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



Newsletter

Tuesday 1st March 2022: Follow us on Twitter: @stjohnstmichael

Message from the Head:

We are already full steam ahead this half term and the children are focussed on their exciting new learning. In Class 4, their topic is, 'Protecting the Environment'. In Class 3, their topic is, 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes' and in Class 2 their topic is the 'United Kingdom'. In EYFS, the children will be learning about 'The Great Outdoors', and will have lots of opportunities to grow plants.

Collective Worship:

Our collective worship focus for this half term is **Justice and Easter**.



Valentines Disco:

Our children really enjoyed our school disco. Thank you to all our staff who helped to make the event really enjoyable for the children. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces. Thank you also to our parent volunteers who dressed the hall with lights and decorations to make the event extra special. Your support and time is appreciated.

Holidays:

School closes: **Friday 1st April**
School reopens: **Tuesday 19th April**

Reminder: Holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Parent Portal:

You should have received an email about our Parent Portal Arbor Account. Please check your junk inbox if you have not. Please log in to your account and make payments for all your outstanding balances. Thank you.

Learning & Teaching:

On Monday 21st February, our team had the opportunity to visit St Paul's CE Primary School in Bolton. St Paul's is one of our partner schools in our Trust. As St Paul's is an Ofsted Outstanding school, it was great to visit and look around the school, observe teaching and look at children's books. Our team were able to reflect on our practice at SJSM and consider what we can do to improve our practice, based on what we learnt from our visit to St Paul's. As headteacher, it is my firm belief that investing in the professional development of our team is also an investment in our children, as we progress and improve the quality of the education that we provide our pupils. Over the coming weeks, we are looking forward to sharing some of the new approaches we will be introducing across our school.

Admissions Consultation:

You may remember receiving a text message in the autumn term regarding our Admissions Policy. Our consultation period is now coming to an end so this is your last chance to comment. If anyone would like to make any comments, please email:

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You can find the proposed admissions policy by clicking the following link:

[St John with St Michael CE Primary School: Admissions \(sjsm.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.sjsm.lancs.sch.uk)

Relationships and Sex Education Consultation:

You may remember receiving a text message in the autumn term regarding our RSE Policy Consultation. Our consultation period is now coming to an end so this is your last chance to comment. If anyone would like to make any comments, please email:

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[St John with St Michael CE Primary School: PSHE & RSE \(sjsm.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.sjsm.lancs.sch.uk)

Tree Planting:

Reminder: Our tree planting day will take place on **Thursday 3rd March 2022**. We will be planting 112 trees and we are delighted that each tree will be registered with the Queen's Green Canopy. Children will need to wear their old clothes and wellies on Thursday. They will also need a change of clothes.



World Book Day:

On **Friday 11th 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.

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Mr Rooney' Lesson Visit Highlights:

It was great to spend time in our Early Years Unit recently. I cannot tell you how proud I am of the progress your children are making in our EYFS, not only academically but socially and emotionally too. Thank you to Mrs Camps and Mrs O'Leary for their expertise and dedication, they make a huge difference each day and are doing a wonderful job! Thank you.



EYFS Nursery Places for September:

Please spread the word! We are now accepting applications for Nursery places for September. If you would like an application form, please ring the school office and speak to Mrs Earnshaw or feel free to visit the office to collect an application form. Please feel free to recommend us to your friends and family in our community. Positive social media posts are always welcome.



Reading Books:

I have been asked by several teachers to remind parents to ensure their child comes to school with their reading book each day. This is very important so that books can be changed on a regular basis. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom:

If your child is accessing Read Write Inc Phonics teaching in school, please can we ask you to engage with the virtual classroom opportunities to support your child's learning. If you are not sure how to access this, your child's class teacher would be more than happy to support you with this. Please feel free to ask them to point you in the right direction.

Safer Internet Day:

It was great to join schools from across the country recently for a special assembly for Safer Internet Day. Teaching children how to stay safe online, equipping them with the skills of knowing what to do if something worries them is a key area of our PSHE curriculum.

Head Boy/ Head Girl:

We have received a number of applications for the post of Head Boy and Head Girl, the next stage of the application process will be to attend a formal interview with the headteacher and to deliver a presentation to the whole school during the assembly. The pupils across the school will cast a vote which will contribute to the final appointment decision but the interview panel will make the final decision.

Prefect Application:

We are also accepting applications for school prefects. Prefects have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by becoming play leaders during lunch time. They also act as senior pupils, ensuring all pupils follow our school rules and act as role models / school ambassadors.

Today is

Safer Internet Day!



saferinternetday.org.uk



Great Fire of London 1666



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This afternoon in our EYFS we enjoyed creating Jack and a Giant! The children came up with some amazing descriptions. Well done Class One 🍌



Twitter:

If you would like to keep up to date with everything that is going on in school on a more frequent basis, please follow us on Twitter: @stjohnstmichael

Digital Strategy:

Now that we are part of the Forward As One Multi Academy Trust family, I am delighted to inform you that we are implementing our Trust's Digital Strategy across our school. This will significantly impact on the quality of learning in lessons.

We have taken the decision to purchase iPads for each child in Key Stage 2. The children will be able to take their device home for homework purposes. Pupils will be required to charge their device at home and ensure they bring their iPad to school each day so that they can be used to access learning in their classrooms. Pupils will use their iPads on a daily basis in the majority of lessons; therefore, if a pupil does not bring their device in to school, their parent will be contacted to bring it in. Parents will be required to sign a contract for the loan of their child's device and I will be inviting you to a parent meeting to provide you with more information about our Digital Strategy. More information to follow.

Parents Evening:

Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 29th March** (3.30-5.30pm) and **Wednesday 30th March** (3.30-6.30pm). We will send you a text when our School Spider appointment booking system goes live for you to book your appointment. Please click the link below for instruction on how to book your appointment: [3126787 \(sjsm.lanacs.sch.uk\)](https://3126787.sjsm.lanacs.sch.uk)

Great Fire of London:

Class 2 have really enjoyed their recent history topic which ended by burning their own models of London. Well done to Class 2 for all their hard work!

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Well done to all the children who achieved their 100% attendance certificate for last half term. We are looking forward to handing out even more attendance certificates for next half term! Who is on track for 100% for the whole year? @ForwardAs1Trust @DbeManchester



Attendance:

It was wonderful to have out 48 100% attendance certificates to hand out in assembly at the end of the last half term. We are now looking forward to handing out even more certificates before Easter. You should now be able to see your child's attendance percentage when you access your Arbor Parent Portal. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, then this is classed as persistently absent. Statistically, children who are persistently absent from school do not reach their full academic potential and do not reach their age expected standards. If your child is feeling unwell, we would always recommend sending them in to school, and our staff will monitor them. If they can't manage, we will then ring you to collect them.

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Well done to our two pupils who have won awards for excelling in their sports. It is wonderful that you shared your achievements outside of school with us, and we are so proud that you are both discovering your talents. Keep up the good work #perseverance #talent @ForwardAs1Trust

