



St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

We welcome all children, families and friends to
another wonderful school year!

Amazing Donations

We give our sincere thanks for an incredibly generous donation of £5000. This will be given to our PTFA and will be used to purchase valuable resources for all children within our school. Our anonymous donator has shown great kindness and generosity in the past-even providing us with a new trim trail, ICT equipment and Outdoor Science Centre resources. Your support is overwhelming-thank you. All parents will have the opportunity to vote for our next exciting venture from a choice of three new items we would like for our school. More information will be coming soon!

Come and join us for our first PTFA meeting of the year on Thursday 6th September at 3.20pm in the school hall. You are all welcome to come!

Longridge and North Preston Rotary Club

We give our thanks for the support of the Longridge and North Preston Rotary Club. We needed a canopy to protect our little ones in nursery from extreme weather conditions and we can certainly say that the Rotary Club have provided us with this. The substantial canopy will enable the children to benefit from a unique outdoor classroom in all weathers. Quality Early Years settings see the outdoor classroom as an extension of indoors and the canopy will provide us with this resource. We cannot wait for this very kind donation to be completed. Thank you very much to all involved. It is greater than we could ever have imagined!

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS!

You will receive class topic maps this week to inform you about your child's learning overview for this half term. Learning Logs will be sent home on Friday.

NURSERY and PRE-SCHOOL have had their classroom transformed into 'dino-land' and the children are busy getting hands on with salt dough creations! They have a new 'breakfast bar' in the classroom and we look forward to the completion of the outdoor canopy.

PENDLE class have already settled in well and they have met their Year 5 Buddies. They are enjoying learning in our 'Land of Pure Imagination' and their classroom has been fully decorated over the Summer holidays. It looks wonderful with so many exciting learning opportunities available.

PARLICK class are getting used to their new classroom routines. The school float resources have been put to good use; the children have a wonderful book area with Beatrix Potter as the theme! They are enjoying a new Geography based topic all about the UK.

FAIRSNAP class are learning about WW1 and electricity. We have some exciting trips planned!

BEACON class have entered a magical world of Harry Potter. Sorting hats, owls and all things Hogwarts can be found within the classroom.



Dates for your Diaries

You will receive text messages, school letters, messages in your child's Learning Logs (specific to your child's class), school APP notifications, information on our school website and reminders on the playground Anomoly screen. Please pop in to see Miss Taylor in the school office if you have any queries or questions or call school at any time.

21 st September	Jeans for Genes day: Bring £1 and wear non-uniform with an item of denim.
	9.30am-10.00am: Year 4 join other primary schools for 'Armistice' rehearsal.
24 th September	9.00am: Welcome Assembly in the school hall for new Reception Class children and families.
25 th September	Life Education Bus in school all day. Please contribute £3 per child. School will subsidise the rest. 3.30pm: Reception Class curriculum workshop for EYFS led by Mrs Kerr in the school hall. All new starter parents welcome.
28 th September	9.30am: Harvest Celebration and Macmillan Coffee Morning Concert in the school hall. Band, choir and Glee club performing. All welcome.
29 th September	6.00pm: Autumn Social at The Marriott. Tickets are still available from the PTFA.
4 th October	Whole School Mass-Feast of St.Francis'-time to be confirmed.
15 th -18 th October	Parent/teacher meetings week. You will be able to book a time to meet with your child's class teacher soon.
19 th October	Break up for half term holiday.
29 th October	Return to school.
11 th November	Armistice production at Preston Guild Hall. Year 4 children performing with all other schools from the Longridge Cluster. Tickets available from the school office. All welcome.
	Remembrance Sunday Family Mass. All welcome.
12 th November	Anti-Bullying week in school
19 th November	Children in Need week in school
30 th November	Staff INSET day. Children at home.
13 th December	6.00pm: Key Stage 2 Carol Service in church. All welcome.
14 th December	Christmas Jumper day 2.00pm: 'Carols around the Tree' in the school hall. All Welcome.
17 th December	End of term target reports sent home.
18 th December	9.15am: Mini –Carols around the Tree from Nursery and Pre-School families in the school hall.
20 th December	2.00pm and 6.00pm: Infant Nativity in church. (Reception class, Year 1 and 2). All welcome.
21 st December	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm
7 th January 2019	Return to school for Spring Term.

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.

Mr Gilmour, Mrs Blair and Miss Deakin are performing alongside the Year 4 children at Preston Guild Hall on Sunday 11th November. Mr Gilmour's class are learning all about WW1 and this exciting collaboration with many schools is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn in a cross-curricular and hands on way. The children are very excited about the performance. Please confirm with Mr Gilmour that you can bring your child in Year 4 to participate in this performance. Tickets are available from the school office. The children have already experienced an outstanding day of learning at Barnacre School alongside the other schools in our Longridge cluster. It is vital that we teach children about History and never forget the sacrifice many men and women endured. Mr Gilmour will be sending home a detailed letter for Year 4 parents very soon.

Parent Pay for Breakfast and After School Club

We are delighted that school dinners, breakfast and after school club will all be payed via the Parent Pay online system. Paying for breakfast and after school club will now be the responsibility of parents to keep personal accounts in credit. As you can appreciate, this will have a positive impact on school office hours. Please contact the school office for any advice. Thank you!



Snack

Children are free to bring in their own healthy snack, as well as fruit being available. Toast is 20p.

MONDAY—Fruit

TUESDAY—Fruit

WEDNESDAY—Toast

THURSDAY— Fruit

FRIDAY— Fairtrade

(Drinks are available for 40p. Fairtrade snacks available between 25p– 45p)

Class PE days

Please send your child dressed in their PE clothes on the days given below.

MONDAY—Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 children

TUESDAY—Beacon Class (Year 5 and 6)

WEDNESDAY— Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 children (for Forest School afternoon activities)

THURSDAY— Fairsnape (Year 3 and 4)

FRIDAY—No PE day

After School Clubs Autumn Half Term 2018

All children in Nursery and Reception Class will have 'Teddy Tennis' as part of our PE curriculum time. This is provided by school and delivered by a qualified specialist coach every Monday for the next term.

Chess club, CAFOD club, School Council, Eco-Warriors, Gardening, Reading club, school band and choir will all run within the school day (during lunch times and break times). KS2 UFA continues and Forest School UFA starts for the infants next week.

Before and after school clubs for this half term are as follows:

Monday	Tennis	KS1 AND KS2	Tom Luke
Tuesday	Netball	KS2	Mrs Riley
Wednesday	Glee club	KS1 AND KS2	Mrs Davies
Thursday	Football	KS2	Mr Gilmour
Friday	Judo (before school)	KS1 AND KS2	Judo Education

Following parent questionnaire feedback, we have looked to include KS1 children as much as possible. Please sign the separate letter attached and return to school at your earliest convenience.

Our School App

Have a look at our School APP that will sync with your calendar. You will get notifications with messages to remind you of dates and it will take you directly to latest school information.

Just visit '**ourschoolsapp**' on Google Play or App Store and type in our postcode: PR3 2FJ

Other News!

Our new school video is nearly ready to be uploaded onto our school website. We will let you know when it is on!

Our school is going to feature in NATE magazine due to our creative teaching approach towards writing. We will keep you posted!