



# St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Another exciting week has passed in school and we now only have 1 more week until we finish for half term. Time is absolutely flying!

This week is Christian Aid Week, and in our Monday whole-school worship we learnt about the fantastic work which this charity does. We looked at case studies of children in different parts of the world who are not able to go to school for a variety of reasons and children were asked to reflect on how lucky they are to be able to attend school daily and receive a good education.

In Wednesday's worship, children learnt about the benefits of walking to link in with National Walking Month. We are incredibly lucky to live in such a lovely part of the country and there are many walks around us which we can enjoy. On Thursday, children learnt about the ascension of Jesus into heaven and what this means for Christians today.

It is national 'Walk to School' week next week. Please consider walking to school as an alternative to driving if you possibly can. Your child has been given a leaflet to bring home to support the walk to school campaign.

Our Class 4 pupils have recently sent some postcards to the residents of Barley View Care Home. This was an idea which Amelia thought of and she kindly provided postcards for all children to send – thank you Amelia! See page 2 of this newsletter for the lovely response we got from Barley View and some photos of the residents enjoying the postcards.

I was very lucky this week to visit the Lighthouse Community Foodshare project in Whitworth. This is a brilliant scheme in our local community, aimed at helping families who struggle to buy essentials such as food and cleaning products. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter with further information. If you are struggling, please get in touch with them. They have some spare slots available and they want to make sure that they help as many people as possible in our community.

Our school has registered to take part in the Race for Life for Schools in the second half of the Summer term. This will be a great opportunity for us to do something as a whole school project (probably still in our 'bubbles' but we will wait for further guidance to be released!) to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Further details will follow in due course.

Miss Dalton and Mrs Oliver are progressing well with their personal challenges during the month of May. Miss Dalton aims to run 26 miles to raise money in memory of Joshua McCormack and Mrs Oliver is walking 1 mile every day to raise money for Macmillan. There is a donation pot in the office if you can donate to these wonderful causes and show Miss Dalton and Mrs Oliver your support.

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** – Roman for improved focus and attention in phonics.

**Mighty Maths** – Eve for creating and writing her own number sentences.

**Superstar Award** – Lilah for making progress in all areas of learning.

**Marvellous Mindset** – Oliver for perseverance when writing his letters.

### Class 2

**Wicked Writer** – Charlie for improving his handwriting and sentences in a positive way.

**Mighty Maths** – Tiarnna for being resilient with number bonds to 20 and trying her best.

**Superstar Award** – Steven for showing positivity in class with his Maths and English and being aware of others' needs.

**Marvellous Mindset** – Blake for helping others to play games at playtimes.

### Class 3

**Wicked Writer** – Jasmine for super independent story writing.

**Mighty Maths** – Thomas L for brilliant work on column addition.

**Superstar Award** – Esme for great commitment to independent work.

**Marvellous Mindset** – George for consistently making good choices.

### Class 4

**Wicked Writer** – Matilda for consistently good quality throughout the week on her rainforest story.

**Mighty Maths** – Bailey for excellent understanding of algebra work.

**Superstar Award** – Natalie L for always settling to work and avoiding distraction.

**Marvellous Mindset** – Hannah for keeping going even when she finds things difficult.

### Birthdays – 10<sup>th</sup> May to 16<sup>th</sup> May

Class 3 – Stacey (10<sup>th</sup> May),

Class 4 – Joseph (10<sup>th</sup> May), Lily-Ray (12<sup>th</sup> May)



### Attendance award winners

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Reception (100% attendance this week)

## Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



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## Reminder - Wellness weekend – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Women of Whitworth are organising a 'Community Wellness Weekend' on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Barley View Care Home Postcards

This is the message received from Barley View:



Whitworth Care

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This made us very happy and a little bit emotional, to receive a bundle of beautifully written postcards from Class 4 St John with St Michael CE primary school, Shawforth. Our residents were delighted to read them and it certainly brightened our day. We think you too are amazing and thank you so much for thinking of us. One day, please come and visit us in real life and we can all say thank you and ask how you are too ❤️ St John with St Michael CE Primary School

There are some photos below of the residents reading the postcards.

## Charlie's 200 mile Cycling Challenge

Charlie in Class 2 has decided that he would like to complete a personal challenge and raise money for school in doing so. Starting next week, he will be cycling a massive 200 miles in just 5 weeks! He wanted to do this to buy some new books and resources for the children in school.

You can show your support to Charlie by donating at this link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/joanne-hartley-1?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=mzZYpmG7k](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/joanne-hartley-1?utm_id=1&utm_term=mzZYpmG7k)

He has been training hard over recent weeks and months to get ready for this. Please show your support to Charlie while he completes this mammoth challenge.

Well done Charlie – we are so proud of you 😊



In school this week, EYFS have been having lots of fun practicing their writing, learning more about dinosaurs and lots more too! Class 3 have been learning about legal and illegal as part of their PSHE work.





**The Lighthouse  
Community Foodshare  
551-553 Market Street  
Whitworth  
OL12 8QW**

The Foodshare is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between the hours of 10am and 3pm. Our goods typically consist of tins and packets of staple items, fresh fruit & vegetables, bread, cakes, pastries, cooking sauces, condiments, household cleaning items and toiletries depending on what has been donated to us.

The use of the Foodshare is by appointment only, with only one client shopping at a time, at 15min intervals to limit Covid-19 exposure and allow us to sanitise between clients if needed. We offer weekly appointments. We do not means test or require an entitlement voucher. We want to provide our clients with a welcoming, discrete environment.

For further information or to book an appointment please contact:

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