



ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

July 2023

St Francis' Catholic Primary School, Goosnargh, Preston, PR3 2FJ, 01772 865369

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

Notices

PTFA News!

Thank you for all the families and friends of the school and pre-school who attended St. Francis' summer social. The new PTFA have worked very hard this year, giving a lot of time to make sure St. Francis have a successful new PTFA and social calendar. They have had a very successful first year, ending in the summer social. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the school PFTA this year, we look forward to another successful year come September.



Staffing News

We say goodbye to Mrs. Butler-Mitchell (Mrs B-M) after being at the school for over 15 years. We wish Mrs B-M a happy retirement and we thank her for her years of dedication to the school and children of St. Francis.

We also say goodbye to Miss Gardner. Miss Gardner is starting her teacher training at Edgehill University and we look forward to supporting her on her journey to becoming a teacher.

Mr. Gilmour will resume his full time job as Deputy Headteacher of St. Francis', he will no longer be the Head of School at St. Mary's Cloughton. Miss. Deakin will continue her role as Executive Headteacher over St. Francis' and St. Mary's ensuring the successful collaboration continues and thrives. We look forward to entering into our fourth academic year as a collaboration.

Collaboration News

Here is a YouTube link to the Collaboration Concert with St. Mary's last week. The children performed incredibly well, surpassing our expectations once again! [Collaboration Concert 2023](#). Thank you to all those that came along to St. Thomas' Church to watch the incredible performance.



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. Check out the website for more information.

Beacon Class Production

Once again the children in Beacon Class (Year 5/6) knocked our socks off with their incredible end of year performance. The children performed 'Pirates of the Curry Bear'. It was an amazing performance by all, and we thank the dedicated staff in Beacon Class and around school for supporting the children and the school.



Goodbye and Good Luck!

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children of 2022/23. We are all very proud of you as you leave on your journey to high school. You are all wonderful young people and we know you will all go on to have many successful ventures as you grow and develop. Good luck Jack, Jacob, Penelope, Bonnie, Tabitha and Ivy! We look forward to our leaver's Mass and assembly this week.



School Times for 2023/24

New DfE guidance has stated schools must have a school day consisting of 32.5 hours per week. Therefore, from September our school day **FOR ALL CLASSES** is: Arrive from 8:45am, register to be taken in class at 8:50am. Anyone arriving after 8:50am will receive a late mark. The school day will finish at 3:20pm.

Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for both PE days and non-PE days. The uniform is stated on the website, if you are unsure of what your child is required to wear. Please ensure children have the correct footwear on for the correct day. Trainers are not to be worn on school uniform days.

Pick Up and Drop Off - Reminder for Parents/Guardians

A reminder for parents/guardians of children in Year 2, going into Year 3. When picking up/dropping off your child remember to use the main school entrance and the first car park on your left for the older children (unless there is a sibling in the lower year groups). A reminder that children must not play on the equipment or play football in the playground after school.

Attendance

We have seen a dramatic rise in families taking holidays during school time. Just to make you aware, if your child is off for 5 days for a holiday in a term, each parent/parental guardian will receive a penalty notice from Lancashire County Council. We know it can be difficult due to costs, we feel it too as staff, but it is incredibly important that your child is in school for the whole academic year. From September, Lancashire County Council have allocated attendance officers for all schools to ensure schools are doing all they can to ensure children are in school for the whole academic year.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:	
Fri 21 st July	Leaver's Assembly at 9:30am
Fri 21 st July	Break up for Summer holidays at 1:15pm for KS1 and 1:30pm for KS2 and Pre-School
Fri 1 st Sept	INSET Day for staff
Mon 4 th Sept	All children return to school



Longridge Library

Remarkable Rockets

Wednesday 26 July

Session 1: 10am to 10.45am

Session 2: 11.15am to 12pm

Super-duper Submarines

Wednesday 2 August

Session 1: 10am to 10.45am

Session 2: 11.15am to 12pm

Splendid Spectroscopes

Wednesday 9 August

Session 1: 10am to 10.45am

Session 2: 11.15am to 12pm

Suitable for 7-12 year olds, please book in advance

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Radiant Rainbows

Wednesday 16 August

10am to 10.45am only

Lego Heroes

Wednesday 23 August

10am to 12pm

Drop in, no need to book

Hooray for Hovercraft

Wednesday 30 August

Session 1: 10am to 10.45am

Session 2: 11.15am to 12pm

Suitable for 7-12 year olds, please book in advance

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GOOSNARGH FLOWER PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday 2nd September 2023

in the Village Hall 2.00 to 3.30 pm

*Followed by presentation of prizes, raffle draw,
and auction of entries*

Admission: Adults 50p Children 10p

***Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit, Kitchen Produce,
Handicrafts PLUS 26 classes just for children***

**Schedules and entry forms in
Post Office, Pharmacy,
Goosnargh Chippy,
Village Hall,
Vaughan's of Whittingham
and Longridge Library**

