



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

26th February 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Spring Term! I hope that you all had a relaxing half term break. I'm sure that you will agree that it was a very well-deserved break from the pressures of home schooling and learning!

On Monday, we all watched the prime minister who informed us that we can welcome all children back into school from March 8th. All the school staff are incredibly excited about the prospect of seeing all the children again in school and getting our school community back together is something that we have been looking forward to for some time!

I hope that your child is also looking forward to March 8th. We understand that while some children will be excited about this, there may be some who are also anxious. All staff in school will be working hard to ensure that this is a smooth process for all involved. If your child is feeling anxious, please let either me or your child's class teacher know so that we can plan accordingly for this.

There will be a letter sent home to parents and posted on the school website early next week with the arrangements for the full return to school. It is crucially important that all parents read this letter carefully – I will send a text out to you all when it is posted on the website.

We have received a donation of 6 Chromebooks and 6 Dongles this week from the Women of Whitworth – I would like to thank them again for their continued support. If any of you need these to support home learning, please contact me at school.

If your child is still at home next week, it is very important that they attend the live teaching and complete the home learning as if they don't, they will be missing out on key aspects of the curriculum.

I would like to finish by saying a huge well done to one of our pupils, Jenson in Class 3, who made a guest appearance on Rossendale Radio recently to talk about being recognised as a Valley Community Star. He has recently raised £1500 for the Neonatal unit. We are very proud of you Jenson and you definitely deserve the recognition! Well done!

As always, if there is anything at all that I can help or support with, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Keep smiling 😊

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John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."



AWARD WINNERS

EYFS

Wicked Writer – Madisyn for trying her hardest with letter recognition and blending.

Mighty Maths – Noah for ordering numbers to 10 and using a number line to support his work.

Superstar Award – Caden for being more outgoing with others.

Marvellous Mindset – Charlie for making a huge effort to follow instructions.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Brooklyn for trying hard in Phonics and writing better sentences independently.

Mighty Maths – Rocco for trying to push himself, working on adding two 2-digit numbers.

Superstar Award – Sienna for being a great role model, helping others and being kind.

Marvellous Mindset – Sophie for trying hard in all subjects and always listening to instructions.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – Millie for her dictionary work linked to issues and dilemmas.

Mighty Maths – George for challenging himself with problems involving addition.

Superstar Award – Brooke for her effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Marvellous Mindset – Ocean for improved focus with remote learning.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – William for his super diamante poem.

Mighty Maths – Amy for super perseverance with adding and subtracting fractions.

Superstar Award – Matilda for 100 % effort in everything she does.

Marvellous Mindset – Isaac for his perseverance with his fraction work

Birthdays from 22nd February to 28th February

EYFS – Beatrix (27th February)

Class 2 – Jamie-Junior (23rd February), Lucas (26th February), Oliver J (26th February),

Class 3 – Leo (25th February)

Class 4 – Bailey (26th February)



Parents evening



Our Spring term parents evening will be held on the evenings of Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March. These will be held using Microsoft Teams and will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Further details will be sent out in due course so that you can book your required appointment slots.



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Class 4 teaching arrangements

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Allton will be returning to school on Monday 1st March to resume teaching Class 4. In his absence, the children in Class 4 have been taught by Mrs Parkinson. On behalf of everyone here at St John with St Michael, I would like to thank Mrs Parkinson for all her hard work and we wish her well for the future.

Traffic around school

Please can I remind parents to drive carefully at school start and finish times. I continue to see parents driving too fast down Moss Side Street and across the entrance to school which creates a huge risk for our children when they arrive and leave school. I would also urge parents to park on the main road and walk down Moss Side Street as this would be much safer for our school community. The parking space to the side of the school gates is for blue badge holders only. If this continues, I will have no choice but to contact the local community policing team for advice and support. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in keeping our children safe.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday (4th March). A letter has been posted on the school website about this. To access the letter, go to the home page of the school website and scroll down to the calendar. Click on 'World Book Day' and this will take you to the letter with all the information you need.

Before and After School Club bookings

When school fully re-opens on March 8th, we will need to ask parents to make sure that they book in advance for before and after-school club provision. We therefore ask that, if you need this provision, you let us know by the Friday of the week before **at the latest** which days you require. This is so that we can plan accordingly for the numbers of children we will have each day. Also, payments must be made on Scopay at the time of booking.

Covid reminders

If your child, or anyone in your household, starts to display any of the symptoms, they **must** go for a Covid test. Whilst waiting for the results, your household **must** all self-isolate. Please inform school immediately if this happens by emailing head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk. If a bubble has to close, **all** children in that bubble must isolate for the required time period.

I would urge all members of our school community to continue to follow the rules and guidance set out by the government. Although we can start to feel optimistic about getting back to normal, we are still a long way from it and we must continue to keep everyone safe.

Drinks in the classroom

This is a reminder that all children are welcome to bring a drinks bottle into school with them.

This must only contain water – no cordial, flavoured water or fizzy drinks are allowed.

Please also ensure that the bottle is labelled with your child's name.

Calling all green-fingered volunteers – we need you!

We have 4 planters in school and we have decided that each class will be responsible for one of them. If any members of our school community would like to volunteer to come and help plant flowers/vegetables and maintain them alongside the children and school staff, please let me know and we will let you know when we need you!

Thank you in advance – it would be great if some of you could get involved with this.

This week, EYFS have had a great time tasting some Chinese food as part of their Chinese New Year celebrations. Delicious!

