



# ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

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### St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

# LIVING FEELING DREAMING

Living our life as Jesus taught us Feeling the Gospel Values Dreaming of bright futures for all

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

### Headteacher's Blog!

Please read the latest Headteacher's Blog! [Click this link for the Headteacher's Blog!](#)

Read about the Season Creation, Science Week, Mosque trip, Harvest collection, CAFOD Club visit and CAFOD Kids Club, Kenyan pen pals and My Happy Mind Club.

### The Wednesday Word – bringing the Sunday gospel to you!

[Click to view the Wednesday Word](#)

**WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL**  
A GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Good News for Families**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October    Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October    Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Sunday's Gospel connecting Home, School and Parish**

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**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**    **Good News for Families**

**1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel**

Some of the leaders of the people tried to trap Jesus, and get him into trouble. So they sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Then they asked him, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin you use to pay taxes." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

From the Gospel of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 Cf. Matthew 22:15-21 (the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **GRATITUDE**.

To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

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**2 Wednesday's Word GRATITUDE**

**"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart, it is a heart that is content."** Pope Francis

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him - our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life. Ask your child what the word 'gratitude' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'gratitude' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful to someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person? Each of you name one or two things (as well as your family) that you are most grateful to God for.

**"In all created things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give him thanks."** St Teresa of Avila

Saying 'thank you' to God (at anytime throughout the day) is a great way for us to show our gratitude. It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us. How do you show God that we are grateful? Who else will you remember to show gratitude to in these coming weeks? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with kind words, a thank you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering help)?

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always grateful to you, and to show our gratitude, by loving those around us. Amen.

**SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN**

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|------------|--------------------------|
| LEADERS    | TROUBLE                  |
| JESUS SAID | GIVE WHAT BELONGS TO GOD |

**SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY**

Caeksaur    kutoh    Guikveh    Gokduh

\_\_\_\_\_ back to \_\_\_\_\_ what belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar - and give to God what belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you know that this Sunday is World Mission Sunday?**  
Let's show our gratitude to God by helping those in poorer countries. Please see: [misso.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/](http://misso.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/)

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to \_\_\_\_\_

Full of colours pictures and interactive activities to support your child's learning, about the Sunday gospel.

### Homework Changes

Please be aware there will be some changes to homework after half term, after some parental feedback. We are attempting to reduce the homework for parents and children, in order to find a happy balance. Your class teacher will message out on Seesaw for more information. If you are having any problems with Seesaw, please speak to your class teacher.

### **Music Lesson Payments**

Please ensure you promptly pay for your child's music lesson at the end of each half term.

### **Odd Sock Day**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, is Anti-Bullying, Odd Sock Day! Please send your child into school with odd socks! The week of the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov is Anti-bullying week, an important week in the calendar to learn about the importance of supporting their peers in school.

### **PE Lessons**

Please can you ensure your child does not wear earrings on PE days OR can they bring their own tape so that they can cover their stud earrings.

### **New School Day Times - reminder**

Please note that for all children from **Reception to Year 6 the school day now starts at 8:50am. School doors will open at 8:45am.** Please do not try and bring your child into school before the allotted time. Thank you. Pick up time continues to be at 3:20pm

### **Car Park**

We have had a few parents concerned with the manner of driving in the car park. Please drive with due care and attention when reversing out of parking spaces when you are leaving the car park. Also, please keep the left when coming into and leaving the car park. Thank you.

### **Sporting Success!**

**Preston Town Football Team** - Congratulations to Ethan Rufus for making it into the Preston Schools Town Football Team, following three trials for the talented footballers across Preston. This is a long-standing tradition and prestigious accolade – to represent the Preston Schools Town team.

**Year 5/6 Football Tournament** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place! After going unbeaten in the group stages, defeating all the other small school teams in attendance, after losing out in the semi-final on penalties, we achieved a third place finish! Well done Year 6 children!

**Year 3/4 Athletics Competition** – A small group Of Year 3/4 children took part in the small schools athletics competition. They achieved a brilliant 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Well done everyone.

### **Toast and Fairtrade Days**

Toast is on at break time every Wednesday, for 25p per slice.

Fairtrade & Ethical Sourced Tuck Shop every Friday

(juice carton – 45p, wafer bar – 30p, popcorn – 50p)



## After School Clubs

After school clubs after half term will commence the second week back.

## Judo in School

Reception Class and Parlick (Year 1/2) will be starting Judo on a Friday after half term. More information will come from your class teacher on Seesaw.

| Dates for Your Diary:       |  |
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| MON 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCT    | INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL                      |
| TUES 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCT   | CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL                              |
| WED 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOV     | ALL SAINTS MASS – WHOLE SCHOOL                         |
| SUN 12 <sup>TH</sup> NOV    | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY                                     |
| MON 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOV    | ODD SOCK DAY- SUPPORTING ANTI-BULLYING WEEK            |
| FRI 17 <sup>TH</sup> NOV    | CHILDREN IN NEED DAY                                   |
| WED 6 <sup>TH</sup> DEC     | FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – WHOLE SCHOOL MASS |
| THURS 7 <sup>TH</sup> DEC   | PARLICK CLASS NATIVITY 2PM & 6PM                       |
| SUNDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> DEC | SCHOOL & PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR                         |
| TUES 12 <sup>TH</sup> DEC   | KS2 CAROL SERVICE 6PM                                  |
| FRI 15 <sup>TH</sup> DEC    | CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY                                   |
| THURS 21 <sup>ST</sup> DEC  | BREAK UP 1:30PM  |
| FRI 22 <sup>ND</sup> DEC    | INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL                      |

| Mass Dates for Your Diary: |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| WED 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOV    | ALL SAINTS DAY MASS AT 10:30PM          |
| TUES 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV   | BEACON CLASS MASS                       |
| TUES 14 <sup>TH</sup> NOV  | FAIRSNAPPE CLASS MASS                   |
| TUES 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOV  | PARLICK MASS                            |
| TUES 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOV  | PENDLE MASS                             |
| WED 6 <sup>TH</sup> DEC    | FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS |
| THURS 7 <sup>TH</sup> DEC  | KS1 NATIVITY 2PM & 6PM                  |
| TUES 12 <sup>TH</sup> DEC  | KS2 CAROL SERVICE 6PM                   |