



ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

September 2023

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

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'

Welcome Back!

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

September Sun!

The children are loving being back at school, enjoying the September sunshine! The school is vibrant with smiling faces!



Sport Success and New School Field



Sport at St. Francis': great news, for the academic year 2022/2023 we achieved a Bronze 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 school field which has been completely resurfaced and leveled over the Summer to allow all children to be able to play sport and do PE on the school field.

Uniform

It has been wonderful to see all the children back this week looking smart in their full school uniform, they all look incredibly smart with their shiny new shoes! For PE days, we recommend no earrings to be worn, but children can wear a plaster/tape over their earrings, the plaster/tape has to be put on by a parent or the child themselves and brought from home.

School Meals

Just to remind families of a price increase for school meals from September, the price will slightly increase to **£2.50 per meal**. School meals will remain free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Payments to be made via Parent Pay.

New School Day Times

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 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.

Seesaw Communication

Seesaw QR codes have been sent out by all classes. Teachers will communicate with parents on a regular basis on Seesaw, if you do not have it downloaded yet you need to make sure you have it in place as soon as possible, otherwise you will miss important information from your child's class teacher. If you are having trouble accessing Seesaw, please let us know, we are happy to help.

PTFA

Our PTFA had a very successful first year supporting the school in raising money and bringing families together in social events. I am sure you all appreciate their efforts and support. The fundraising from events last year was used to help fund transport for KS1 and KS2 school trips, photo books for the Y6 leavers and ice creams for the children on sports day! Thank you to everyone for their support!



2022/2023 IN REVIEW

ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	July 23
New PTFA formed	Easter Bingo	Break the rules day	Longridge Field Day	Summer Fair	50/50 club launched
					
	£860 raised	£215 raised	2 nd place £50 prize	£664.67 raised	

Looking ahead... easyfundraising Bag 2 School CHRISTMAS FAIR



Scan the QR code link to the St. Francis' School PTFA Facebook page to follow and get the latest information



JOIN OUR 50/50 CLUB

WHEN
1st Draw – last Friday in September - then the last Friday of every month until August

Buy your tickets before the 1st Draw

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TICKETS
£12 for the year (This buys you 1 number which is entry into 12 lottery draws)

PRIZES
Every Month!
1st Prize - 25%
2nd Prize - 15%
3rd Prize - 10%

50/50 CLUB
50% of the money raised will go to the PTFA to benefit the education of our children.
50% of the money raised will go into a prize fund and split equally between the 12 months.

The more tickets we sell the bigger the prize fund!

To purchase a ticket contact:
PTFA – PTFA@st-francis.lancs.sch.uk
or send your money into school with your name and phone number (we need this to contact you if you win!)

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.

SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2023/2024

Senior Leadership Team

Miss Deakin (Executive Headteacher)

Mr. Gilmour (Deputy Headteacher and SENCo)

Office Staff

Mrs. Nuttall

Mrs. Holden

Nursery/Pre-School

Mrs. Luke (Nursery Manager)

Mrs. Holden

Mrs. O’Kane

Mrs. Gerrard

Reception Class (Pendle Class)

Mr. McGill - teacher

Mrs. Tyrer – teaching assistant

Year 1/2 Class (Parlick Class)

Mrs. Davies - teacher

Mrs. Devine – teaching assistant

Mrs. Davis – teaching assistant

Year 3/4 Class (Fair Snape Class)

Mrs. Silvester - teacher

Mr. Davies- teaching assistant

Year 5/6 Class (Beacon Class)

Mrs. Rossall - teacher

Mrs. Riley – teaching assistant

After School Club

Mrs. Devine

Miss O’Kane

Welfare Staff

Miss. Kirkham

Miss O’Kane

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Devine

Site Supervisor

Mr. Robinson

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)

Working in collaboration

Miss Deakin 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 will share her 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 concerts, governor training and staff training, utilising many expertise across two schools. We look forward to having another successful year working alongside St. Mary's. Mr. Gilmour will no longer be the Head of School at St. Mary's, he will now be back working full time at St. Francis' as the Deputy Headteacher and SENCo.

