



NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

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

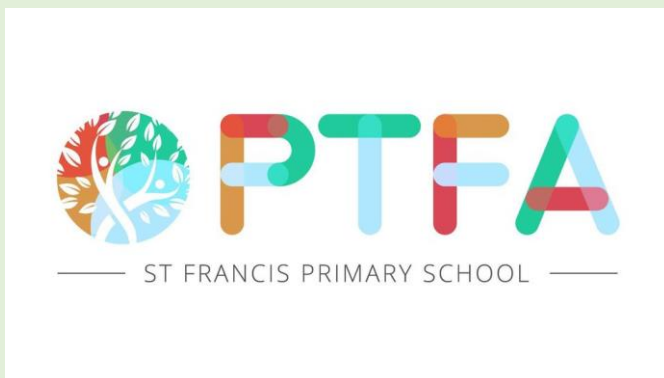
Notices

New PTFA!

We are very excited about forming our new PTFA! A PTFA brings the voice of parents into school to help direct and support school events, social events and help raise money to give back to all the children across school. Our first PTFA event (Family Easter Egg Bingo) will take place this Friday 24th March 2023, at 5:30pm. There is no limit to members or support from parents in the PTFA, any support is welcomed. If you would like to get involved, please contact Mrs Nuttall.

Click on the link below or the PTFA logo below to access the PTFA Facebook page – to keep up to date with the latest PTFA news.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063683688725>



KS2 drop off and pick up

We are very pleased that the new system is working well. Please can parents be reminded to wait by the picnic benches so that staff can see the children are collected safely. If the KS1 carpark is full, parents can park up in the KS2 carpark to keep the flow of traffic moving.

Seesaw and Groupcall

With rising costs, more items will be sent to parents through Seesaw from their class teacher and through Groupcall (email and text) from the school office. Every class has its own Seesaw, with all the latest information and updates from your child's class teacher. If you do not have Seesaw on a device, please get in touch with your class teacher or the school office and we can support you with creating and maintaining a Seesaw account. Please contact the school office if you need to update any contact details.

Parent Pay

Please can you ensure that any outstanding balances for childcare, school lunches, breakfast and afterschool club and trips are paid for by the end of next week. It is important that these outstanding balances are paid as soon as possible, as with rising costs, I know you will appreciate as a school we have to pay for all the services and need the income to cover all of the costs. We are approaching our financial year end and all funds need to be cleared to ensure those services are continued to be offered to all families in school.

Second hand uniform rail

There will be a good quality second hand uniform sale at the Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 24th March. Please can any donations of uniform be brought into school before Thursday and the PTFA will collect the items, and put them all together, with a PTFA donations box on the night. This is a good opportunity to donate items that your child has grown out of and a good opportunity to get yourself some good second hand uniform.

Goosnargh and Whittingham Festival Float & Longridge Field Day

This year we hope to create a float to take part in both the Goosnargh Field Day and Longridge Field Day, with the support of our newly formed PTFA and all parents of school and Pre-school. **This would be one float that is used for the two events.**

With a growing number of families coming from Longridge, we felt it would be a good opportunity for the school to be represented on Longridge Field Day as well as the Goosnargh & Whittingham Festival. We are happy for as many children as possible to take part in one or both of the events.

In order to take part in one or both of the events, we need as much parental support as possible to build a float for both events and have the support on the day.

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.

Sporting Success!

Swimming Gala, Preston Small School Representatives and Football Glory!

We have had a busy few weeks on the sporting front with three competitions. Daisy (Fairsnape Class) was a stand out performer in the swimming gala, getting to two finals, despite being up against Year 6 competitors. 12 children from Beacon Class represented Preston Small Schools at the Lancashire small schools athletics competition; all the children performed brilliantly and competed well against bigger schools, they enjoyed a day full of athletics events. Finally, 8 children from Fairsnape Class took part in the Preston small

schools football competition at Whitechapel, achieving a third place after penalty shootout, thanks to Vinny being our 'safe hands' goalkeeper making two saves in the shootout!



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:	
Fri 24 th March	Fairsnape class trip to UCLan – PE kits and packed lunch required
Fri 24 th March	PTFA Easter Bingo at 5:30pm
W/C Mon 27 th March	Parents Meetings in classrooms
Mon 27 th March	KS2 trip to Manchester Museum
Weds 29 th March	KS1 trip to Bowland Wild Boar Park
Thurs 30 th March	Year 5 at Cobble Hey
Fri 31 st March	Break up for Easter at 1.15pm for KS1 and 1.30pm for KS2 and Pre-School
Mon 17 th April	Children return to school
Fri 28 th April	Year 5 at Longridge High School
Mon 1 st May	May Day – children at home
Mon 8 th May	Bank Holiday for coronation of King Charles III
Tues 9 th – Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATs
Sat 3 rd June	Goosnargh & Whittingham Festival Float Day
Sat 10 th June	Longridge Field Day