



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

29th January 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,
You will have seen in the media this week the government starting to plan for a possible return to school. At this moment in time, March 8th is the date that is being suggested, provided that the vaccination programme continues to go as planned. I don't have any more information than this currently, and it is always the case that all school staff hear the updates at the same time as the rest of the country does! I will update you about these plans when some more concrete information is released but at least the return to school is hopefully on the horizon! We can't wait to get our school community back together!

All staff at school have continued to be really impressed with the children (and parents) in our school community. We know that home learning is a real juggling act currently but, I repeat what I said in last weeks newsletter, you are all doing a fantastic job.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness week 2021 and the theme is 'Express Yourself'. Class teachers will be planning some activities for each class during next week and further information is included below.

I would also urge our school community to get involved in the 21-minute challenge movement that is sweeping across the valley. If your child or your family does any physical activity, and you feel comfortable doing so, please search the 'Rossendalessp' page on Facebook and send them a direct message with the details/photo of the activity you have completed, also including our school name. If you have a video, direct message the Rossendalessp page and they will send you a Whatsapp number to send the video to. This will then get posted on the Rossendalessp Facebook page. It would be great to see some of our pupils on there promoting healthy and active lifestyles!

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 😊

D. Toddington - Acting Headteacher
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Covid reminders

If your child, or anyone in your household, starts to display any of the symptoms, they **must** go for a Covid test. Whilst waiting for the results, your household **must** all self-isolate. Please inform school immediately if this happens by emailing head@sism.lancs.sch.uk. If a bubble has to close, **all** children in that bubble must isolate for the required time period. I would urge all members of our school community to continue to follow the rules and guidance set out during this lockdown. We all need to do our bit to ensure that this lockdown lasts for the shortest amount of time possible so that we can hopefully welcome all the children back into school sooner rather than later.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.



AWARD WINNERS

EYFS

Wicked Writer – Albert for drawing and labelling the animals from the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?'

Mighty Maths – Kyra for focus and attention when sharing and trying hard to follow instructions.

Superstar Award – Betsy for being a superstar!

Marvellous Mindset – Eve for concentration and readiness to learn.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Jessica for always offering answers online and trying hard with her presentation all week on instructions. Also, to her mum for handing it in online.

Mighty Maths – Lucy for working really hard in maths this week, offering answers online and completing activities. Also, to her mum for handing it in online.

Superstar Award – Sebastian (and Mum) for doing so much work this week. He finds it easier to listen live, then go offline and complete the work and has done an enormous amount which mum has handed in.

Marvellous Mindset – Robert (and Mum) for putting lots of effort into getting online, doing his work and for mum again being able to hand it in.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – George for a fantastic written report on the Romans and great presentation skills.

Mighty Maths – Ethan for fantastic fraction work.

Superstar Award – Mason B for showing great effort and positivity all week.

Marvellous Mindset – Travis for keeping on trying and never giving up.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – Scarlet for retelling the story of Macbeth in Blank Verse (10 beat lines).

Mighty Maths – Bailey for developing his multiplication skills using grid method (he even put grids into a google doc to submit his work).

Superstar Award – Amy for all round effort and engagement in all home learning tasks.

Marvellous Mindset – Matilda for showing perseverance with her learning in maths and English.

Birthdays from 25th January to 31st January

Class 3 – Castiel (28th January) and Rhys (29th January)

Class 4 – Amelia (26th January)



Children's Mental Health Week

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme of the week is 'Express yourself' and finding ways for children to talk about, or communicate in some way, their thoughts and feelings. There is a website with some great ideas for parents and carers here:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

As part of this, we will be doing a 'Wellness Wednesday' next week. The idea of this will be to provide activities which children are able to get on with during the day with the minimum amount of input and support. Also, this will reduce screen time for children too. Teachers will do a live input first thing in the morning to introduce the activities and then they may do a live session at the end of the day to see what the children have done but there will be no live teaching in-between. Also, the aim would be that children are able to complete the majority of the tasks reasonably independently which will hopefully take some of the pressure off you at home!



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Half term dates reminder

School will close at 3:30pm on Friday 12th February for the spring half-term break and will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 23rd February. **Monday 22nd February is an INSET day.**

Whole school worship

It has been lovely to see children accessing the whole school worship every Monday and Friday. Please can I ask that the cameras are switched on as it is lovely to see the children during worship. Also, a reminder that children accessing from home must remain on mute during the assembly unless asked specifically to unmute. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Get Caught Reading!

Class 4 are asking for everyone's help! Mrs Parkinson and Class 4 have put a display up in school and we need photos of children reading to add to it please. This could be reading indoors, outdoors, whilst on a walk – anywhere really (current restrictions permitting of course!). Please could you email photos through to head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk and we will add them to the display.

