



ST.FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**'We care for each other and we
always try to do our best'**

Dates for Diaries

7th October 2016

13th October: 2.30pm

Harvest Service in Church

17th-20th October:

Parent meetings

19th October:

1.30pm Open afternoon

20th October:

1.30pm Barnacre Road
Netball and Football
tournament.

21st October:

Halloween Disco-6.00pm-
7.30pm

27th October: 9.30am

Macmillan Coffee
Morning Concert

Saint Francis Family Mass:

We have some beautiful art work in school that the children have created in response to a week of praise to St.Francis. The art work will be displayed in church this weekend for all to see. Please do come to Family Mass this Sunday at 9.30am. Our Harvest celebration is on Thursday at 2.30pm. You are all most welcome to attend.

Pilgrim Statue visit to St.Francis'

On Monday, Alston Lane Catholic Primary School brought us the Sacred Heart Statue. We had a welcome assembly for the statue, which represents Christ as Prophet, Christ as King and Christ as Priest. We have undertaken class work about the statue and have added this to the Lancaster school's portfolio of work that accompanied the statue. You can see more information about this on our school website under 'R.E.'



HARVEST

Let us not become weary in
doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.
GALATIANS 6:9

A very kind donation-to say the least!
Our sincere thanks goes out to a business owner who has made our new trim trail possible. The children absolutely love our new trim trail area, which also contains a mini -stage. This incredibly kind anonymous donation has also meant that our Willow Dome area could have a mulch surface, enabling all year round use for outdoor lessons.



THE YEAR OF READING!

Last year, we worked very hard on improving writing opportunities for children. We focused on creativity, enjoyment, cross-curricular writing and quantity of writing across all subjects. We are now focusing on reading for pleasure, building up stamina to answer comprehension questions in detail and pace!

We have called this year our 'Year of Reading' and we want you to join in!

Our extreme reading challenge has begun! Please take a picture of your child reading in an unusual place and send it into school. We have created a display board in our school hall, where all of the pictures will be displayed. We have already taken some in school and they are very amusing.



Some children described themselves as 'busy bees' and I certainly agree.

Our Year 5 children have been on a pilgrimage to Lancaster with other Catholic Primary schools belonging to Lancaster Diocese. We have celebrated the Feast of St. Francis and we have also been preparing for our Harvest Liturgy. We have been learning some traditional and modern songs for this celebration-one not to be missed. For Harvest, we are collecting food to make food parcels, which will be sent overseas. Each class will collect different goods to support this worthy cause. We are focusing on our global family as part of our Year of Mercy Mission together. We thank you for your support. Over the past year, we have immersed ourselves in fundraising and I am sure that we are making a difference to others' lives-no matter how small a difference we think we are making. I am very pleased to tell you that Tallulah has raised £1,566.46 for the 'Little Princess Trust' and we couldn't be more proud. Well done. We thank you all for your support.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Meetings will be held from Monday 17th-Thursday 20th October inclusive. Sign up sheets are in the School Entrance area. Meetings will be for 20 minutes per child.

Open Afternoon

Please tell friends and family about our Open Afternoon. This is on Wednesday 19th October at 1.30pm. You are all welcome to come and see the school and our new classrooms.

Coffee Morning Concert

We are raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Children in the school band, instrumentalists, the school choir and each class will be performing. It is something for all to attend but we need your support. We are kindly asking for cake donations to share on the morning of the concert-27th October at 9.30am. With our many thanks.

