



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'

A Big Thank You!

Last week we had our Section 48 RE Inspection, this is the inspection from the Lancaster Diocese which is done every 5 years. The inspectors focus on the Catholic Life and Mission of the School as well as the Collective Worship and the RE Curriculum across the whole school. It was wonderful to hear and see the wonderful feedback about the school from parents, staff work exceptionally hard to make the school a wonderful place to be and the positive feedback was really appreciated. At the moment we cannot share the outcome of the inspection, we will share the outcome with everyone as soon as we can. Thank you.

World Book Day

DON'T FORGET Thursday 7th March 2024 – Come dressed as your favourite book characters!

Easter Egg Bingo

St Francis Catholic Primary school PTFA

EASTER BINGO
Night

£5PP - Tickets to be purchased in advance

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2024

CIVIC HALL LONGRIDGE
DOORS OPEN AT 5.30PM
EYES DOWN AT 6.00PM
Food and drink available to purchase
and the bar will be open!

The poster features a blue background with yellow confetti, a large white bunny head with pink ears, and several colorful bingo balls with numbers and symbols. At the bottom, there are two white bunnies holding colorful Easter eggs.

Click the link to buy tickets in advance
[Tickets for Easter Egg Bingo](#)



School Drop-Off and Pick-Up

An increasing number of children from Years 3-6 are being left outside unattended at the start of the school day, outside the front of the school, before 8:45pm. Please ensure your child is supervised on the school grounds until the school doors open at 8:45pm. Thank you.

A reminder also, for children not to play football or play on the school equipment at the end of the school day. Thank you.

After School Club availability

We have a growing number of children attending after school club, as a result we have limited spaces now, on a daily basis. If you wish for your child to be in after school club please contact the school office in advance, we cannot guarantee spaces will be available calling on the day or calling for that week.

Ribble Valley Food Bank Collection

Our church continues to collect for the Ribble Valley food bank, all year round. Please leave any donations at the front of church – all donations are welcome!



CAFOD Club Update -

St. Francis' School taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor our school! See the link below! **We have 105 children in school, we aim to raise £1 per child and for each child to walk 1km during our Big Lent Walk.** That is a whopping 105km! That is like walking from school to Lancaster and back – twice!

Our aim is to raise awareness of worldwide poverty during this Lent and to help those in need. Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

[CAFOD Lent Big Walk Just Give Page](#)

Comic Relief – Wear Red, Bring an Egg!

On Friday 15th March 2024, it is Comic Relief. To support this, the children are wearing red (full own clothes day). There is a link below of you wish to donate to Comic Relief (we are not asking children to bring in a pound) we are asking for children to bring in an Easter Egg for the Easter Egg Bingo, which is on the Friday 22nd March 2024 at Longridge Civic Hall (see information above).

[Give to Comic Relief](#)



The Wednesday Word – bringing the Sunday gospel to you!

Click the link to see month's editions! Click the link below to visit the Wednesday Word website Wednesday Word website

THE Wednesday WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

A Weekly Gift to Your Family
from Your Catholic Parish School

Wednesday 06th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too.

This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come.

See overleaf to enjoy a very special time together this evening, exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **SELF-GIVING**.

Don Henry Worsbrough

A Word from Pope Francis

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

Good News for Families

Listening & Learning Together

Jesus said, "where two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them."

1 Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have everlasting life. God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but to save it and everyone who believes in him is saved. The light of the world has come, but many people turn away from it and prefer darkness. But those who live by the truth are drawn into the light, so that it can be clearly seen that what they do comes from their life with God."

Why did God send Jesus into the world? Which word stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 10th March 2024

Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. Everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear their actions should be exposed; but whoever lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what they do is done in God."

Adapted from John 3:14-21
The 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in church: all are very warmly invited.

2 Wednesday's Word is ... **SELF-GIVING**

"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us."
St Teresa of Calcutta

3 Loving & Growing

"It is in giving that we receive."
St Francis of Assisi

We all have gifts that we can give. How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community in this coming week? Perhaps we can: offer to help out at school or around the house before we're asked; give someone a smile or a friendly word to help cheer them up; be polite, resist picking up, and let others go first instead; take time to offer praise where we can; be first to reach out and make friends again after an argument; give up some of our leisure or play time to be with God in prayer.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Thank you too for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and self-giving. Amen.

FINDING FIVE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

GOD LOVED
WORLD MUCH
GAVE JESUS
ONLY SON

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u i b** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words:

Suboni gauvieb wobruidi libovedu

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God _____ the _____ the _____ so much that he _____ his only _____"

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that our daily lives are full of choices between good and bad – between light and dark (to be selfish or to be self-giving). As Easter approaches, let's choose to do the right thing – to 'live in the light' through being self-giving, just like Jesus.

This week I will try my best to ...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

Share the Good News

Print and complete the leaflet with your child & SHARE A DIGITAL COPY with your friends

A Free Weekly Gift for Everyone

Music Lesson Payments- Don't forget!

Please ensure you promptly pay for your child's music lesson at the end of each half term. We still have some balances outstanding.

Church closure

The Church roof is being repaired in spring, therefore the First Holy Communion programme will be delayed until September/October 2024. The church and parishioners are desperately trying to raise funds to support the roof repairs. Any support or incentives for support are most welcome!

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)

Dates for Your Diary:

Week of 4th March – Careers Week

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Sunday 10th March – Mothering Sunday Family Mass – all welcome

Week of 11th March -Science Week

Tuesday 12th March – Y5/6 Athletics Lancashire Finals @Blackpool Sports Centre

Wednesday 13th March – Y3/4 Football Tournament @Whitechapel Primary School

Thursday 14th March – UCLan Trip for Fairsnape Class

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief Day. Wear Red/Bring an Egg!

Week of 18th March – Sport Relief Week

Thursday 21st March – Big Lent Walk (more information to follow)

Friday 22nd March – Easter Egg Bingo

Week of 25th March – Holy Week (class assemblies each day at 9am)

Monday 25th March – Reception class assembly

Tuesday 26th March – Parlick class assembly

Wednesday 27th March – Fairsnape class assembly

Thursday 28th March – Beacon class assembly

Wednesday 27th March – Last Choir Standing Competition at King George's Hall, Blackburn.

Thursday 28th March – End of term break up for Easter at 1.15pm for KS1 and 1.30pm for KS2. Collect at the time of your eldest child.

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday

Monday 15th April – Children return to school