ST FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dates for your Diaries!

29th March: 9.00am: Beacon Class assembly. The Resurrection of Christ

Holy Thursday-Break up at 1.30pm

- 16th April:Children return for Summer
Term on Monday
- 17th April: Photography Club begins
- **19th April:** STEM Day for Year 4 at Longridge High School
- 28th April: Spring Social
- 7th May: May Day-Bank Holiday Monday-school closed
- 13th May: Family Mass

KS2 SATs Week begins

14 th may:	English Paper 1: SPaG Test
	Paper 2: Spelling Test
15 th May:	English Reading Paper
16 th May:	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic
	Maths Paper 2: Reasoning
17 th May:	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning
21 st May:	Parents and Pupils Induction event at St. Cecelia's
25 th May:	Coffee Morning Concert 9.30am
	Break up for half term. Return to school Monday 4 th June

<u>Wednesday 28th March 2018</u>



Please send in any bags for Kenya by tomorrow. The children at The Shalom Academy will greatly appreciate clothing and stationary. Thank You.

PTFA EVENTS

Come along to <u>Family Easter Bingo</u> at Whittingham Social Club tonight. Arrive at 5.45pm for a 6.00pm prompt start. Tickets available on the door-£1 per book or £5 for a full book of 6.

Spring Social tickets are still available. The Spring Social is a fabulous fundraiser and will be on Saturday 28th April at The Marriott Hotel, Preston.

We have nearly raised enough funds to purchase the outdoor Amphitheatre!

Thank you to our PTFA! Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated. Thank you to ALL parents and friends who support our school.

Lunch time Welfare Post Vacancy

Following Mrs Jackson's exciting new job venture, we require a new member of staff to help look after our children every lunch time. We would like an additional member of staff to teach the children playground games and to look after them outside from 12.10pm-1.10pm each day, making sure they are happy and safe as they play outside. Please contact school if you are interested. Feel free to mention this to your friends and family!



Building Work News

We are very excited to inform you all that our building project is nearly complete! When children return after the Easter holidays, Year 2 will be in their new classroom and our secure entrance will be fully functional. On the evening of Monday the 23rd of April, you are all very welcome to come in and have a wander round school with your children when you pick them up at the end of the school day. We will be having a 'grand opening' of the new outdoor areas, of which you will all be invited when we know the exact date. This is to be confirmed with the Mayor.

<u>NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS!</u>

<u>**PRE-SCHOOL**</u> have been busy making Easter crafts and enjoyed their road safety lesson with PC Banks.

PENDLE class brightened our day with their enthusiastic Palm Liturgy. Their singing and portrayal of Jesus riding back to Jerusalem was wonderful.

<u>PARLICK</u> class led the Palm Liturgy with maturity and confidence. Their 'Garden of Gethsemane' assembly was excellent.

FAIRSNAPE class moved us all in their 'Stations of the Cross' assembly. The children were thought provoking and spiritual in their delivery of such a devastating time in Jesus' life.

BEACON class children are preparing for their assembly 'The Resurrection of Christ' to finish our Easter assemblies with the good news that Christ rose from the dead. You are all welcome to join us.

Pre-School and Nursery Places Available for September 2018

Register any interest now!

OPEN EVENING

For current and prospective parents, friends and families of School, Pre-School and Nursery.

Come along and have a look around.

8TH May 2018 4.00pm-6.00pm

ARMISTICE 2018

St Francis' is currently involved in an exciting collaborative educational project called "Armistice" and Preston Guildhall has been booked for November 11th 2018 to mark the centenary for the end of "The Great War." The project will involve over 500 children and adults from the Longridge School's Cluster and will tell the story and remember the key events of the conflict through music, dance, drama, poetry and the visual arts. It will culminate with an act of remembrance. We are also wishing to engage the wider community in this project, as it was a historical event that touched so many families and communities particularly so in the North of England. We need your help knitting 1000 red poppies.

As part of the build-up work, we wish the children to experience a range of different arts and craft based activities, one of which is to knit thousands of poppies 19,240 to be precise which were the number of men who died on the July 1st 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

We will use the poppies, to create a huge visual display during the act of remembrance, very much inspired by the Poppies at the Tower of London. We need your help knitting 1000 red poppies. In the Summer Term, we will be inviting any family members who can kit to join our children leading knitting groups. Free coffee and cake throughout! Thank you to Paige's grandma, Margaret, for sending in over 100 poppies so far.

First Holy Communion Programme and Confirmation Information

We thank Mrs Rossall, who currently leads the sessions and programmes of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

If any members of the Parish would like to support or lead the programme in future, please speak to Mrs Rossall. Future sessions are as follows:

25th April

Practice session in church on 6th June at 5.00pm-6.00pm

First Holy Communion will be during Family Mass on Sunday 10th June <u>Confirmation dates are to be confirmed with Fr Sony.</u>

St Francis Primary School PTFA Annual Spring Social 2018 Saturday 28th April, Preston Marriott



Tickets £35 per person Includes:

- Glass of Bubbly on Arrival
- 3 Course Meal inc Tea/Coffee
- DJ & Entertainment

Accommodation is available if you wish to stay over, please contact us for further details or book direct with the hotel. Information will be updated over the next few weeks on Twitter/Facebook and School Texts or contact us at <u>stfrancisptfa@gmail.com</u>