



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

21st May 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

And so we come to the end of another busy half term in school. It is hard to believe that we only have 6 weeks left of this school year – it is flying by!

In worship this week, we covered a range of topics and areas.

On Monday, we thought about how honey is made and how bees work together. Children were incredibly disgusted to learn that honey is basically bee vomit! However, we linked the teamwork and collective effort of bees to how we can live our lives, by working closely with others to achieve a common goal.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Reverend Joanna who led our worship about Pentecost and children thought about times where they have to wait for something exciting to happen, for example their birthday, Christmas or waiting in a queue for a fairground ride. Children learnt that Jesus' disciples had to wait as Jesus promised them a special gift but didn't say when it would arrive.

On Thursday, the theme was 'Superheroes' and children learnt more about Pentecost. We thought about the special powers that superheroes have and children were asked to consider whether the disciples were superheroes after they were visited by the Holy Spirit and they took over Jesus' work on earth. We then thought about how all of us can do good deeds to help others and we don't need superpowers to achieve this!

As we reach the end of this half term, I would again like to thank my whole staff team for their continued effort, determination and commitment to all the children at St John with St Michael CE Primary School. Working in a school is incredibly physically, mentally and emotionally demanding. It is very rare when school staff are able to 'switch off' and there is always a massive 'to do' list to get through! The extra-curricular clubs this half term have been very popular and these will continue into the second half of the Summer term. I hope that my whole staff team find time to switch off and relax over the next couple of weeks – they need it and they deserve it!

I would like to thank all the children and their families for their continued support over this past half term. I also hope that all of you manage to spend some quality time together over the next couple of weeks. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that the weather improves, and we are all able to get outside and enjoy some sunshine!

Enjoy the time off and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 7th June.

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 – Harry for an improved attitude towards writing.

Mighty Maths – Tillie-Mae for problem solving and separating into equal groups.

Superstar Award – Pria for always being focussed on her learning.

Marvellous Mindset – Betsy for trying her best at nature detectives.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Violet for excellent writing in groups and class work at all times.

Mighty Maths – Lucas for excellent attitude towards Maths and all aspects of school life.

Superstar Award – Rocco for excellent work in PE at all times.

Marvellous Mindset – Daley for super effort in all group work.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – Brooke for effort in creating haiku poems.

Mighty Maths – Millie for finally conquering her latest times tables.

Superstar Award – Alfie S for great effort across the curriculum.

Marvellous Mindset – Charlie for wanting to make improvements.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – Amelia for great poetry work.

Mighty Maths – Malachi for some excellent mental maths work.

Superstar Award – Candice for a huge improvement in her attitude to learn.

Marvellous Mindset – Harvey for a lovely helpful attitude to everyone in class.

Birthdays – 17th May to 6th June

EYFS – Harry (26th May)

Class 2 – Jessica (25th May)

Class 3 – Niamh (19th May), Esme (22nd May), Alfie A-F (23rd May)

Class 4 – Leia (24th May)



Attendance award winners

Friday 21st May – Class 4 (97.6%)

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



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Reading Stars Winners

Over this past half term, we have launched our Reading Stars initiative, to try and encourage children to read more at home. Here are the 3 winners from each class, who will receive a £5 Amazon voucher:

EYFS: Eve, Greyson and Albert

Class 2: Oscar, Maxwell and Emily

Class 3: Stacey, Charlie and Anabella

Class 4: Scarlet, Natalie V and Leia

Also, every child who achieved 5 or more stickers has received a bookmark today as well.

In the next half term, expectations will be raised, and children will have to achieve 7 or more stickers to receive a prize.

Our expectation is that all children should be reading at home at least twice every week – please support us with this aim.

Parking outside school

Please can I ask all parents/carers to remember to park considerably outside school, and preferably park on the main road if possible and walk down to school. Please also do not block the garages opposite, as residents need access to these.

Challenge updates

Charlie in Class 2 has begun his mammoth cycling challenge. So far, he has raised an astonishing £835! Please donate if you can by either giving money in at the school office or using this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/joanne-hartley-1?utm_id=1&utm_term=mzZYpmG7k

Also, donations are still welcome at the school office for Mrs Oliver's walking challenge and Miss Dalton's running challenge.

We are very proud of you all!

Attendance information

Your child has brought a letter home today with their attendance information included. Our aim is that all children achieve at least 96% attendance over the school year. You will also get an updated figure included with your child's end of year report which will be sent out early in July.

Right Start safety booklets – Key Stage 2

Children in Key Stage 2 have today been given a booklet to bring home about an aspect of road safety. These booklets include key information about safety and also have a range of activities for your child to complete. This is something they could do during the half term break but there is no expectation to send these back into school – they are to be completed at home.

Thank you also to those families who supported Walk to School week – well done to you all!

Covid information

If you, or anyone in your household, starts to display any of the symptoms of Covid-19, you must arrange for a PCR test immediately.

If any of our children or families test positive over half term, you must report this to me immediately by emailing head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you for your continued support to ensure everyone's safety.

Guttering on the house at the corner of the school path

It has been brought to my attention that the guttering on the corner house near school is rotting away and coming apart. Please avoid walking underneath this – I am trying to get in touch with the landlord who owns the property to ensure this is fixed.

EYFS have had lots of fun this week, both indoors and outdoors. Children in class 3 have been learning about using Base 10 to support column subtraction with exchange and performing poetry for an audience.

