



# NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

## January 2023

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*'As children of God, we care for each other and we always try to do our best'*

### Notices

#### School Start Time

A reminder that classes start at 8:55am. The doors open from 8:45am for classroom drop offs. If you arrive after 8:55am please drop your child/ren off at the main reception. From September 2023, the school start time will move to 8:50am and finish at 3:20pm, for all classes.

#### PTFA

We are hoping to give you a date for a PTFA meeting in the coming weeks to form a new PTFA and look at organising events for the future. All parents are welcome to come to the meeting and support the school. We hope to see many of you there.

#### Safety Week and Preston Police visit

Last week Fair Snape Class had the Preston Police PCSO's in class to talk about anti-social behaviour and looking after our local area and environment. The children had lots of questions for the PCSOs about their role in the community. Thank you to the PCSO Julie for coming into see the children. The week of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February is Safety Week in schools, where children will be looking at how to keep themselves safe at school, at home and online.

#### Wider School Links – The Linking Network

This week Fair Snape Class visited Burnley Youth Theatre to meet with our linked school, Deepdale Primary School. This is the initial visit, allowing children to work alongside each other and get to know each other. The children had a wonderful day, playing drama games and putting on performances for each other and getting to know children who go to a school that has a contrasting location to St. Francis.



## Safer Schools App



As a school we have an Online Safety App, called Safer Schools App. The app gives us the latest information about keeping children safe online, along with online quizzes to test your knowledge about the latest goings-on in the online world. We want all staff, parents and older children at St. Francis to be aware about how to stay safe online. There is a version of the app for parents and one for older children in Beacon Class.

## Upcoming Masses

<b>Class Masses</b>	
9:30am – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023	Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb - time to be confirmed	Reception Class Mass
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March – time to be confirmed	Parlick Class Mass
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March – time to be confirmed	Fairsnape Class Mass
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – time to be confirmed	Beacon Class Mass

<b>Other Dates for Your Diary:</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Parlick and Beacon Classes at home – strike action
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Child Mental Health Week and School Safety Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	RNLI School Visit – Water Safety Assembly
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	3 / 4 gymnastics competition
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	2pm Music Showcase Concert in Church
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – children at home
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Children return to school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:30am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	First Sunday of Lent
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character!
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Lancashire School Games final
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairsnape class trip to UCLan
Week beginning Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Meetings in classrooms
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter at 1.15pm of KS1 and 1.30pm for KS2