



ST.FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**18th
September**

DATES FOR DIARIES

22nd September: Jeans for Genes Day (£1 donation, children can wear jeans for the day). Year 5 at Cobble Hey.

25th September: 9.10am
Welcome assembly for new starters led by Year 6

26th September: 3:30pm
Maths Calculation

Workshop for parents in the school hall

29th September: 2:00pm
Harvest Celebration/
Macmillan Coffee Concert

2nd and 3rd October:

Bikeability for Beacon Class

4th October: 9.15am Feast of St.Francis' Mass in Church

6th October: INSET DAY

16th-19th October:

Parent meetings

20th October:

Halloween Disco 6.00-7.30pm:

PTFA event in the school hall

27th October: Break up for the half term holidays

Don't forget to download our school APP from:

'OURSCHOOLSAPP' and search PR32FJ.

Our calendar will sync with your phone and you will receive all updates and news instantly.

Dear parents/carers,
We are delighted with how well our children have settled back into school life and we continue to work together for the positive benefit of all within our school and wider community.

It is with sadness that I inform you of Mrs McDade's career break. You may remember that Mrs. McDade had an unfortunate accident last year and broke her hip and humerus, which meant a long recovery in hospital and at home. Mrs. McDade is still recovering from this and feels that she needs time to rest. Her last day will be on Friday 29th September and we will celebrate her time here in the afternoon concert. Mrs. McDade is one of the most positive and caring people I have met and we will miss her greatly. You are all welcome to attend the concert and saying a fond farewell to Mrs. McDade. I know she will continue to be a much loved familiar face in our school.

Topics across school

Pre-School: At the Seaside

Pendle: Farm Life and interesting animals

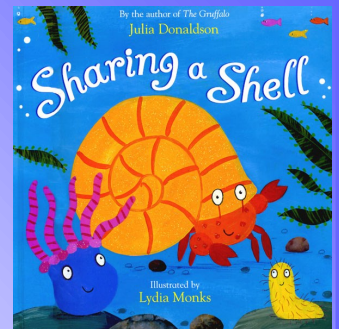


Parlick: Nature and Fantastic Mr. Fox

Fairsnape: Skeletons and the human body

Beacon: Survival

You should all have received a curriculum topic map to inform you what your child will be learning in each subject this half term. Topic maps will be sent home at the beginning of each new half term.



ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM...

Friends of KENYA...

You may remember that last year we had a very special assembly delivered by Mr Alan Whelan. He has been working to support the development of a school in Kenya and we are helping too. We have gathered old resources and books to send to the children in Kenya, who have very little, and we have become pen pals with the children.

Beacon Class have been the first class to write letters and send pictures to the children and we will be extending this to the whole school.

Mrs Whelan has come to take the resources directly to Kenya. You will see some pictures of our exciting global links very soon.

We will be welcoming Miss Lupton, a student teacher in Beacon Class, from The Catholic Teaching Alliance. She will begin a 4 week placement in October. Our school works very closely alongside our small school Catholic cluster and The Catholic Teaching Alliance. We continue to maintain strong links with High Schools and other Primary Schools.

After School Clubs Autumn Half Term 2017

MONDAY - Football (KS2)

TUESDAY—Diddy Dribblers (KS1)

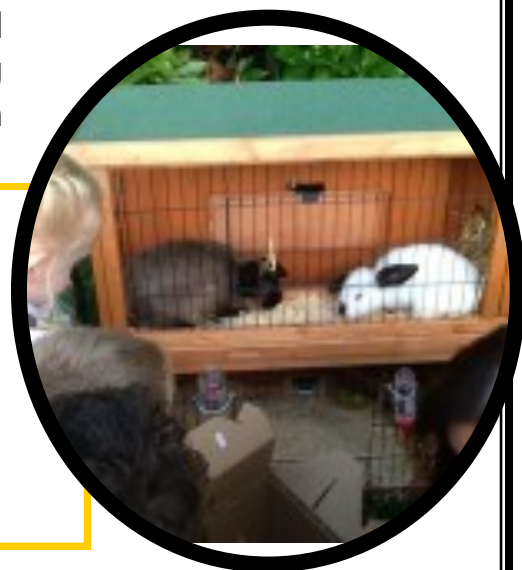
WEDNESDAY—Netball (KS2)

THURSDAY—Glee Club (KS1 and KS2)

FRIDAY— School Band-free at 2.30pm

- KS1—Reception, Year 1, Year 2

- KS2—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.



HARVEST CONCERT

We are linking our Macmillan Coffee Concert with Harvest this year to have an afternoon celebration of music, song and prayers. You are all warmly invited on Friday 29th September in the school hall at 1.30pm. Any cake donations would be gratefully received. This will also be a celebration for Mrs McDade for the time she has spent at St.Francis' Catholic Primary School.

New Rabbits

Our new rabbits have settled in well.

Pendle Class monitors feed the rabbits daily and Pre-School children are on rabbit maintenance duty ,apart from Fridays when our animal UFA group clean both the chickens and rabbits.