Nasal Flu Spray

Flu immunisation consent forms will be sent home this week, please complete the form and return to school, even if you are not giving consent. Many thanks.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will commence next week. Information about the clubs will be sent out by the school office before the end of the week, please respond by Microsoft Forms.

CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Clubs run from **3:20pm – 4:20pm** on a first come first serve basis. They will run **for 6 weeks of this half term, from week beginning the 11/09/23 to 16/10/23**

Tuesday: Netball: **Years 3-6** with *Mrs. Riley* 16 places

Tuesday: Football: **Years 3-6** *Mr. McGill* 16 places

Wednesday: My Happy Mind Club: **Years 3-6** with *Mrs. Rossall* 10 places

Thursday: Glee Club: **Year 1 – Year 6** *Mr and Mrs Davies* 30 places

Please pick your child up at 4:20pm, or arrangements for your child to join the school's after school club care.

PE Days

Pendle Class (Reception) – Wednesday

Parlick Class (Year 1&2) – Monday and Friday

Fairsnape Class (Year 3&4) – Tuesday

Beacon Class (Year 5&6) – Thursday

Music Lessons

Music Lessons start this Thursday and Friday, please make sure children make their instruments in school.

School Photographs

School photograph day is **Tuesday 12th September 2023**. Fairsnape Class, please come into school in your uniform, bring your PE in a bag to get changed into for the afternoon.

Reception Class photograph for the Lancashire Evening Post is this Friday 8th September.

Dates for Your Diary:	
Fri 8 th Sept	Reception Class photograph for the Lancashire Evening Post
Wed 13 rd Sept	Roald Dahl Day
Tues 12 th Sept	School Photograph Day
Week of 25 th Sept	Little Way Week – do small tasks with love everyday
Fri 29 th Sept	Harvest Service in School
Tues 3 rd Oct	World Space Day
Wed 4 th Oct	St. Francis Feast Day - Mass – Feast of St. Francis
Fri 6 th Oct	National Poetry Day
Tues 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day & National Braille Week
Fri 13 th Oct	World Maths Day
Week of Mon 16 th Oct	Parent Meeting Week
Week of Mon 16 th Oct	Learning about Diwali Week

Mass Dates for Your Diary:	
Tues 19 th Sept	Beacon Class Mass at 9:30am
Tues 26 th Sept	Fairsnape Class Mass at 9:30am
Fri 29 th Sept	Harvest Service – in School 1:30pm
Wed 4 th October	Whole School Mass – Feast of St. Francis at 9:30am

Wednesday Word

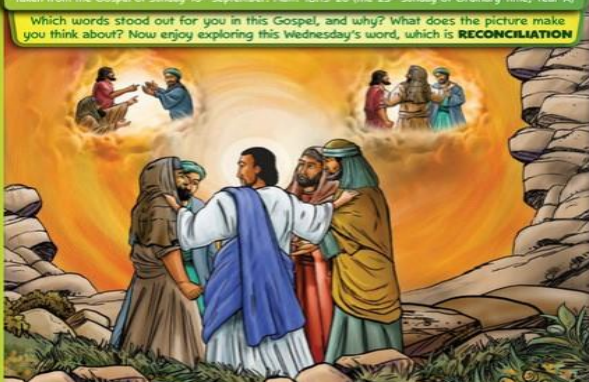
Wednesday 6th September **Good News for Families**

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother does something against you, point out his fault to him when the two of you are alone together. If he listens to you, then you have won your brother back. But if he does not listen to you, then you should take one or two others along with you, so that every word you say may be confirmed by them. If he still refuses to listen, tell the whole church community; and if he even refuses to listen to the Church, treat him as an outcast. I tell you truly, if two of you on earth agree what to ask for, then my Father in heaven will grant it. If two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 10th September, Matt. 18:15-20 (the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)

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 **RECONCILIATION**



2 Wednesday's Word RECONCILIATION

"Let us all become people of reconciliation and peace!" Pope Francis

What does Jesus say is the first thing that we should do if someone upsets us? Sometimes we make mistakes and occasionally upset one another. The important thing is to overcome such upsets in a loving way and become friends again. This is also known as reconciliation. This Sunday's Gospel suggests ways of doing this peacefully and calmly. Ask your child who have been their special friends over the years, even if they have had misunderstandings. Tell your children about the special friendships you have had over the years. Each say what you think makes a lasting friendship?

