



***NEW* MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Friday 9th September 2022

**St Francis' Catholic Primary School,
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'As children of God, we care for each other and we always try to do our best'

Welcome Back!

We welcome all new staff, children and families who have joined us this new school year! Newsletters will now come through on an email on a monthly basis.

Notices

Sport Success and New Equipment



Sport at St. Francis': great news, for the academic year 2021/2022 we achieved a Silver School Games Award for our participation and excellence in PE and sport across school. Well done and thank you to everyone who supported the school in achieving this award. Last year, we entered and won more competitions than ever before, and we hope to continue this success for this academic year also. Well done and thank you to everyone who supported the school to help us achieve this award! You may have also noticed our new 'sports ends' on the netball court, giving the school new multi-sport facilities on our school playground – the children have loved using them this week!

PTFA

Following covid, we are keen to rejuvenate the PTFA for school events. As a parent/carer if you feel you could contribute and give your time to support school and PTFA events please contact the school office at bursar@st-francis.lancs.sch.uk or tel: 01772 865369. The PTFA is a registered charity and would most welcome any new members who would like to support the school.

Car Park

We are constantly monitoring how the school drop off/pick up system is working for our school, this is always under review. We know it can be busy at times and we ask for your patience. We consider all options and put the safety of our children at the forefront of any decisions made. There may be times when you will need to queue for a few minutes, coming into school. To make the car park system more efficient please allow space for other vehicles to enter/leave the car park, park responsibly allowing space for other cars to park and be prompt when picking up/dropping off your children to allow spaces to be freed up quicker. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Uniform

Please ensure children have the correct, full uniform on including black school shoes. Trainers may only be worn on PE days. Hoop earrings are not permitted as part of the uniform, one stud earring in each ear is allowed. For PE days, we recommend no earrings to be worn, but children can wear a plaster over their earrings, the plaster has to be put on by a parent or the child themselves.

School Meals

Just to remind families of a price increase for school meals from September, the price will slightly increase to £2.40 per meal. School meals will remain free for all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2.

Polite reminder

Just to remind all parents that you need to contact the school office regarding attendance matters, rather than contacting through Seesaw. Having Seesaw is a brilliant tool, where you have direct access to your class teacher. Please be aware that following the school day, teachers have planning and preparation to do ready for the following day as well as their own leisure time, therefore any Seesaw messages out of school hours will receive a response the following day during working school hours. If you have any emergencies please contact the school office. Thank you.

New Staff and Staffing

We welcome Mr. Davies as the new teaching assistant in Year 3/4 Fairsnape Class, he will be replacing Mr. Jones, and we wish Mr. Jones all the best in his new career. We also wish Mr. B-M a quick recovery from a recent operation.

SCHOOL STAFF

Senior Leadership Team

Miss Deakin (Executive Headteacher)

Mr. Gilmour (Deputy Headteacher)

Office staff

Mrs. Nuttall (Monday – Thursday)

Mrs. Holden (Friday)

Nursery/Pre-School

Mrs. Luke (Nursery Manager)

Mrs. Gerrard (formerly Miss. Stanley)

Ms. O’Kane

Reception Class (Pendle Class)

Mr. McGill

Mrs. Tyrer

Year 1/2 Class (Parlick Class)

Mrs. Davies

Miss. Forshaw

Year 3/4 Class (Fairsnape Class)

Mrs. Silvester

Mr. Davies

Miss. Gardner

Year 5/6 Class (Beacon Class)

Mrs. Rossall

Mrs. Riley

After School Club

Miss. Forshaw

Ms. O’Kane

Welfare Staff

Miss. Kirkham

Ms. O’Kane

Site Supervisor

Mr. Robinson

Working in collaboration

Miss Deakin and Mr. Gilmour will continue to work as the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) over both St. Francis and at St. Mary’s Catholic Primary School, in Claughton-on-Brock. Miss Deakin and Mr. Gilmour share their time working across both schools, as a result both schools are building strong links through the governors, staff team and resources. Both schools have come together for governor training and staff training, utilising many expertise across two schools. We look forward to having another successful year working alongside St. Mary’s.

Safer Schools App



As a school we have an Online Safety App, called Safer Schools App. Information about how to download access the school app will be sent out today on the same email at this newsletter 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.

Inviting Parents into school

Following covid, we are excited to be welcoming back parents into Friday morning assemblies. The school office will message on a Thursday to parents, of children that will be awarded a certificate in the Friday assembly. This is your invitation to come along to celebrate your child’s achievement with us. We look forward to seeing many of you on a Friday morning.

Creation Day, Harvest Mass and Class Masses

We welcome you all to the following events:

Tuesday 20th September – Whole School Mass at 9:30am

Tuesday 27th September - Reception Class Mass at 9:15am

Saturday 1st October – Creation Day at St. Francis ‘Hill Chapel’ Church - 11:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday 2nd October –Family Mass ‘Outdoor Mass for harvest and new starters’ at 10:30am

Tuesday 4th October – St. Francis Feast Day Mass, whole school at 9:15am

Tuesday 11th October – Fairsnape Class Mass at 9:15am

Tuesday 18th October – Beacon Class Mass at 9:15am

After School Clubs

After school clubs will commence after half term, there will be no curriculum teacher run after school clubs for this half term. Information will go out before half term, allowing you to sign your children up to curriculum after school clubs.

Longridge Library SCART Club

Mop Up Shop Not quite finished the SCART Challenge? Come and catch up! We can help with any Green Task you still need to do, but please book in advance.

Thursday 15 September 4-5pm

Roald Dahl Day Join us for a razztwizzling time with characters like Matilda and the BFG. Feel free to come straight after school to join in the fun; stories start at 4pm!

Tuesday 13 September 3.45-4.30pm

SCARTY Party If you've got your Reading Champion badge and your Planet Champion badge, well done – you're invited to our celebration for SCART Challenge completers!

Saturday 17 September 11am-12pm

Prayer for Her Majesty the Queen



Let us pray
Almighty ever-living God,
life of all that is mortal and joy of the saints,
we humbly pray to you for your servant
Elizabeth our Queen,
that, freed from the bonds of mortality,
she may possess your Kingdom in everlasting
glory. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Other Dates for Your Diary:

Tues 13 th Sept	Roald Dahl Day! Children to celebrate in class
Tues 13 th Sept	School Photographs
Thurs 15 th Sept	CAFOD National assembly
OCTOBER	Black History Month
Mon 3 rd Oct – Fri 7 th Oct	Space Week
Fri 14 th Oct	Macmillan Coffee Morning Concert