children to be able to articulate how their clothing choice expresses themselves.

Children will be completing a standard school timetable and therefore, I do ask that you give consideration to health and safety matters - sensible footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather and ventilated classrooms.

We are asking everyone at home to join in too! We will be asking for photographs!



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: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWV0UyNTZnRWxwUT09)

[pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWV0UyNTZnRWxwUT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWV0UyNTZnRWxwUT09) Thanks to everyone who joined us this week! See you next Friday!

Staff Testing—COVID-19

Staff have now commenced their twice weekly testing regime. Staff are testing themselves 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.

Global Action Heroes

We have had our first GLOBAL ACTION HERO this week. Someone who completed different activities relating to the Canals and Rivers Trust badge. The GLOBAL ACTION HERO used correct food for the ducks, looked after a section of the waterway and made a bird feeder from recycled plastic to feed the birds.

Do you know what your children are frustrated about in the world? To create positive change, children need to know about, and understand, some of the negative things happening in our communities. Some children may be personally affected by issues like poverty or homelessness.

Encourage your child to think about what they could do to be a GLOBAL ACTION HERO. We will celebrate our GLOBAL ACTION HEROES every Friday during Celebration Worship.

Could you campaign, fundraise and or volunteer?



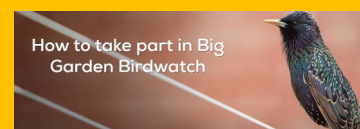
Kindness Pack - British Red Cross

Attached to the email containing this newsletter, you will also find a document that is a kindness pack from British Red Cross. It has some lovely activities to complete that are centred around 'KINDNESS'.

This links to our school values. I hope you have fun discussing and completing the activities.

RSPB - Big Garden Birdwatch - THIS WEEKEND

Go to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/> to find out everything you need to know about taking part! Have fun!



Science and Future Aspirations

Our latest edition of 'Science and Future Aspirations' has gone live today. Find it on our school website or on our Facebook Page.

Who would like to feature next?

ParentPay - Outstanding Payments

As we head towards the end of the financial year, we have a lot of work to do with regards to our budget. To support us with this, please check your ParentPay accounts and ensure you are up-to-date with any payments. Please ensure your balance is cleared ASAP. Thanks.

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