



ST. FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

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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'

Tower Wood residential 2024!

Year 5/6 really enjoyed Tower Wood on Lake Windermere this week, experiencing a range outdoor activities and adventures!



Year 1/2 Preston Small Schools Champions!



Well done to the year 1/2 footballers who won the Preston Small Schools Football tournament! 8 games unbeaten, winning on a penalty shootout!

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 and are full on a Wednesday. If you are booked in and do not require your slot, please inform the school office. If less than 24 hours' notice is given you will still be charged for the session.

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.

School Uniform

There are a large number of jumpers and PE kits with no names in them in school. If these are not claimed, they will be placed in the PTFA pre-loved uniform sale.

PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING!

Earrings and Jewellery

Please note that only small studs are allowed in school, large earrings will be asked to be removed in school. Please also ensure that earrings are taken out or covered up on PE days.

School Meals

School Meals will be charged at £2.70 per meal from September 2024. The meal charge to schools will increase in line with food and labour increases

Hill Chapel Open Garden Day - Art Competition

Hill Chapel Church are holding an Open Garden Day on Saturday June 29th where parish gardens are open to the public – to raise money for St Francis Church Roof Fund.

Tickets are £6 per adult – (children free) which includes entry to all 10 gardens. Please arrive at Hill Chapel first to pick up a map and details of gardens. There will be refreshments for sale, a raffle and stalls.

We would love it if children could design, draw or create a flower, a garden or anything linked to gardens.

£1 per entry to raise funds.

The drawings/ pictures / gardens can all be assembled in church on Friday 28th June ready to be viewed and judged on 29th June with prizes for the most creative entries.

St Francis Hill Chapel Quiz

Please would you mind putting a request out to parents and staff that quiz sheets are on sale in school. £1 a copy.

Church closure & Fundraising for Church roof

Mrs Eastham (local parishioner and friend of the school) is selling outdoor tomato plants for £1.50 and pepper plants for £1.00 to support raising funds for the church roof. If you would like to buy any plants to support the cause, please contact the school office. The Church roof is being repaired in summer. **The church and parishioners are desperately trying to raise funds to support the roof repairs. Any support or incentives for support are most welcome!**

PTFA News

Unfortunately, due to low numbers the Summer Ball has unfortunately been cancelled. Any donated prizes will be used at the Summer Fair in either an auction or a raffle.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Your PTFA are setting up an online pre-loved uniform shop and would love some donations of:

Pre-school jumpers and cardigans
School jumpers and cardigans
White polo shirts
Brown trousers and shorts
Brown skirts and pinafores
PE Tracksuits
PE Shorts
School shoes
Trainers suitable for PE
School book bags
Rucksacks



Longridge Field Day – 8th June

We are taking part in Longridge Field Day again this year. Our theme is rainforest / save the rainforest / stop deforestation. Please dress up as animals, explorers or protestors. Examples are: jaguar, macaw, poison dart frog, toucan, tiger, orangutan, sloth, lemur, spider monkey, vampire bat, leopard, turtle and elephant. We would love to see as many children on the float dressed up to support the school. Further information will be sent out regarding times after half term.

Attendance


There has been an increase in holiday requests over the May and June period. Please note that in schools this is an exceptionally busy and important time due to statutory tests which include Y6 SATs, Year 4 times tables test, Year 2 SATs and Year 1 phonics tests. The dates for these tests have had to be rescheduled on many occasions due to children not being in school.



Every School Day Counts

Don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

DID YOU KNOW.....

- One week missed from school is the same as missing around 25 hours of learning which can't be repeated. 
- 90% attendance may sound OK but it is the same as missing a month off school each year. Over the course of a school career, this would add up to a whole year missed! Your child would also be classed as a Persistent Absentee.

Absences

A reminder that you call the school office in the morning if your child is off sick, please do not send messages on Seesaw to the class teacher. Teaching staff are busy setting up the classroom and do not always have the time to check Seesaw messages in a morning.

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](#)

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:

Friday 24th May – BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM – NORMAL TIME

Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th June – children return to school

Tuesday 4th June – Reception vision screening

Wednesday 5th June – Linking Network, Year 5 visit to English Martyr's Primary School

Wednesday 5th June – Football at Myerscough

Wednesday 12th June – Sports Day KS1@9:30am & KS2@1:30pm

Wednesday 12th June @5pm – New Starters' Induction Evening

Tuesday 18th June – UCLan Sports Festival KS2

Friday 28th June – Move Up Morning

Friday 5th July – Move Up Morning

Monday 8th July – Dress Rehearsal for Beacon Class School Play

Tuesday 9th July – Eureka School Trip EYFS and KS1

Tuesday 9th July – Beacon Class Play @2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 10th July – Fairsnape Trip to Blackpool Zoo

Friday 12th July – Music Showcase Collaboration Concert, St. Thomas' Church Claughton @ 1:30pm

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver's Mass @9:30am

Friday 19th July – Leavers' Assembly @9:15am

Friday 19th July – Break Up for the End of the School Year @ 1.15pm for KS1 and 1:30pm for KS2 and Pre-School