



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

19th March 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now only 2 weeks away from the Easter break, and the end of a full term. The Spring term has well and truly flown by!

School has been a very happy place this week and the children have enjoyed their learning. I have heard lots of laughter and excitement around the corridors during the week and children have been keen to share their learning with me.

I would also like to thank our whole school community for supporting Comic Relief on Friday by being in non-uniform and bringing a donation. Class 3 have been learning from home this week but they have still joined in with the fun today by wearing as much red as possible. Comic Relief is a fantastic charity that makes a massive difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world so thank you for your donations. Class 3 will be able to bring donations on Monday when they return to school. I will let you know the amount raised on next weeks newsletter.

If you want to continue your Comic Relief adventure this weekend, there is a family challenge on the Comic Relief website which is accessed by following this link:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/fundraise/family-challenge/> In this challenge, you have to complete 5 missions as a family to defeat the villain Doomy McGloom to reclaim the nations laughter which he has stolen!

We look forward to welcoming Class 3 back into school on Monday and we are keeping everything crossed that we can keep all our children in school for the foreseeable future. However, it reminds us all that we must continue being incredibly careful and keep following the guidance during this period of national lockdown which we still find ourselves in. I must ask all of our parents and carers to continue observing social distancing measures in the morning and afternoon when dropping off and picking up at school. There is definitely light at the end of the tunnel now and we have to all play our part in ensuring that we can hopefully see family and friends again in the not-too-distant future.

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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*Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and
forever. Hebrews 13:8*



AWARD WINNERS



EYFS

Wicked Writer – Noah for writing his letters.

Mighty Maths – Isaac for comparing heights.

Superstar Award – Charlie for trying hard with his phonics.

Marvellous Mindset – Lilah for drawing a super picture of her bean sprouting and trying incredibly hard.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Daley for trying so hard to write neatly on the highlighted lines.

Mighty Maths – Steven for working very well using a ruler to measure height and length in cms.

Superstar Award – Blake for settling really well into school since we came back and really trying to solve activities independently.

Marvellous Mindset – Max A-F for trying his best in all areas of schoolwork and trying to be more independent.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – Thomas L for creativity with calligrams.

Mighty Maths – Castiel for super work in maths lessons online.

Superstar Award – Rhys for commitment to online learning.

Marvellous Mindset – Charlie for persevering through challenging times.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – Natalie L for great descriptive work about her inventions

Mighty Maths – Logan for excellent work on the area of triangles

Superstar Award – Holly A for 100% in all she does with a smile on her face.

Marvellous Mindset – Cameron for joining in with class discussions with 100% effort.

Parents evening

You should by now have received your appointment time for parents evening on either Tuesday 30th March or Wednesday 31st March.

If you haven't, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

The 10-minute appointment times must be adhered to as the Teams invites have been set up. Teachers will end the appointments after 10 minutes and if there is any need for further discussion, this will be arranged for a different time.



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Uniform Policy reminder

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our uniform expectations in school. Now that we have all children back in school, please can I ask that all students follow this policy.

The only exception to this policy currently is that children can come to school readily dressed for PE lessons on their PE days. This will be reviewed shortly with staff and I will provide further information about this in the coming weeks.

It is also a reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. From Monday, any children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them in line with the uniform expectations.

I would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

Covid reminders/Lateral Flow tests for your household

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.

You can also now collect lateral flow testing kits for your household from a testing site. If you go to the testing site and say you are a parent of a primary school child, they should give you 1 or 2 lateral flow testing kits to take home and use regularly. Although this is not mandatory, it is highly recommended by the government.

Holiday dates for Easter and for 2021/22 academic year

This is a reminder that school will close for the Easter break at the end of the school day on Thursday 1st April. We will return to school on Monday 12th April.

The holiday pattern for the 2021/2022 academic year is now on the school website. This can be accessed by following this link: <http://www.sjsm.lancs.sch.uk/page/holidays/78726>

Return of loaned laptops

During the lockdown period, a number of our families borrowed a device from school to support with their child's home learning.

There are still a number of these devices which have not yet been returned to school.

All devices borrowed during lockdown must be returned by next Wednesday at the very latest please.

Please can I also ask that any devices borrowed by Class 3 children during the past week of home learning are also returned by this day.

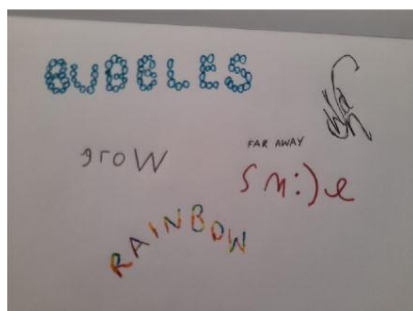
All these devices will now be used in school to support our pupils with their learning, so it is of paramount importance that these are returned.

Coughs in school!

If a child displays a persistent cough in school, our risk assessment will be followed and you will be contacted to come and collect them and take them for a test.

Please can I ask for your patience and understanding if this happens. We are not trained medical professionals but we are being asked to make judgement calls about whether a cough might or might not be Covid related. This is a virtually impossible task for us, but we have to act to ensure the safety of our school during the ongoing pandemic.

Some photos from Class 3 and EYFS this week! Class 3 have created calligrams and also enjoyed dressing up in red for Comic Relief home-learning on Friday! EYFS have been learning about beans sprouting, plants and flowers.



Uniform

We have a school uniform which helps develop the children's sense of belonging to the school, as well as reducing the expensive plight for designer labels!

	Boys	Girls
TOPS	Plain pale blue polo shirt Plain maroon sweatshirt (with school logo if possible)	Plain pale blue polo shirt Plain maroon sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo if possible)
BOTTOMS	Grey tailored trousers or shorts (NO skinny trousers or jean style trousers please)	Grey skirt (no more than 2 inches above the knee) or tailored grey trousers
		Grey pinafore or blue checked dress in summer
FOOTWEAR & SOCKS	Black shoes (NOT trainer style) Grey or black socks A pair of wellies to keep in school.	Black shoes no more than 1 inch heel (NOT trainer style) Plain socks or tights (white, grey or black) A pair of wellies to keep in school.
P.E.KIT	White t-shirt Black shorts, pumps Black jogging bottoms and warm black top for cold days Lightweight waterproof jacket Spare socks Towel Trainers Plastic bag for dirty kit Pump bag	
JEWELLERY	Only wrist watches are allowed. Earrings are strictly forbidden, any children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them.	
Year 6 Uniform	White Shirt and black tie	