



# ST. FRANCIS' NEWSLETTER

## January 2025

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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'

#### **Welcome Back!**

Welcome back everyone, we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

We welcome Mrs Brownrigg who will be offering additional support in Beacon Class in the mornings.

#### **Baby News**

We congratulate Mrs Devine and her husband on the birth of their little boy, Theo who arrived just before Christmas. Mum and baby are doing well, we look forward to seeing them both soon.

#### **Gritting Horns Lane**

We thank all the parents for supporting the school in writing to the local council and MP regarding the gritting of Horns Lane. We have had the current case open since before Christmas and have requested Horns Lane to be gritted for the last 20+ years. We received a response this week from Lancashire County Council, which disappointing states that Horns Lane continues to not meet the criteria for gritting.

#### **Ribble Valley Foodbank Appeal**

We are still collecting for the Ribble Valley Foodbank. This time of year can be cold and difficult for many, so nay donations are greatly received. There will be a box in the School Hall for any donations. With many thanks from all at the Ribble Foodbank Team.

#### **Showtime Event - Goosnargh**

We look forward to taking part in the Showtime Event at Goosnargh Village Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at 2pm. Glee Club, The School Band & The Choir will be performing. More information will follow - save the date.

#### **Six week programme for families**

The cre8ability programme will run on a Tuesday after school (day to be confirmed) 3.30-5pm after the February half term. We have spaces for 10 families, it focuses on nurturing emotional well-being in a creative way and supporting emotional resilience for children. A parent, guardian or family member must be able to attend. The programme is for children aged 6-11. Please contact Miss Deakin if you would like a space.

Cre8ability sessions are a fun, interactive way for children aged 6-11 to learn about emotions. They aim to build new skills which in turn will naturally increase confidence and self-esteem. Engaging in a creative process helps to open up our imagination and idea-generating areas of the brain and supports the development of problem-solving skills. When children can generate ideas, problem solve and trust their own judgement they become more resilient which is an essential aspect of good mental health. In the sessions you will gain an improved understanding of feelings and learn how to deal with troublesome emotions in a positive, healthy way. You and your child will have fun and learn strategies together that promote health and wellbeing by exploring various art and craft techniques. You will also get to take your creations home!

We will build in 'relaxation time' which is so beneficial for young and old alike.



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To find out more information about how to join a programme, please contact Cre8ability on the details above.

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**Cre8ability**



**6 WEEK PROGRAMME FOR FAMILIES**

**Nurturing Emotional Well-being in Creative Spaces**

**INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PARENTS**

Sample 6 week programme of Nurturing Emotional Well-being

- Naming feelings
- Noticing feelings
- Managing feelings
- Music for mood
- Positive relationships
- Nurturing a growth mindset

Activities may vary in each programme

**Activities**

weaving, music, sculpting, relax, collage, design, drumming, painting

**Creative kids are:**

- Resilient
- Confident
- Self-assured
- Inventive
- Innovative
- Problem-solvers
- Imaginative
- Good learners
- Curious

## We are hiring!

We are looking to recruit a new member of the team to run after school club! The hours are currently 3:00pm – 5:30pm, 12.5 hours per week, starting after Easter. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please get in touch with school. Thank you.

## School Start Time

A reminder that the **school day starts at 8.50am**, we are recently seeing a number of children arriving after this time. Please do try to arrive at school at 8.45am when the doors open. A late mark will be given for children arriving after 8.50am.

## Car Park

In observation over recent months, we have found that a relating factor to the car park being busy is that some families are not leaving promptly at the end of the school day. Please consider the needs of others at the end of the school day and leave promptly to allow other cars to park who are queuing. This works well in the morning, where children are dropped off promptly. Also, another contributing factor is that cars are arriving exceptionally early for their designated pick up times. Please arrive for your pick up time to allow the flow of children to leave school at their allocated time. Please adhere to the request to support the flow of cars coming into and out of school.

## Parent Pay

Please ensure that any monies outstanding on Parent Pay are cleared promptly. Reminders are often sent out and not actioned. Failure to clear accounts may result in your child/ren not being able to attend breakfast/afterschool club until the debt has been cleared and the account is in credit.

## Afterschool Club

A reminder that all booked sessions not attended will be charged for if 24 hours cancellation notice is not given, excluding absence due to sickness.

## Outdoor Clothing

Please can you ensure that your child brings a warm coat, hat and gloves to wear outside during break and lunch times.

## Polite reminders

### Earrings

A reminder that on 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 guardian or the child themselves.

Dates for Your Diary:	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> January	MP Maya Ellis school visit
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year
Week of 3rd – 7 <sup>th</sup> February	National Storytelling Week
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term at normal time
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 swimming at Gorlands
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Goosnargh Showcase Event @Goosnargh Village Hall at 2pm.
Week of 10 <sup>th</sup> March	School Safety & National Careers Week
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day

## Wednesday Word

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SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL  
WITH SCHOOLS,  
PARENTS & FAMILIES

**absolute**  
**February Half Term**  
**Holiday Camp**

Goosnargh Oliverson's Primary School PR3 2BN

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February **AGE** 4-11 (Reception to Year 6)

Full Day £25 / Half Day £15  
Full 5 Day Week £110

8:30am - 4:30pm  
All Half Day 8:30am - 12:30pm  
Full Half Day 10:30am - 4:30pm

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