



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

8th January 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to first of all wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope that you all had a restful break over Christmas.

I would also like to extend a massive thank you to our whole school community for the collective effort, understanding and support during our first week back in school. This hasn't been the start to 2021 that we would have all wished for, but I am sure that our school community will continue to pull together and support each other through the coming days, weeks and months.

On a personal note, I am very grateful for the incredibly warm welcome I have received from all members of our school community in my first week as Acting Headteacher here at school. It has been wonderful to see the children at the start of this new term and their smiles, attitude and effort have been in abundance this week.

I hope to set up whole school worship for everyone to connect with each other every Monday and Friday and details of these will be sent out the day before each worship.

I am sure that the next few days, weeks and months are going to continue providing us with challenges but I know that we can overcome any hurdles through working together and supporting each other.

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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Live teaching update

Thank you to everyone who has embraced the live teaching during this week and for your patience and understanding with any initial teething problems.

Please remember that it is a requirement that your child accesses the live teaching and associated tasks during this period of lockdown. We expect to see all children who are learning from home accessing this on a daily basis.

If you have any difficulties with the live teaching, please contact your class teacher in the first instance. Parents of children who are not engaging with live teaching will be contacted and we will provide as much support as we possibly can with this to ensure that all children can take part.

Technical support available from school

We have a number of laptops which can be loaned out to families who are struggling to ensure their child accesses the live teaching. Also, we have some Vodafone sim cards which can also be loaned out which will provide a 30GB data boost for 90 days. I can also apply for data boosters on other networks and 4G wireless routers through a government scheme.

If any family feel they would benefit from any of these schemes, please contact me at school on head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk and I can see if this would be possible.

I also read with interest this week that Google Classroom can be accessed through a PlayStation and X-Box too.

AWARD WINNERS



EYFS

Wicked Writer – Eve for segmenting and writing words.

Mighty Maths – Poppy for understanding the concept of heaviest and lightest.

Superstar Award – Greyson for fantastic first Monday morning and trying hard with online learning on Tuesday.

Marvellous Mindset – Charlie for positive attitude and increased confidence.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Isla for great ideas from home when making expanded noun phrases.

Mighty Maths – Charlie for trying really hard on the 'Hit the Button' game and working well with his partner.

Superstar Award – Maxwell for pushing himself to try harder questions at home and helping his sister too.

Marvellous Mindset – Max for settling in well after having time at home.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – Mason B for identifying details and recording using subheadings.

Mighty Maths – Sharlie-Lee for great progress working within the 3 times tables.

Superstar Award – Charlie for commitment to remote learning.

Marvellous Mindset – Stacey for perseverance with remote learning and overcoming challenges.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – Natalie L for her characteristics of a hero and villain.

Mighty Maths – Natalie V for super effort and challenging herself.

Superstar Award – Candice for engagement with online learning.

Marvellous Mindset – Natasha for impressive attitude to online learning and her engaging smile.

Birthdays from 18th December to 10th January

EYFS – Greyson (31st December), Albie (2nd January)

Class 2 – Tiarrnna (25th December)

Class 4 – Jack (19th December), Brooklyn (27th December)



Covid update

Should your child need to be tested, anyone in the household has symptoms or need to be tested or you receive any results outside of school hours, please ensure that you email Mr Toddington directly at head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk providing full details.

I would also ask every member of our school community to continue following the guidelines set out by the government to ensure that everyone can keep as safe as possible.

Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.