

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2023

Autumn Term 2, week 1
Virtue: Hope

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome

We have had a busy first week back that started with a story telling workshop for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. The children were taken into the world of story with a combination of known classics and modern tales. The workshop has been offered to schools as part of the 'Leeds Year of Culture'. We had a visitor in School on Thursday to have a look at the wonderful



learning taking place. She has extremely impressed with the behaviour and attitudes towards learning and the high level of challenge the children receive in their personalised learning. I could not speak highly enough of the wonderful staff and their determination and hard work to ensure that your children receive the highest quality of education, which was a particular strength noticed on Thursday.



On Friday, Year 5 led our Remembrance liturgy on Friday and have been selling poppies throughout the week. Remembrance day is such a special time for us to stop and reflect on those who offered their lives to enable us to have peace. Member of year 6 also had the opportunity to join together with our Morley family of Schools in a service led by our local councilors at the Methodist church and ended with a walk to place a cross in the grounds surrounding the town hall.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons

Breakfast & Afterschool club

Do you need reliable childcare, where your child can receive a healthy breakfast or snack which meets the Healthy Schools standards? Look no further! **We have a few spaces available!**

Breakfast club runs from 7:45-8:50am and provides a range of healthy breakfast items for your child.

Afterschool club runs from 3:30-6pm and provides a healthy snack and a range of activities.

For more information contact the school office on: 0113 323 0554 or email office@stfrancismorley.org.uk

Year 4 Water safety

This week when year 4 go swimming the session will focus on keeping safe in the water and managing emergency situations in the water during winter. Children can swim with Pyjamas/Shorts & T-shirt over their swimwear for this session.

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Dates for your diary:

Anti bullying & road safety week	13th—17th
Water safety swimming session - Y4	13th Nov
School individual photo day - full	16th Nov
Early Years open evening (5-6pm). New starters 2024	16th Nov
Y6 Take over day!	17th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	17th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	24th Nov
Last Gardening club session until Spring term	28th November

Sibling and individual photos

Tempest photography will be in School on **Thursday 16th November**, to take sibling and individual photographs of your children. Children will need to wear full school uniform on this day. If it would normally be your child's PE day, please send them to school with their trainers in a carrier bag.



Anti-bullying week is here!



Anti-bullying week will be marked in school from the 13th - 17th November.

On **Monday 13th**, we will be asking staff, pupils and parents to **wear their odd socks** for the day to symbolise that we are all different and unique; a reminder to our children that this should be celebrated and to remember that they should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrate difference.



St Francis Priorities

Each year schools set priorities that they work towards to drive the school forward to continue the excellence that they achieve. When priorities are set they are not a reflection of poor attainment or of particular weakness, it is merely a focus in school to continue to drive the school in its journey to continued excellence. Listed below are 3 of our 6 areas that we are working on this academic year:

Religious Education ~ we have been looking at how we mark and provide feedback to our children within lessons to maximise how they further deepen their higher order thinking and build depth into their knowledge and understanding. **What can I do at home?**

Discuss their RE learning and concepts, read scripture from the Bible together and attend church to further deepen their knowledge of the faith.



Mental health & well-being ~ we have been developing our understanding of regulation of emotions through using the colour monster story. As a school we invest time into meditation through prayer journaling & mindfulness in PE. We have also have our nurture provision, with Mrs Harrison being our learning mentor and developed several nurture interventions to support our children with their emotions, anxiety and friendships. **What can I do at home?**

Talk to your child about their feelings and emotions, read / watch the colour monster story. You could even have a look at their online footprint and discuss how this impacts on their mental health & well-being.

High challenge in **Reading**, Writing & Maths for all learners, so that we can provide children with the knowledge and skills to succeed in life ~ within **Reading** as you will be aware, we have adjusted our reading routine so that across school, our day starts and ends with reading.

This is because reading is the key to success! If our children can read and infer they have opened a door to the future! We need to read in order to access life in simple tasks from reading ingredients in a supermarket to reading signs / information when travelling.

We follow the ELS scheme for the teaching of reading with our younger children and this quickly develops to children progressing onto the 'big cat' reading scheme. Class reading of novels has a key focus on fluency & vocabulary acquisition, which then builds understanding of the text. Writing & Maths to follow in the coming weeks...

What can I do at home?

Read as much as possible with your child and record this in their reading record.

Lower Key Stage 2



Parliament week has been a focus for the whole of Key Stage 2 this week, where the children have learnt about what and where Parliament is and how they can get involved.

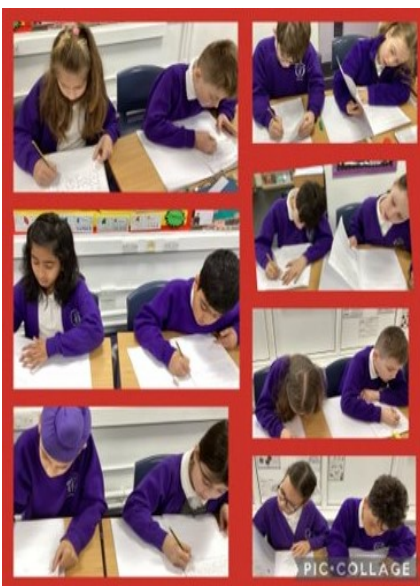


In Year 3, the children really enjoyed learning all about the UK Parliament this week and completed challenges.



