



# ST. FRANCIS' NEWSLETTER

## October 2024

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'

#### **Sporting Success!**

Well done to our Year 3/4 that took part in the recent Mini Skills Athletics competition – as they finished 1<sup>st</sup>, competing against eight different small schools in Preston! Also, well done to the footballers from Year 5/6 that gained a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the local Preston small schools football tournament!

#### **Parent Pay**

Please ensure that any monies outstanding on Parent Pay are cleared by the end of this half term. 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**

We are nearly at capacity most evenings for after school club. Please note that with immediate effect, all booked sessions not attended will be charged for if 24 hours cancellation notice is not given, excluding absence due to sickness.

#### **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.

#### **Car Park**

We have sent several emails and reminders about parking courteously on the school car park and passing this onto relatives that also pick the children up. We are still receiving complaints and see parking that is not considerate and supportive. Please park courteously (not on corners, block other cars or a take up more space than is required). We have more cars coming in and out of school this year, so it is more important than ever to park with care and consideration 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.

## PTFA

If you are looking for something to do with the children this half term, the PTFA are selling trail packs from the Laundrette Lounge on Derby Road, which will take you on a 1.6 mile circular route around Longridge, solving clues along the way that could win you a £20 Smyths Toys voucher. Please get involved and support our wonderful school.

Chance to win a £20 Smyths Voucher

### Hill Chapel's Half Term Trail

In support of St Francis Catholic Primary School PTFA

**SOLVE CLUES AND BANISH HALF TERM BLUES WITH A TRAIL AROUND LONGRIDGE**

COLLECT TRAILS FROM **THE LAUNDRETTE LOUNGE - DERBY ROAD LONGRIDGE FOR £2.50 (CASH ONLY) 19TH TO 28TH OCTOBER**



CIRCULAR 1.6 MILE ROUTE FROM THE LAUNDRETTE LOUNGE SUITABLE FOR PUSHCHAIRS AND WHEELCHAIRS

KINDLY SPONSORED BY HOLDENS ESTATE AGENTS AND HOLDEN HOMES

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## GREAT GOOSNARCH PHOTO CONTEST



CELEBRATING THE STUNNING SCENERY AND WONDERFUL WILDLIFE OF GOOSNARCH AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

CONTEST DEADLINE  
**9TH NOV**

1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PRIZES FOR EACH AGE CATEGORY  
to be announced 8/12

4 AGE CATEGORIES  
INFANTS  
JUNIORS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ADULTS



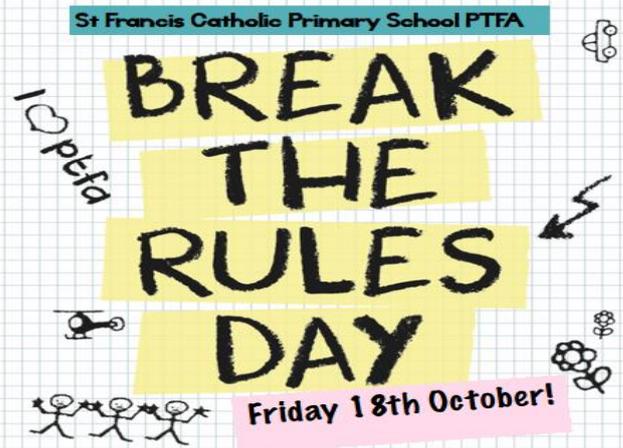
**GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!**  
REMEMBER TO INCLUDE NAME, AGE AND LOCATION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH YOUR ENTRY

E-mail your entries to  
**PTFA@st-francis.lancs.sch.uk**  
You will receive confirmation and details for entry costs (£2 per image)

St Francis Catholic Primary School PTFA

# BREAK THE RULES DAY

Friday 18th October!



### RULES TO BE BROKEN!!!

WEAR YOUR TRAINERS OR NON UNIFORM SHOES

Wear a temporary tattoo

wear crazy or odd socks

wear a hat in class

Wear a different jumper

Wear nail varnish

wear a bracelet

Wear a crazy hairstyle

Bring juice in your water bottle

wear your jumper inside out

For this event children from all year groups including Pre School can pay a small fee to 'break a rule' (listed) at school. 50p will be payable for each rule broken and there is no limit to how many rules you can break! For example choose 1 rule and pay 50p, choose all 10 and send in £5. Please send the correct change into school in an envelope with your child on the day. Thankyou, from the PTFA!

## **Snow White: A Christmas 2024 Panto!**

We are looking forward to a whole school trip to The Lowther Pavilion on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Further information will be sent out soon.



## **CLUBS FOR NEXT HALF TERM:**

Information about new clubs will go out the first week after half term to start the second week back.

## **Polite reminder**

Just to remind all parents that you need to contact the school office directly via email or telephone regarding attendance matters, rather than contacting through Seesaw. The school office does not have access to Seesaw.

Please also ensure that any messages for the KS2 staff are passed onto Miss Deakin, Mr Gilmour or Mrs Nuttall at the main entrance, please do not pass onto staff on the Infant door in a morning.

## **Family Mass & Church Closure**

Work is underway at the church and will last until May 2025. Sunday Mass will now take place each Sunday at 10:30am in the school hall.

This year, all festive events will be held in the school hall. Due to restrictive numbers and space we will be unable to have a KS2 Carol Concert this year. We will however be having a KS2 mini carols and band performance on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

## **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.

### **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)

### **Primary and Secondary School Applications**

Secondary school applications must be completed online by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and Primary school applications by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A supplementary form must also be completed and returned if applying on faith grounds.

## **Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?**

**Closing date: 15 January 2025**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning  
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



## **Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?**

**Closing date: 31 October 2024**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

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### Dates for Your Diary:

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break the rules day! 50p per rule that is broken.
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for half term at 3.20pm
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	INSET Day – children not in school
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Children return to school
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Nasal flu spray in school
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1&2 mini skills
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Sunday Mass
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception and KS1 Nativity at 2pm & 6pm
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day KS2 mini carls and band performance – 2pm
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pre-School carols around the tree – 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School closes for Christmas at 1.15pm for Infants and 1.30pm for juniors and Pre-School

### Wednesday Word



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL  
WITH SCHOOLS,  
PARENTS & FAMILIES

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