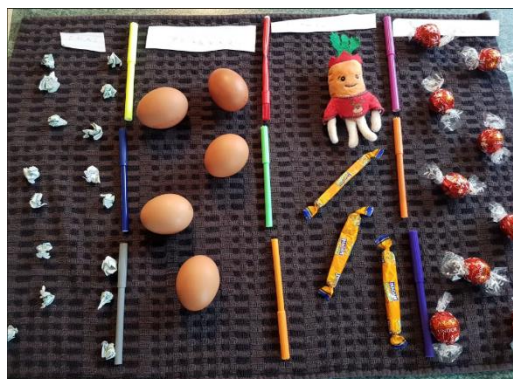
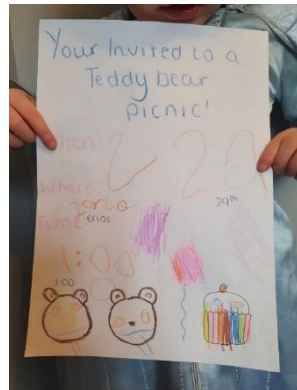
Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral flow testing for all school staff started this week, which involves staff members taking a home test twice a week. Obviously, we hope that all results will continue to come back as negative! If any results come back positive, I will have to close the bubble with immediate effect. As staff are taking the tests first thing in the morning (in line with the NHS advice we have received), this closure would only happen at very short notice. Please accept my apologies should this happen. Your child would be able to access the live teaching from home if a positive test for a staff member were to come through. I would then update parents as soon as I possible could about the isolation period. I would like to thank you in advance of any possible disruption.

Lockdown photos

During the previous lockdown, Miss Dalton collected a range of photos of children learning and completing activities at home and in school and these were collated into a PPT to showcase our lockdown learning. We hope to do this again during this half term. Please can you send any photos you would like to be included to either head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk or e.dalton@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk and we hope to have this ready to publish on the website in a due course.

This week, EYFS have been learning about bears, sharing and they have made invitations for their virtual teddy bear's picnic. Class 2 have been busy making models of vegetable patches and following instructions in food technology. Class 3 have been working on their mosaics inspired by their work on the Romans. Class 4 have enjoyed continuing their studies of Macbeth.





Witches round the cauldron pot,
The liquid inside steaming hot,
Ear of dog and tail of rat,
Horn of rhino and tongue of cat,
**BLOOD BLOOD PUT IT IN,
DON'T FORGET PIGSKIN.**

Now it's bubbling quite a lot,
Go on touch it,
ow its hot.

Mary's Witches song

**FIRE LIGHT BURNS BRIGHT
BOILING THE CAULDRON JUST RIGHT
GONE OFF MILK
STIR IT IN UNTIL IT'S SILK

JAR OF FROG SPAWN
AND KILO OF PRAWN
THROW IN A BAG OF DIRTY SWEETS
MIX IT TOGETHER TO MAKE PERFECT TREATS

SET THE TABLE WITH SNAKE-SKIN CLOTH
CUPS AND PLATES MADE OF MOTH
TOENAIL CRISPS AND BOGIE BUTTIES
ALL WASHED WITH SLIME PUTTYS**

Caddon's Witches Song

Double double toil and trouble
Fire spit and cause some trouble

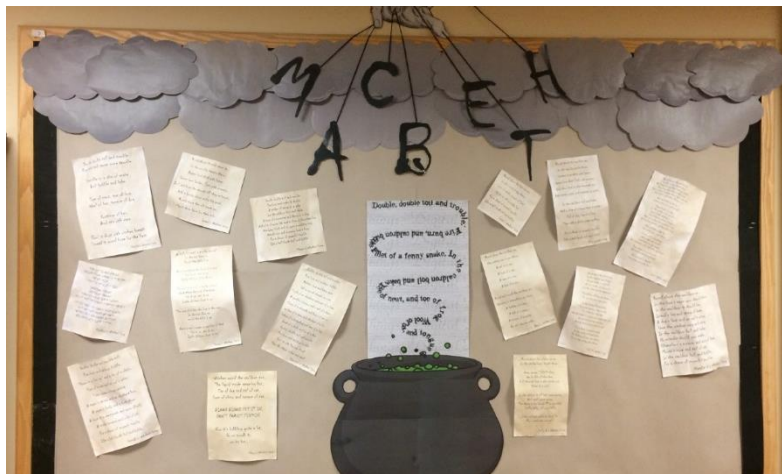
Sprinkle in a skin of snake
Boil bubble and bake

Eye of newt, toe of frog
Wool of bat, tongue of dog

Cuttings of hair
And stir with care

Cool it down with witches breath
Spread it round hope for the best.

Matilda's Witches Song



Please see below details of a local event which is coming up, organised by the Women of Whitworth group.

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FESTIVAL 2021

15, 17 & 19 FEBRUARY 2021

9AM - 12PM

**JOIN THIS FUN FILLED VIRTUAL
FAMILY FESTIVAL**

**COMPETITIONS, CRAFT ACTIVITIES,
DANCE & FITNESS CLASSES**

TO SIGN UP EMAIL:

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