



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

5th March 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

And that is it! The moment that we have all been waiting for is finally here! On Monday morning, we can't wait to welcome all our children back into school and I bet there is a collective sigh of relief from the vast majority of parents too!

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who have supported their children in accessing our home learning provision. We know that it hasn't been easy and we are very grateful for all the time and effort you have put into supporting your child with their learning.

I would also like to thank all the staff in school as well. Remote teaching is definitely not easy and it puts much more pressure on teachers than when they have all the children in the classroom. I am very proud of my whole staff team throughout this period of lockdown – thank you to all of them.

This week, we celebrated World Book Day and it was lovely to see the range of costumes and pyjamas which the children wore. I hope they all enjoyed the activities which they took part in and we have created 2 display boards in school to showcase photos from the day from children in school and at home.

If your child celebrated World Book Day at home and you have any photos of them, please email them across to the class teacher so they can be added to our display board in school.

In this newsletter, there are several reminders about the full return to school from March 8th so please read them carefully. We are hopeful that the plans in place for arrival and dismissal will run smoothly, but please be patient with us if there are any teething problems!

If you have borrowed a laptop from us during the period of lockdown, please can you return this to school any time from Monday 8th. Please can you make sure that it is packaged in the same way that it was when it was loaned to you.

I have included a paragraph on page 2 of this newsletter about asking for help if you are struggling with anything at all. This can be if you are struggling with any aspect of life in general – not just helping your child with school work. If you find yourself in this position, all you have to do is ask. We have a number of avenues for support that we can put in place for you.

We look forward to getting all children back in school from Monday. 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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Romans 15: 13

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



AWARD WINNERS

EYFS

Wicked Writer – Kyra for writing letters correctly in phonics.

Mighty Maths – Roman for finding different ways to make 8.

Superstar Award – Albie for extra effort and enthusiasm in all of learning.

Marvellous Mindset – Reggie for perseverance when learning a new skill.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Max O for trying really hard at doing full and longer sentences independently and on time in the lesson, without chatting too much this week!

Mighty Maths – Lucas for trying really hard at Maths when in school this week!

Superstar Award – Daisy for doing so much remote learning and handing it all in.

Marvellous Mindset – Charlie for trying so hard to make his handwriting smaller and neater all week in all subjects.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – Thomas C for striving to extend his vocabulary in our Wallace and Gromit topic.

Mighty Maths – Sharlie-Lee for her enthusiasm for maths work

Superstar Award – Castiel for going above and beyond with remote learning.

Marvellous Mindset – Ethan for a positive attitude with remote learning.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – Amy for some great content in her superhero story.

Mighty Maths – William for showing an excellent understanding of everything covered in Maths this week.

Superstar Award – Harvey for working hard in all areas this week and making Mr Allton smile.

Marvellous Mindset – Lily for always having a smile on her face and positive attitude to learning.

Birthdays from 1st March to 7th March

EYFS – Megan (4th March), Pria (7th March)

Class 2 – Max A-F (5th March), Rocco (5th March)

Class 3 – Thomas L (4th March)



Parents evening



This is a reminder that 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.

Appointment times will be sent out to you next week.



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Timings for arrival and departure

It is important that all parents stick to the published timings for arrival and departure at school:

Arrival: EYFS – 8:50am; Class 2 – 8:45am; Class 3 – 8:50am; Class 4 – 8:55am

Departure: EYFS – 3:10pm; Class 2 – 3:15pm; Class 3 – 3:20pm; Class 4 – 3:25pm.

Children will not be allowed to leave school earlier than these times.

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.

Traffic around school reminder

With all children back in school next week, I would urge all parents to either walk to school or park on the main road and walk down Moss Side Street wherever possible. The potential for children getting injured is high just outside the school gates with the number of cars that could be driving down and the blind corner. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

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.

P.E. lessons reminder

For the time being, your child can come to school dressed in their PE clothes and dressed warmly to do PE lessons outside on their PE days. **We ask that all children wear their school jumper over the top of their PE clothes.**

Support for families who need it – all you have to do is ask!

We are aware that there are a number of families who could be struggling, either financially, emotionally, with mental health issues or in any other way.

If you find yourself in this position, PLEASE contact me at school and have a discussion about this in confidence. We can signpost you for support and we can help.

We all have times where we struggle - for whatever reason – and we all need help sometimes.

It can be hard to admit that you are struggling but we are here to help and support you. Please get in touch.

Before and After School Club bookings

This is a reminder that we 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.

This week, we have a few photos from World Book Day 2021!