We have had an exciting week, in Year 4! We have been on our school trip to Leeds City Museum, but have also enjoyed investigating our new science topic, poetry and doing a quiz for UK Parliament week!

Upper Key Stage 2



In Year 5, we have been working hard to write a character description of Vindictus Sharpe, to complete our work on 'The Nowhere Emporium'. We have really enjoyed reading and exploring this book!

In Year 6, we enjoyed developing our designing and sewing skills to create our class Advent calendar.



Parish Christmas Fayre

This year St Francis Catholic Church will be holding their annual Christmas fayre on Saturday 2nd December, 12-3:30pm. Our School will be hosting a stall. If you have any donations of bubble baths, soaps, bath bombs and other creams or cosmetics please send your donations into school before Wednesday 29th November. There are house points up for grabs to say thank you for your contributions!!



New Starters 2024

Early Years Open Evening...spread the word!



Will your child be starting school either in Nursery or Reception in September 2024 and you would like to send them to St Francis...why not come and join the Early Years team on **Thursday 16th November**

from **5-6pm** for our open evening, where you will get to meet the staff, sample the dinner menu & have a look at the classroom provision. This is a great opportunity for your child to get a feel for the learning environment too!

PE days this half term - Autumn 2

Please remember to send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on the following days:

PE kit is a plain white T-shirt, shorts, trainers and a plain black jacket

Nursery: Tuesday

Reception: Friday

Year 1: Mondays & Tuesday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4: Monday (swimming) & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Wednesday & Friday

Attendance ... let's be on time...school starts are 8:50am



We have received several holiday requests recently, I wish to thank families for their honesty with up-coming absences but please could I ask that the school calendar is checked prior to holidays being organised, to minimise your child missing their learning. The government sets an expectation that school attendance is above 96% and do investigate into schools where attendance falls below this. Thank you for your understanding.

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St Francis is committed to raising achievement of all our pupils. Regular attendance is critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them. Attendance and punctuality are important to allow children to achieve their full potential during their time at school.

As a school we consider attendance to be extremely important and would like the continued support of our parents in ensuring their child attends school regularly and on time. We have a zero tolerance policy on parents taking their child out of school to go on holiday. Leeds City Council will issue penalty notices.

Academic Calendar 2023-24

Inset day-
school closed *Mon 4th Sept
2023*

Start of Au-
tumn 1 term *Tues 5th Sept
2023*

End of Half
term *Thurs 26th
October 2023*

Inset day-
school closed *Friday 27th
October 2023*

Start of Au-
tumn 2 term *Mon 6th No-
vember 2023*

End of Au-
tumn term *Thurs 21st
December
2023*

Inset day -
School closed *Friday 5th
January
2024*

Start of
Spring 1 term *Mon 8th Jan
2024*

End of half
term *Friday 9th
Feb 2024*

School dinner menu - Autumn Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 1) is listed below. If your child is in Nursery dinner costs £2.20 per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners cost £2.50 per day.

Morley St Francis

Week 1

W/C - 04/09/23, 25/09/23, 16/10/23, 13/11/23, 04/12/23, 08/01/24, 29/01/24

MONDAY

- Chicken Curry with Rice
- Vegetarian Grill with Jacket Wedges (ve)
- Tuna Mayonnaise filled Wrap with Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)
- Chocolate and Orange Cookie

Tuesday

- Beef Cottage Pie
- Super Five Vegetable Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread (v)
- Cheese Bap with Pasta Salad (v)
- Jacket Potato with Tuna
- Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Salad

Wednesday

- Tortilla Pizza with Jacket Wedges (v)
- Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognaise (ve)
- Ham Sandwich with Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v)
- Lemon Sponge with Custard

FRIDAY

- Fish Fingers with Chips
- Omelette served with Chips (v)
- Wholemeal Tuna Sandwich with Chips
- Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)
- Shortbread Finger with Fresh Fruit Wedges

THURSDAY

- Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes
- Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)
- Hot Roast filled Bap with Roast Potatoes
- Cheese and Crackers with Apple Wedges

AVAILABLE DAILY

YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit

REB TRACTOR STANDARDS

Leeds CITY COUNCIL

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

(v) = vegetarian
(ve) = vegan

Seasonal local produce
USED WHEREVER POSSIBLE

Please note, whilst we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchens, we cannot guarantee that any food item is free from any specific allergen. We produce our food, fresh every day in kitchens where allergens are handled by our staff and where utensils and equipment are used for multiple menu items.

Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection team:

Mrs Gibbons
Headteacher

Miss Grayston
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Dobson
Year 3 Class teacher /
SENDCO

Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. In this Sunday's Gospel, five bridesmaids were sensible and wise. The other five were foolish – they were unprepared. The wise bridesmaids' brightly lit lamps – filled with oil – can remind us of the light the bridesmaids brought into the world through their faith and good works. The bridegroom represents Jesus and the wedding feast represents the kingdom of heaven. Because of their wisdom, the five sensible bridesmaids prepared well for the wedding and experienced all the joys of the wedding feast, that is, the joys of the kingdom of heaven. Enjoy a very special time together, listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **WISDOM**.



“Wisdom is kind and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.” St James

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm
Sunday Mass times 9:30am & 11:15am
Weekday mass times: Monday 9am,
Tuesday - Friday 10am