"Do I take the Gospel message of reconciliation and love into the places where I live and work?" Pope Francis

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should always try hard to be reconciled – to heal relationships and to try to make friends again. Prayer is an important part of reconciliation. We can ask Jesus, anytime, to bring peace to a situation, and to guide us back to friendship. We can't always undo mistakes if we have done something wrong and upset someone, but we can always learn from our mistakes and try to make amends. As a family, share ideas about how to be reconciled with someone if things go wrong. Perhaps we can say sorry if we have done wrong; ask an adult to help us make friends again. Can you think of other ways?

Dear Lord Jesus, help us always to be ready to make peace and to be reconciled with our friends, neighbours and with you – to live together in harmony and happiness. Amen.

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

JESUS DISCIPLES
BROTHER FAULT
ALONE TOGETHER
WIN BACK

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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If _____ brother listens to you, _____ you have _____ your _____ back.

DID YOU KNOW? This Sunday we celebrate 'Education Sunday': a national day of prayer when we especially remember all those involved in the education and the care of our children: catholiceducation.org.uk

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley
This week I will try my best to ...

NEW RE CURRICULUM

Christ is at the heart of our school. There is a lived sense of community, respect for each individual, love, joy and welcome. All staff bear witness to our Catholic character and we work together to develop professionally focusing on the Catholic life and mission of our school. We play a crucial role in our mission of making Christ known to all people,

The whole of our curriculum, with religious education at its core, is a coherent and compelling expression of the Catholic understanding of reality. Leaders of different subject areas work together to plan opportunities to make connections between discrete subject areas that support this understanding. Opportunities have been taken, across the full breadth of the curriculum, to make choices that reflect the richness of Catholic contributions to culture. Curriculum maps are constantly developed with Catholic Social Teaching opportunities to prepare children to be positive future citizens and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Catholic schools are fully Catholic because they participate in the Church's universal educational mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Key Changes in RE:

The new curriculum 'To Know You More Clearly' (Religious Education Directory 2023) has been published and we will be rolling out the new RE Directory for years EYFS, 1 and 3 from September.

For the past term, Mrs Rossall has been working with SLT every Friday and she has plotted the RE content of learning across all year groups for the two yearly cycles. I am looking at nursery and pre-school RE with the pre-school team and Mr McGill as EYFS teacher. We are checking content across the EYFS and looking at the RED learning goals for the end of Reception Class.

We have scrutinised the new CES grade descriptors for inspection and we are undertaking training for this. The website has been updated into the new areas for inspection to make this clearer for visitors to our website and evidence can be found under the three areas:

- 1.Catholic Life and Mission
- 2.Religious Education
- 3.Collective Worship

Standards and expectations remain high in terms of Catholic Life of our school and RE teaching. RE is seen as the most core subject in school and Monday morning assemblies reflect on the Sunday Gospel and class worship areas are well maintained.

What do we do for parents as first as foremost educators at the moment and from September?

Monthly 10:10 letter

Weekly Wednesday Word sent home reflecting on the Gospel

Weekly Class Masses-every Tuesday a different class attends church, leading and participating in the Mass with parents of that cohort (and whole school) invited

Half termly topic booklet outlines RE learning and HRSE for the half term

Friday celebration assemblies

Many events and community cohesion

We have a section in the parish newsletter to inform parishioners and the wider community about what is going on in school

Parents are invited to May Procession and all Holy days of obligation with children being active members of the church

Mary Doran leads First Holy Communion and works with parents-16 this year and very supportive.

Termly reports home outlining RE.