



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

7th May 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I don't think that the weather over Bank Holiday weekend was what we all expected or hoped for, but I still hope that you all enjoyed the extended weekend and managed to spend time together as a family. I'm sure you will agree with me that it is about time we saw some more warmer weather!

In worship this week, we have covered a range of areas and topics. On Monday, the theme was continuing to investigate what God is like and what God means to us. We listened to a story called Laura's Star by Klaus Baumgart which helped the children understand that even though we can't see God, he is always there for us.

On Wednesday, worship was linked to our school core value of friendship. Children were asked to think about what qualities make a good friend and understand that it is important to be a good friend through the good times and also through the difficult times. The Bible story of Ruth and Naomi was used to support this.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Laughter Day which was on 2nd May and children discussed the benefits of laughter and how it can make us, and others around us, feel better.

We are always looking at ways that we can improve attendance in school to help meet our target of 96% overall. To help with this, we have introduced a weekly class competition. The class with the highest overall attendance during the week will receive an extra playtime as a reward. If your child feels slightly 'under the weather', we would always encourage parents to still bring them into school as children often forget about feeling poorly once they are learning and playing with their friends.

If they have any of the Covid symptoms, please continue to follow the guidance about taking them for a PCR test and if they have sickness or diarrhoea, they must remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness.

Please can I ask all parents to continue to support us with our staggered arrival and dismissal times by being punctual and waiting in the correct places and also by remembering to socially distance at these times too. I feel that we are getting very close to the time where we can relax some of these rules, but we are not there yet!

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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AWARD WINNERS

EYFS

Wicked Writer – Eve for writing her colour words.

Mighty Maths – Tillie-Mae for ordering numbers to 20.

Superstar Award – Kyra for always bringing her reading book to school.

Marvellous Mindset – Charlie for excellent concentration during time to talk.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Robert for successful spelling of 5 sound words in phonics.

Mighty Maths – Brooklyn for her enthusiasm with adding across 10.

Superstar Award – Maddie for asking questions in class and finding her 'brave'.

Marvellous Mindset – Pixie for always thinking of others and being kind by showing respect.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – Poppy for writing a great water poem.

Mighty Maths – Saskia for persevering to conquer her times tables.

Superstar Award – Sharlie-Lee for doing really well in all curriculum areas (even though she would tell you she hasn't!!).

Marvellous Mindset – Kyle for having a positive attitude to his work.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – Harry for brilliant content on surviving in a rainforest.

Mighty Maths – Caddon for excellent work on coordinates.

Superstar Award – Holly M for a great attitude in everything she does.

Marvellous Mindset – Savannah for an excellent attitude with everyone else in class.

Birthdays – 3rd May to 9th May

Class 2 – Emily (7th May), Sebastian (8th May), Isla (9th May)

Class 3 – Millie (9th May)



Attendance award winners

Friday 30th April – Class 2 (97.9% attendance)

Friday 7th May – Class 2 (98.7% attendance)

Isaiah 40:31...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



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Wellness weekend – 15th and 16th May 2021

The Women of Whitworth are organising a 'Community Wellness Weekend' on the 15th and 16th May. During this event, there will be lots of activities aimed at emotional and mental health and wellbeing, such as; a family pamper session, a healthy brunch made LIVE on the Saturday morning, an osteopath talking to us about posture and the importance of keeping active, a relaxing colouring session, with a colouring competition, a story read by a local author, pilates and yoga sessions, a guided facial massage session for the parents using aromatherapy oils, an outdoor nature session for the children with a Forest School Teacher and a session covering the importance of writing things down & journaling to help with mental wellbeing,

To register for this FREE event, visit this website here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDF6NX2>

Families must register prior to the event to take part.

Staff challenges – Miss Dalton and Mrs Oliver

Two of our staff members are taking part in personal challenges during the month of May – we are very proud of them!

Miss Dalton is taking part in the 'Jog 26 miles challenge' for Brain Tumour Research in memory of Joshua McCormack, who will always hold a very special place in our school.

Mrs Oliver is taking part in the 'walk a mile every day challenge' to raise money for Macmillan – an amazing charity which does incredible work providing specialist health care.

I know that our whole school community will get behind Miss Dalton and Mrs Oliver as they take part in these challenges.

If you are able to donate any money to these challenges, there are 2 collection boxes in the school office. Please call in and donate to these wonderful charities and support Miss Dalton and Mrs Oliver – thank you.

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 PCR 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.

Whilst we haven't had any bubble closures for a while, the risk of this is still very much evident and we thank all our parents and families for their understanding and patience if this has to happen.

If you haven't yet collected lateral flow tests for your family **to test asymptomatic people**, and you wish to do so, please call at any testing site and they will provide you with one or two testing kits to take home.

Reminder about term dates

All of our holiday dates for this academic year and the 2021/22 academic year can be found on our website by visiting this page: <http://www.sjsm.lancs.sch.uk/page/holidays/78726>

We break up for the next half term holiday at the end of the school day on Friday 21st May and then return to school on Monday 7th June.

We finish for the Summer break at the end of the school day on Friday 16th July.

The 2021/22 academic year will start for all children on Monday 6th September 2021.

In Class 2, children have been using Base 10 to support their Maths learning and they enjoyed their PE session outside with Coach Dan. In Class 4 this week, the children have continued their learning about the rainforest and they did a role play activity where they had to pretend to be lost in a rainforest and listen to the sounds they would hear, such as weather, animals, tribes, etc.

