

*Live, Love, Learn & Pray*

## St John with St Michael CE School News

16<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### This Week's News:

We would like to welcome everybody back and wish you all a happy new year.

Each class has started a new topic. The EYFS children are learning all about Bears. Reception children are also learning about Bears, but famous ones like Rupert and Paddington. Class 2's topic is Monsters they have made some superb digital art Monsters in computing. Class 3 are thinking about "What the Romans did for us" and Class 4's topic is "Heroes and Villains".

Your children will have been given homework task sheets too this week, it is very important that these are completed.

### Reminders:

**UNIFORM:** Can we politely remind parents that at our school we do have a uniform policy and footwear is to be black sensible shoes please. Trainers can be worn during breaks and lunchtime.

**PAYMENTS:** If parents would like to start paying school via "Scopay" and need help setting it up please enquire in the office - we are happy to help set you up! ☺

**SWIMMING:** We have a mixture of junior children who are going swimming this term on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure girls with long hair have a swimming cap.

### Coming up:

Class 3 children will be taking part in the "Young Leaders Award" produced by the Archbishop of York Youth Trust.

Each Wednesday they will be doing sessions with Miss Kenyon to encourage the children to think about issues, build leadership skills and work on ideas to make changes within the local, national and global community.

It is a very exciting course and we hope that all the children are going to really enjoy it. We will need parents to participate in some activities and also ask for evidence of tasks from home for the children's scrapbooks.

Once it is fully completed the children will all receive a certificate of participation.



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**P.E Kit Reminder**

Once again please can we remind all parents to label their children's PE kits and that they are required in school at all times.



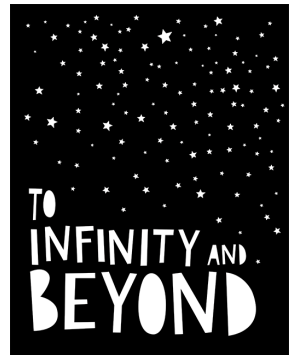
**Brief news from our Ethos Council:**

This term we are thinking about being THANKFUL. We learnt that in the story of the lepers only one went back and thanked Jesus. Do you thank people each day? Can you try to thank 3 people each day?

OUR ETHOS COUNCIL: Natasha, Stefan, Hannah, Megan, Candice, Mary, Malachi, Caitlin, Fawn, Scarlet T and Scarlett M.

**In loving memory of Joshua McCormack.**

Joshua was a pupil at our school who sadly lost his battle with a brain tumour two years ago. Miss Dalton and her little garden gnomes have been busy finalising the garden of remembrance for him. We are looking forward to its opening, we know how hard they have all worked on it and their ideas are amazing.



**Important Dates for you Diary:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

3pm Silent Auction, PTFA event in the school hall. Loose change required.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

School closes at 3.30pm for the half term holiday.

**Please can we remind you that the school day starts at 8:50am prompt. Your child needs to be in their classroom for registration, as late comers are missing out on vital learning time and causing disruption to the learning of others.**

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:**

We welcome you all to join us each week at 3.00pm to celebrate our children's achievements.



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## PTFA:

### SJSM PTFA 100 Club:



The next draw will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - *you have to be in it, to win it!*

The winners will be announced in the celebration assembly that day, they will also be published on the school newsletter, PTFA facebook page and on display in the school entrance.

### Unwanted Gifts:

We know that sometimes at Christmas, and throughout the year, we receive gifts that we already have, or can't use. We will be holding our Silent Auction again on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm, and we would be very appreciative of any unwanted or unused items for this. It can be anything from toys to hand cream!

The children will be bringing home envelopes to place loose change in to use at the auction, if they wish to attend from 3.00pm on the day.

Please also save any gift bags ☺ There will be collection boxes in the school entrance or you can send them in to the class teachers.

### Calling all parents.....

If you would like to be a member of our PTFA, please look out for notices and the texts for the next meeting dates and upcoming events that we warmly welcome any help with and are always open for new ideas and suggestions.

**NEXT MEETING:** ALL WELCOME. Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 9.00am. Can you spare an hour to help wrap auction items?

### Some of the up coming 2019 PTFA activities and events:

- January - Silent Auction
- February - Competition to design a new PTFA logo
- March - Mothers Day Gift Sale
- April - Distribution of Easter Eggs
- May - Spending money for school trips
- June - Summer Fair
- July - Year 6 Leavers Event



Each year the PTFA raises funds that also buy each child a Christmas present, they source the funds for full payment of the coaches for the Pantomime, contribute money to short trips throughout the year, buy the Leavers hoodies, to name but a few. This is all possible through the continuous support of YOU; our Parents, Teachers, Friends, Community.

**We thank you for your year round support.**