



St John with St Michael CE Primary School News

4th February 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the end of a half term already – it seems to have gone really quickly! It is also noticeable that the mornings and evenings are starting to get lighter now as we have moved into February – something to be optimistic and happy about!

This week, the children took part in our first 'Wellness Wednesday' which allowed the children to complete activities with much less screen time than on the other days. I would be interested in any feedback you have on this and whether you, as parents, feel it would be worthwhile doing something along these lines on a weekly basis. If you have any feedback or comments about the day and the idea, please either speak to me at drop-off/pick up, ring or email me. I would love to hear from you!

Our whole school worships on Monday and Friday continue to see more children joining each week and it is lovely to see them all. We will also be welcoming Reverend Helen who will lead a virtual assembly and worship next Wednesday – the link will be posted in due course on Google Classroom to access this.

We have received a few more devices in school which can be loaned to families to use for remote learning. If you need one of these devices to access the live teaching and associated activities, please contact school and we can arrange this for you. Huge thanks to the Women of Whitworth for providing these.

I believe that more snow is forecast this weekend. I hope that you find time to enjoy the snow as a family through sledging or making a snowman and then fingers crossed it's all gone for the Monday morning commute!!

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@sjsm.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.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



AWARD WINNERS

EYFS

Wicked Writer – Isaac for developing confidence when writing letters.

Mighty Maths – Albie for looking, listening and recognising numbers of objects.

Superstar Award – Roman for being a good friend and inviting others into his play.

Marvellous Mindset – Madisyn for having a positive learning attitude during group learning activities.

Class 2

Wicked Writer – Max A-F for being much more independent and using his phonics when writing.

Mighty Maths – Scarlett for trying to be more independent when completing her Maths work.

Superstar Award – Pixie for trying hard online and often asking questions to make sure she knows what she is doing.

Marvellous Mindset – Violet for doing lots of reading at home.

Class 3

Wicked Writer – Stacey for writing instructions.

Mighty Maths – Jasmine for getting to grips with chunking for division.

Superstar Award – Thomas L for commitment to online learning this week.

Marvellous Mindset – Jenson for applying himself to online learning.

Class 4

Wicked Writer – Jack for independently redrafting and improving his blank verse poem.

Mighty Maths – Harvey for perseverance with written methods of division.

Superstar Award – Holly for super all-round effort with her online learning.

Marvellous Mindset – William for trying his best to keep everyone's spirits up with his humour on our meet calls.

Birthdays from 1st February to 7th February

EYFS – Oliver (7th February)

Class 2 – Sophie (7th February)



Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is the UK Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year is looking at the reliability of online information. Children will take part in some activities based on this during the day. There is a website where you can access resources, activities you can complete as a family, conversation starters for discussions at home and much more. Here is the link to the site:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-parent-or-carer>

We are constantly finding ways to incorporate online safety into our curriculum it would be great if you could support this at home by regularly discussing it with your child. If you need any advice or support around online safety, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.



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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.**

Driving on Moss Side Street

Please can I urge parents and carers to drive slowly on Moss Side Street at the start and end of the school day. I have noticed some cars being driven quickly when our children are on their way in and out of school, which hugely increases the risk of an accident taking place.

Get Caught Reading – please get involved!

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.

Slow Cookers

I received an email from Whitworth Town Council this week who have informed me that they have funding available to provide families with slow cookers, slow cooker recipe books, cook books with recipes for cooking on a budget and ingredients. This would be available **free of charge** to any local families who need this extra support, particularly with half term approaching. If this is of interest to you, please contact me on head@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk or phone me at school and we can hopefully get one of these to you as soon as possible.

Dogs on school premises

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time. Please can I ask that our whole school community support us in this matter.

Lockdown photos

Please can you send any photos you would like to be included in our lockdown photos presentation 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.

The more photos we have, the better this will be so please get involved and email a couple of pictures over. It could be anything at all – school work, baking, walking, exercising, doing your 21 minute challenge, reading – the list is endless!

In our photo gallery this week, the children have been having lots of fun! They have been learning about and sorting animals, exploring weight in their Maths lessons and enjoying comparing fractions and making edible Roman roads.





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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