

Live, Love, Learn & Pray

St John with St Michael CE School News



14th January 2020

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome the children back to school.

SJSM News..... What are we doing?

EYFS Topic: Traditional Tales

This week the children in our Early Years Unit have been looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have been making porridge, putting things in size order, role playing in the house corner and thinking about their numbers - especially number 3.

Class 1 Topic: Traditional Tales

Class 1 have been looking at The Three Little Pigs and Red Riding Hood. They have been having a fabulous time re-telling the stories, They will be doing lots of arts and crafts and story writing.

Class 2 Topic: Explorers.

What an exciting topic! Class 2 have started to think about where the Snail in "Snail and the Whale" travelled to, looking at maps, and have had some great discussions about places in the world they have explored. In ICT they are going to be "Internet Explorers". **Year 2 children are swimming this half term on Wednesdays.**

Class 3 Topic: The Great Plague.

Class 3 are travelling back in time to 1665 - the era of The Great Plague! They have learnt about the symptoms and cause of the Great plague and are reading The Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Class 4 Topic: Earthlings.

In Class 4 they are studying the Earth, Sun and Moon in Science and writing their own Science Fiction stories in English. In PE they are developing their cricket skills and in ICT are working on Databases and Spreadsheets, looking at Radio broadcasts and creating their own websites.

Feed Up Fridays - Why not book your child on to a delicious hot meal from our school kitchen every Friday? Only £2.30 per meal. (Class 1 and Class 2 children are entitled to free lunches under the Universal Free Meals initiative.)



PTFA:

PTFA #100 Club

Next Draw will be on : Friday 31st January at 3:00pm, this will be for January's draw.

NEXT EVENTS... More information will follow on our upcoming events.

SILENT AUCTION 2020.

Do you have any unwanted or unused items that we could use for our **Silent Auction**? Please send them in to school - any items are greatly appreciated no matter how big or small an item.

VALENTINES DISCO.

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2020

Do you have any ideas for fundraisers for our PTFA or are you able to help in any way? We are happy to listen to your ideas and warmly welcome you to our next meeting - date to be announced soon.



**Collect and win
with Aldi's Kit for Schools.**

**Thankyou to everyone who
sent in the stickers for ALdi
before Christmas. We will be
receiving a Sports Kit soon.**

There is now a post box in the main entrance of school for anyone wishing to post letter, slips, money in rather than wait at the office. Please ensure items are in a marked envelope with your child's name and class.

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Please check out our school website, www.sjsm.lancs.sch.uk - newsletters, holiday information and events can all be viewed on there.

Important Dates for you Diary:

Tuesday 21st January 2020 - Year 6 visit from the Fire Service about Road Sense.

Monday 3rd - Friday 9th February -Mental Health Awareness Week "Find your Brave."

Wednesday 5th February - 3:30pm - 4:45pm MESSY CHURCH, Please book on in advance via the school office.

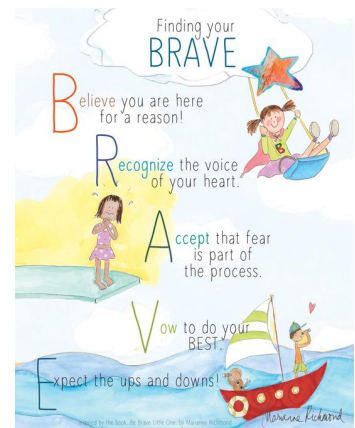
Friday 7th February - NSPCC Number Day

Thursday 13th February - PTFA Valentines Disco

Friday 14th February - School breaks up for half term

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

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



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Each child has been given a 2020-2021 holiday list.



IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE...

We are excited to announce
SHAWFEST '20

Friday 10th July 2020 - Please book the date in your diaries.

Following on from the success of last year's Shawfest we will be hosting the event once again, keep your eyes peeled for the band and stall announcements coming soon.

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SJSM Pupils Voice

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are going to be thinking about local charities to support at our next meeting. We already have Cancer Research Whitworth and Bacup and also Diabetes UK whom we will be supporting.

ECO-SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are collecting the fronts from your old Christmas cards that we will be using for eco-projects at Christmas. We are also helping Bacup Cancer Research raise funds by collecting in postage stamps. Please send any card fronts or used stamps cut from the letter in to Miss Kenyon.

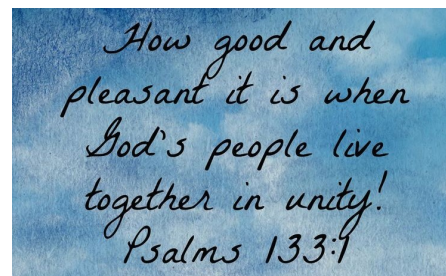
ETHOS COMMITTEE

This term's topic is DIVERSITY.

JOSHUA'S GARDENING CLUB

Miss Dalton was thrilled with the amazing amount of Christmas decorations that were sent in. Thank you so much.

This term, as the weather is not predicted to be gardening weather, Joshua's Gardening Club will still be on every Tuesday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in the ICT suite where we will be planning and discussing our next projects for 2020.



Attendance and Lateness

**LATENESS
AT THE START
OF THE DAY**



When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates.

Please can we remind you that the school day starts at 8:50am.

We are encouraging punctuality with our new initiative "Pizza Punctuality" - the class with perfect punctuality each day gets a slice of pizza for the display. The first class to complete their pizza will be rewarded. We will also be doing "time beaters" stamps.

What school expects from our families:

- For your child to attend school regularly - this is vital to their learning.
- That your child is on time every day - Phonics and Reading are generally at the start of our day and are essential.
- If your child is absent for **any** reason you **MUST** contact school straight away to explain why your child will be absent. This can be done via telephone 01706 852614 (out of hours answer machine) or email the office bursar@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk We **will** contact you if we do not hear from you. Please store our number in your phone.
- Pick your child up on time at the end of the day otherwise After School Club charges will incur.
- And to avoid holiday leave in term time. There is a holiday list on our website or paper copy available from the office.