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*'Living in the LIGHT of Christ'  
'I am the Light' John 8:12*



# Newsletter

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022: Follow us on Twitter: @stjohnstmichael

## Message from the Head:

We had a wonderful celebration assembly last Tuesday to mark the day we officially joined the Forward As One family. Thank you to our Governors who joined us for our celebration! We now look forward to working in collaboration with our partner schools across our Trust to raise standards and the quality of education across our school. We have already begun to develop our curriculum and to work on our school development key priorities, and I look forward to sharing new developments with you all soon. As we approach half term, may I take this opportunity to thank my staff for their commitment to our school. Have a great half term holiday when the time comes.



## Term Time Holiday:

**Reminder:** We cannot authorise holidays during term time. If you choose to take your child out of school for a holiday, during term time, this will automatically incur a fine from the Local Authority.

## Holidays:

School closes: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
School reopens: **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** is an INSET Training Day.

## Valentines Disco:

On Thursday, Class 1 (EYFS) and Class 2 disco will take place at **3.30pm until 4.30pm**  
Class 3 and Class 4 will take place at **4.30pm to 5.30pm**  
On Thursday, children can come to school dressed in their disco outfits. As it is Children's Mental Health Week, the theme will be 'Dress to Express!'



## Learning & Teaching:

As part of our ongoing CPD staff development/ training, our team are currently working with Elliot Costas-Walker who is the Director of Learning at our Trust.

Our team are currently in the process of completing the Creative Teacher OLEVI Programme. Our team are gaining key knowledge and skills that they can apply in the classroom to improve quality of learning, ensuring pupil progress is maximised. Our Learning and Teaching model is built around the five key principles of DR ICE.

- D- Deepening Thinking
- R- Role modelling Learning
- I- Impact on Learning
- C- Challenging Expectations
- E- Engaging in Learning

## Class 1 EYFS:

It was wonderful to drop into Class 1 to see Reception children enjoying their reading area. All of the children at this school truly are a credit to you all and a pleasure to work with. Please try read with your child each day if possible, sharing a book and talking is so important for early development.

## Tree Planting:

Our tree planting day will take place on the **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**. We will be planting around 80 trees on our school site. Children will learn about the important role trees play for our environment.

## Reading Books:

Please can we ask all parents to ensure reading books are brought to school daily. It is important that children have their book in school to either read with an adult or to change their book. Thank you.

## World Book Day:

On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022**, SJSM will be celebrating **World Book Day**. Children will be welcome to attend school dressed as their favourite book character. We will be asking for a **£1** donation and all money raised will go towards purchasing new books for our school library.

If anyone would like to donate any books for our library, we will be happy to accept them.

## Parent Payments:

Mrs Earnshaw is working hard in the office to update our new payment system with everyone's details. Once she has completed this work you will be sent details of how to set your account and make payments. Thank you to those parents who paid their Scopay balances before our conversion date, it was really helpful.

## Traffic/ Parking:

As you may have been aware, the police have been to assess the parking situation at the start and the end of the school day at our request. The police have informed me that they have spoken to a number of parents about parking inappropriately outside our school. They have also informed me that next time they visit the site, they will issue penalty notices to all vehicles that are not parked within the law.

I have also informed the police that there have been reports of unsafe driving up Moss Side Street at collection and drop off times. Last week a parent informed me that a driver nearly hit their child. This will now be monitored by the police.

