

ST FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS *Thursday 26th April 2018*

Dates for your Diaries!

- 7th May:** May Day-Bank Holiday
Monday-school closed
- 13th May:** Family Mass
- KS2 SATs Week begins**
- 14th may:** English Paper 1: SPaG Test
Paper 2: Spelling Test
- 15th May:** English Reading Paper
- 16th May:** Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic
Maths Paper 2: Reasoning
- 17th May:** Maths Paper 3: Reasoning
- 18th May:** Year 2 Gymnastics competition
- 21st May:** Parents and Pupils Induction event at St. Cecelia's
Parents meetings 3.30pm-6.00pm
- 22nd May:** Parent meetings 3.30pm-6.00pm
- 23rd May** 2.00pm Mayor officially opens new outdoor area followed by afternoon refreshments outdoors.
- 24th May:** May Procession 10.00am
- 25th May:** Coffee Morning Concert 9.30am.

Parent- teacher meetings will be on 21st and 22nd May-sign up from next Monday in the school entrance.

School Communication...a reminder that you can keep informed by:

- Class topic maps sent home every half term and class letters
- School APP that will sync with your calendar and you will get notifications with messages to remind you of dates and to take you directly to latest school information. Just visit '**ourschoolsapp**' on Google Play or App Store and type in our postcode: PR3 2FJ
- Text message service
- Newsletters
- Weekly Learning Logs to inform you of your child's weekly learning
- Parent meetings and reports
- Open evenings and afternoons and family mass refreshments in school (always an open door to walk round and visit classrooms!)
- Class pages on our website
- Curriculum information, newsletters and much more on our school website
- Headteacher's blog
- Facebook/ Twitter
- Calling the school office at any time-no problem is ever too small!
- The outdoor screen on the playground will be reinstalled soon and that has daily messages and diary dates displayed
- Making an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher at any time during the year
- Popping into the school office at any time at all for advice or clarification



Staffing and classes for September

Reception Class/ Pendle:	Mrs V Kerr
Year 1 and 2 mixed/Parlick:	Mrs N Davies
Year 3 and 4 mixed/ Fairsnape:	Mr J Gilmour
Year 5 and 6 mixed/Beacon:	Mrs J Rossall

We are delighted to welcome 17 new children into our school in September 2018. Pendle Class will be taught by Mrs Kerr and will revert to a standalone EYFS class. Year 1 and 2 will be merged in our beautiful brand new classroom and taught by Mrs Davies, who already knows the children very well and has previous teaching experience in a mixed year 1 and 2 class. We are very pleased that Mr McGill (QTS) will also remain with us in the EYFS.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS!

PRE-SCHOOL have been learning about people who help us.

PENDLE are learning about Rainforests.

PARLICK are immersed in the world of Wind in the Willows.

FAIRSNAP class are learning about The Egyptians.

BEACON class are busy being green fingered outdoors.

Have a look on our school website to see what your child has been learning on each class page. They are full of information for you.

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.

We are keeping the children in our thoughts and prayers.

First Holy Communion will be during Family Mass on Sunday 10th June.

Hill Chapel Gardening Group

Please contact school or Tom Ibison if you can spare any time to help maintain our beautiful church gardens. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

GOOSNARGH FIELD DAY FLOAT

We need your help! Can you provide a barn or a tractor?

We are in desperate need of a barn to store two trailers from the week commencing 28th May until the field day on Saturday 2nd June.

We also require a vehicle (4x4 or tractor) to pull a 30 ft. trailer during the procession.

Please contact school as soon as possible if you can help us. Thank you!



Lunch time Welfare Post Vacancy

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!

Mayor visit and community party outside

We are delighted that the Mayor of Preston will be coming to officially open our new outdoor area on Wednesday 23rd May at 2.00pm. You are all invited to join us for this very special occasion. We will be having afternoon refreshments after the opening on our school playground.