

ST FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dates for your Diaries!

8th March: Non uniform day for Chocolate Bingo

11th March: Mothering Sunday Family Mass

12th March: Science week begins

19th March: Sports Relief Week

20th March: Football and Netball Tournaments at Barnacre Rd. 1.30pm start

22nd March: KS1 Palm Liturgy in Church at 2.30pm –families and friends all Welcome!

28th March: Family Easter Bingo 6.00pm start at Whittingham Social Club

Families and friends are all invited to attend our very special class assemblies and Palm Liturgy. Class assemblies are as follows:

26th March: 9.00am: Pendle Class assembly The Last Supper

27th March: 9.00am: Parlick Class assembly Garden of Gethsemane

28th March: 9.00am: Fairsnape Class assembly The Stations of the Cross

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

Holy Thursday-Break up at 1.30pm

Children return for Summer Term on Monday 16th April

Thursday 8th March 2018

Mothering Sunday Family Mass

10.30am this Sunday. Please can any parents who are interested in helping lead children's liturgy contact school. We look forward to seeing you at Family Mass!



PTFA EVENTS

Come along to **Family Easter Bingo** at Whittingham Social Club on Wednesday 28th March. 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 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.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th March. New members are always welcome. Please enquire if you would like to join!

Swimming Champions!

All Preston schools are divided into 6 swimming divisions. We have spent our entire time, since the competitions began, between division 4, 5 and 6. Being one of the smallest schools that take part, we will be going into division 3 next year to compete with much bigger schools, for the first time! We enjoyed swimming with our friends from other local bigger schools and we cannot believe we were placed champions of division 4. Well done Swimming team! Have a look on our website for more Sports news. We look forward to a range of activities during Sports Relief Week beginning 19th March.



Breakfast and After School Club News

We congratulate Mrs Jackson, who has successfully been appointed as a full time receptionist in a High School. We give thanks for her dedication and hard work over the past few years and wish her all the very best in her new venture.

School will take over the running and accounts of Breakfast and After School club from the Summer Term onwards. Mr McGill will manage the clubs five days a week.

Please can all outstanding invoices be paid at your earliest convenience.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS!

PRE-SCHOOL love using our new outdoor area. As part of their Tradition Tales topic, they have been using the bridge and rill to role –play 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' with great enthusiasm!

PENDLE have been teaming up with their older buddies for World Book Day and they have been immersed in a Super Hero topic. Have a look on the web page to see pictures of the exciting learning.

PARLICK have been learning all about telling the time. They have some exciting experiments planned for Science week-coming soon! They are in the middle of their 'Farmer's Market' topic.

FAIRSNAP have made some amazing mammoth writing projects and have been learning all about volcanoes.

BEACON have been learning all about the Vikings and they have amazed us with the incredible project work undertaken. Year 5 are enjoying their Shakespeare workshops with Mrs Brice and we look forward to watching them perform in the near future! Tower Wood letters have been sent home with your child.

Summer School Market research

We are hoping to provide a Summer School provision for the first two weeks of the Summer holidays. Please fill in the additional form and return to school should this be something you would consider/need.



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 knit 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:
28th March (session 6)
25th April (session 7)
Practice session in church on 6th June at 5.00pm-6.00pm

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

Sports at St.Francis'

GREAT GYMNASTS from Year 3 and 4

Well done to our amazing gymnasts. Once again, we have excelled in this area and we couldn't be prouder of the children who took part in the Preston competition. Frankie came joint first out of all of the boys who entered (42 from other schools) and our school came 5th overall (23 schools). This is an incredible achievement. Well done Lucy, Kitty, Maggie, Felix and Frankie!

We are in awe of the talent at St.Francis'. The children have been crowned Preston champions in Gymnastics and we won the swimming gala. We are hoping for archery to begin in the Summer term and we wish our Football and Netball teams good luck for their forthcoming tournaments at Barnacre Rd on 20th March.

World Book Day

What a super World Book Day we had-even if it was a little late! The children's costumes were fabulous and, once again, our older children made a fantastic iMovie. This will be available to watch on our website very soon.



Goosnargh Float

It is that time of year again when we need your help in constructing our school float! Mrs Hamer and the team of dedicated parents make incredible schools floats every year. This year, we need a space to build the floats and store them safely. We also need a large trailer. If any of you think you can help us, please contact school. This year, the Festival day is Saturday 2nd June. Please help if you can. Your support is greatly appreciated.