



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

School Vision: As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

'I have come to give you life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

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

Date: 21.11.22

Collective Worship - This week...

We continued our Worship series this week on 'The Word'.

We looked at the bible verse from John Chapter 3 verse 16, which says, *'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'*

We spoke about how Christians believe this is a message for them today. It is a message of hope, a sure knowing that, with a relationship with Jesus, they will spend eternity with God in heaven. We spoke about how Christians believe that Jesus came as a bright light to overcome darkness. We talked about what a light in darkness means and how we could be lights in our friendships, in our classes, in our families and in our communities.



Talk to your child(ren) about...

Discuss with your child the following questions:



What do you think about the Bible verse spoken about today?

How does the Bible verse make you feel?

What does the Bible verse make you think about?

Is there anyone you want to think about or pray for?

Discussion around our vision:
What does it mean to Love Faith?
How can you show Love Faith?

What does it mean to Love People?
How can you show Love People?

What does it mean to Love Learning?
How can you show Love Learning?

How does our vision link to the British Values?

Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/picture-news-at-home/84388>)



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

World sports events provide an opportunity to learn about other countries and their cultures. Life is not the same for everyone and we can respect our differences.



Upcoming Dates:

Year 3 Class and Mr Higginson's music tuition pupils performance - Tuesday 29th November 2:30-3:15pm

Christmas Tree Service - Friday 2nd December 9-9:45am

Christmas Jumper Day - PTA chocolate/bottle donations - Friday 2nd December

Year 5 RE Lesson Visit 'Christmas around the World' - Tuesday 6th December 2:30-3:30pm

PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 9th December 3:30-5:30pm

Year 6 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 13th December 7-8pm (Doors open 6:30pm)

Mrs Kolosova's music tuition pupils—Wednesday 14th December 9-9:45am

Year 1 Nativity - Wednesday 14th December 2-3pm

For more dates, please go to: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/parentcarer-partnership/128152>

Christmas Holiday:

Just to remind you that school closes on Thursday 15th December at 1pm. Term dates can be found on our [website](#).

Attendance Policy:

We have recently updated our Attendance Policy. Please find this on our [website](#). The policy is part of our safeguarding portfolio.

Expected attendance is 96%. Children falling below 90% are classed as Persistence Absence. During WB 5th December, official attendance monitoring will take place and children's attendance and/or punctuality noted as poor will receive communication from school.

Music Opportunity



Balderstone Brass Band

We are a local brass band offering the chance to learn a new skill, contribute to the community, make some new friends and help preserve the tradition of brass bands in the UK.

If you're interested - please reach out below or come along for an informal chat any Monday evening at Mellor Village Hall.

6.30pm - Training band, free group tuition and free instrument hire
7.30pm - Main band

More information:
www.balderstonebrassband.co.uk
Or find us on Facebook

Eco-Warrior Support

Who has a passion for working with children and supporting their understanding of Eco matters? If this could be you - we would love to hear from you! We would like some support from someone with these passions to run our Eco-Warrior leader group. If this could be you, please contact Mr Kewley.

Online Safety Parent Support

We have signed up to the National Online Safety platform so parents/carers can have access. This means you can complete courses around how to keep your child safe as they connect using the online world and download supporting resources. More information about this can be found on our [website](#). The link to sign up to the platform as a parent/carer is: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-francis-c-of-e-primary-school>

Mrs Foster

We send much love and prayers to Mrs Foster as she will be away from school recovering from an operation.

