



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 1st March 2024

Christian Value this half term: Forgiveness



World Book Day Celebrations

Next week is one of our favourite days of the school year, World Book Day! And because we love reading so much, as usual we aren't just having one day to celebrate, we are having a whole week focused on reading! Here are some of the plans that we have for the week ahead:

- **Library Visits** – during the week, each class will be visiting the local library and taking part in a story sessions, as well as having the chance to explore the books.
- **Mystery Readers** – a huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to our mystery readers to come into school and surprise the children to read the end of the day story. We can't wait to see the children's faces! If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time as we will continue to run the mystery reader sessions after book week too.
- **Competition!** – We are launching our 'Reading in an Unusual Place' competition next week, where we are inviting children to share photos of themselves reading in a strange or unusual place. You can share these photos on our social media pages, or bring them into school. Prizes will be given for the most unusual places we see you enjoying a book!
- **Thursday 7th March** – World Book Day – although children wont be dressing up on this day, as we save our dressing up for the Friday to end the week in style, they will be taking part in lots of fun activities during the day. We are inviting children to bring in their favourite book from home to share with their class
- **Friday 8th March** – children are invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character, however we urge parents not to make this a costly day! Why not discuss on the parent class Whatsapp groups and have a costume swap with other parents to make use of all the old dressing up and Halloween costumes we all have lying around? We will also be giving our prizes for the best homemade costume, so even more incentive not to spend!
- **Readathon** - Next week we will be launching Readathon too, as part of our book week celebrations, where children will be reading for sponsorship money which will be used to buy books for our class libraries which are in need of a refresh to keep them new and exciting so that our children want to keep reading! More information will be sent out about this next week, once we have launched it with the children in our whole school worship.

Y5 Poetry Project with Michael Rosen

This week Y5 have been showcasing some of their performance work from the project that they are doing alongside other schools from our Trust, which is being led by the one and only Michael Rosen! The children have been exploring poetry and working on their performance skills and we have been blown away by how confident and articulate they have been in their performances! You may have even noticed on Twitter that Michael Rosen has retweeted some of their work! Well done Y5!

Easter Bingo

Tickets for our Easter Bingo are on sale on Arbor. Tickets are £5 each and include a hotdog and crisps, drinks and all bingo games.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Thursday 21st March** to collect donations of Easter Treats for bingo prizes and the raffle hamper. Any support with these donations will be gratefully accepted.

Visitors in School

This week we have had lots of visitors in school looking at the amazing practice that goes on in our classrooms and as always, our children have been an absolute credit to the school. Everyone commented on the exemplary behaviour and manners of the children and it was lovely to listen to the children talk about their learning in such an excited way. We are very proud of them and our school this week!

Wednesday 13th March – Wear Blue for Bobby Day

The Bobby Colleran Trust was created following the fatal accident on 24th October 2014 of a young boy called Bobby Colleran. Bobby was on his way home from school, walking along his school road with his mum Joanne, when he was knocked over and killed. Bobby was just 6 years old. Since Bobby's accident, his family have developed The Bobby Colleran Trust, and were delighted to finally be registered as a charity in September 2015. As founder members of the Trust, Bobby's parents fought hard and dedicated themselves to improving Road Safety for all children. They have campaigned for safer roads outside all schools and have been greatly supported by the people of Liverpool & England as all parents, teachers & people, in general, are aware of how dangerous our school runs are & all fear for our children's safety. Their aim as a charity is to have 20mph "Bobby Zone" Outside every school in the country.

Bobby attended Blackmoor Park Infant school, which is one of the schools in our Three Saints Academy, and to show our support for the charity and to raise further awareness of the need for safety on the road outside our school, we will be holding a 'Wear Blue for Bobby' day on Wednesday 13th March. We will also be holding an assembly with the children to discuss road safety.

Further information about the charity and the work they do can be found on the link below:

<https://thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk/>

Looking Ahead:

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

- W/b 4th Mar – Book Week & Readathon
- Fri 8th Mar - World Book Week dress up and celebration
- w/b 11th Mar – British Science Week, Assessment Week
- Weds 13th Mar – Wear Blue for Bobby Day – Road Safety
- Thurs 14th Mar – Whole School Eucharist – parents invited 9.30am
- Fri 15th Mar – Red Nose Day
- Thurs 21st Mar – Non-Uniform Day for Easter Bingo Donations
- Weds 27th Mar – Easter Bingo 3.15 – 4.30pm
- Thurs 28th Mar – Y4 Easter Service @Church 9.30am, Break up for Easter

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

Headteacher's Star of the Term Awards

Reception	Max	For always trying hard
Year 1	Patsy	For improvement in behaviour for learning
Year 2	Penelope	For persevering in lessons
Year 3	Mason	For improvement in his handwriting
Year 4	John	For following instructions
Year 5	Megan	For her fantastic poetry performance
Year 6	Lolah	For outstanding participation in maths

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance: 94%

Well done to our class attendance winners who will get an extra break time this week!

Class Attendance winner: Joint winners Y3 and Y5 with 99.2% - well done to both classes!