



## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **Good Luck to our Y6 Superstars!**

Next week our Y6 pupils sit their SATs tests, which comes after months of perseverance and hard work. We are already so proud of them and know that they will all do well. This week they enjoyed a special worship with Reverend Linda and Peter, along with a bubble machine and Bob Marley soundtrack! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers this weekend.

### **Congratulations to Miss Chip!**

We are very excited to finally be able to share the news that Miss Chippendale is having her first child later on this year! Whilst we will miss her very much when she takes a short break to enjoy this special time, we cannot wait to bring you news of the newest member of our school family – the purple outfits are already on order! Miss Fisher will be taking over the role of SENDCO from September and has been working closely with Miss Chippendale throughout this year in preparation.

### **Fun Day - Friday 12th July**

Plans are already starting for our annual Fun Day, and we are hoping this will be best one yet! Like usual, we will be holding non-uniform days for prizes and we appreciate your support as always with this. The dates are listed below. We will also be having a cake stall and will be accepting home-baked goods on the day to sell if any of our families would like to donate cakes or biscuits to sell (full recipes will need to be provided for allergy information).

If you or any family members have businesses that can help with raffle prizes, please contact myself or Mrs Jones in the office. We will also be reaching out nearer the time for volunteers who can help on the day with setting up stalls and games etc – lots of tea and coffee provided!

### **Non-Uniform Day Donations**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Tombola prizes (bottles, toiletries, small gifts, candles etc)**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Sweets**

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

The dates are below for our final pupil progress meetings of the year. Bookings are open on Arbor for you to choose your slot to meet with your child's class teacher. If your child has a Learning Plan, you will be invited in for a separate meeting to review this and set targets for the next term.

Please contact the office if you have any problems accessing Arbor to book.

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June – Reception & Y4**

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June - Y5 & Y6**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y1, Y2 & Y3**

### **Family Volunteers**

We are looking to recruit some volunteers from our families to come into school on a regular basis to support in classrooms with things like reading, preparing homework, being an extra body for art activities etc. If you think that you would enjoy this and can commit to a regular time each week (this could be anything from an hour to a day!) then please contact me to discuss. Please feel free to pass onto grandparents or extended family members that you feel may be interested too!

### **Looking Ahead:**

Here are some important dates for your diaries to help you plan for the next few weeks:

- w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week
- w/b 20<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y3 Family Worship
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Sports Day, Break up for half term
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School opens, Y2 Trip to the Synagogue
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June – Rec/Y4 – Pupil Progress meetings
- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y1, Y2, Y3 Pupil Progress Meetings

*Please note, these dates are subject to change - please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.*

# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

**TRUST**

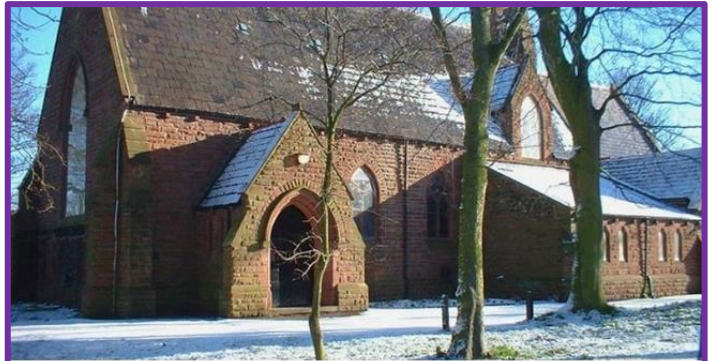
*"We trust in God, one another and ourselves."*



## St Michael with St Thomas Church

Come and join the Sunday services at our beautiful church! See times below.

Don't forget Children's Church on the first Sunday of every month.



## Holy Communion Service

🕒 Every Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

## Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: Article 12 – the right to say what they think and have their views listened to

- What does this mean?
- How do children access this right?
- How can duty bearers help to ensure children have this right?

## Article of the WEEK



# Ready, Respectful, Safe!

## Ready



We are ready to learn,  
ready to listen and ready  
to embrace  
opportunities.

We respect our friends,  
our teachers, our visitors  
and all members of our  
community.

## Respectful



We know how we can  
keep ourselves safe and  
make sure we do all we  
can to keep our school  
family safe.

## Safe



Quotes from Miss Slingsby's #Positivegossip  
Book this week:

- ✚ Oliver Y2 for being a super friend – Miss Slingsby
- ✚ Mason Y3 for being a good role model to the younger children – Miss Fisher
- ✚ Abi Y6 being kind and caring during the football club she started herself – Mr Goulding
- ✚ Alfie Y5 for being a fantastic helper in afterschool club – Mrs Hughes
- ✚ Bonnie Rec for helping her friends – Miss Chippendale
- ✚ Evie Y1 has been working hard during homework club – Miss Bates
- ✚ All of year 5 for being wonderful superstars during our amazing trip to Pettypool from Miss Sutton and Mrs Hogan
- ✚ Jake Y6 for making me smile on Thursday afternoon and recognising that – yes! I am funnier than Mr P. – Mrs Hogan

## Headteacher's Award Winners:

- Rec – Bella for amazing perseverance and progress in writing!
- Y1 – Lula for an excellent improvement in behaviour for learning
- Y2 – Lottie for always being ready, respectful and safe
- Y3 – Skylar for trying really hard with her behaviour this week
- Y4 – Oliver for showing a super attitude towards learning!
- Y5 – Ebony for a wonder attitude in maths lessons
- Y6 – Kaleb for fantastic resilience & perseverance while preparing for SATs

## Lunchtime

### Superstars

- Rec – Bella
- Y1 – Jacob
- Y2 – Evelyn
- Y3 – Max
- Y4 – Sonny
- Y5 – Kaycie
- Y6 – Jack

# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter

## Why is good attendance important:

The UN convention on the rights of the child number 28 states: 'You have the right to education'

Evidence suggest that pupils who attend school more regularly achieve better outcomes in their GCSEs

Missing out on education, especially in the first few years can impact on the childs ability to make and maintain friendships.

Ensuring good attendance and punctuality is a characteristic that future employers will expect - better to get habits right now.

Arriving late at school can be disruptive for the class and teachers - it can also create unnecessary anxiety in the child.

If regular attendance patterns are not established, research has indicated that some young people who regularly miss school for no good reason may be drawn into anti-social behaviour or crime.

Pupils may miss out on special events and experiences that might not be repeated again.

### Whole School Attendance - this year:

95.3%

### Whole school attendance - this week:

96.4%

### Class attendance winner:

Y4/Y6 - 98.5%

### Class Attendance:

Rec - 95.7%

Y1 - 95.2%

Y2 - 95.2%

Y3 - 96.6%

Y4 - 98.5%

Y5 - 93.4%

Y6 - 98.5%