



## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Christian Value this half term: Friendship

Friends  
make the  
world  
beautiful.

QUOTEDIARY.WE

Laugh with your happy  
friends when they're  
happy; share tears when  
they're down.

Romans 12.15

### Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all of our school family! It was lovely to welcome all of the children back this week and hear about what they had been up to over the Christmas holiday. Despite the dark nights and mornings still being here, we are excited by everything that we have coming up in the Spring term and have hit the ground running this week with a busy week! We look forward to working with you all closely over this year, to provide our children with the best experiences possible.

### Wide Awake to the World Week

This week the whole school has taken part in our annual 'Wide Awake to the World Week'. During this week, each class looks at current global issues and children in our world are not accessing all of the Unicef Children's Rights. Each class then chooses a cause to campaign for, using their voice to be the change needed in our world. We have been blown away by the children's responses to this project and their mature and empathetic approach to their campaigning. The rights that the classes have been campaigning for have ranged from the right to be safe from war and the right to clean water, to the right for an education and the right to a safe home. Even Reception have gotten involved discussing a child's right to play! Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing more of our Rights Respecting work with adults at home, to help you build a better understanding of the rights and what it means to us as a Rights Respecting School.

### Admittance to Holy Communion Service

Today was our Admittance to Holy Communion service for Y4, Y5 and some Y6 pupils, which was led by Arch Deacon Simon and our own Reverend Linda. This is a special stage in the children's faith journey, where they take part in their first Eucharistic service and receive bread and wine for the first time. The children received special candles and certificates to mark the occasion, and enjoyed a celebration of cake and biscuits back at school afterwards.

### Pupil Progress Meetings

Don't forget that our Pupil Progress Meetings start next week. If you haven't done already, please book your time slot with your child's class teacher on Arbor.

### Parent Drop In Sessions – January 2024

Dates for your calendar – the first parent drop in sessions next term are:  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Sleep and Screens led by the Health Improvement Team  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Nurse drop in (for any questions, queries, concerns)  
All drop ins start at 1.45pm – no booking necessary.

## **Help for Households**

We know that this is a very busy and expensive time of year, and many families are feeling the impact of this even more this year with the increase in cost of living. The Halton Help for Households website is available on the link below, which details all of the different support available to local residents. I would also like to remind everyone that the school is a foodbank referral agent – if you need support with this please come and see me in school and be assured that the process is very discrete.

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/costofliving.aspx>

### **Looking Ahead:**

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

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Rec/Y1 Pupil Progress Meetings, Y2 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y3/Y4 Pupil Progress Meetings, Parent Drop in Session @1.45pm
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y3 Family Worship @9am, Y5 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5/Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings, Y1 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Y2 Pupil Progress Meetings, Rec Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Y3 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y4 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – National Storytelling Day
- Weds 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Y2 Family Worship @9am
- w/b 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Drop in with School Nurse @1.45pm
- Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ash Wednesday
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Spring Disco
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break Up for half term

*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	Alayna	For a great first week at our school
Year 1	Lula	For trying hard to improve her handwriting
Year 2	Ronnie	For persevering in every subject this week
Year 3	Alexa	For producing some amazing rights work
Year 4	Ellie-Rae	For a superb start to the new term!
Year 5	Cody Coombes	For enlightening us all with his knowledge of children’s rights
Year 6	Isabelle	For superb enthusiasm and positivity in everything she does!

### **Lunchtime Awards**

Reception	Lola
Year 1	Noah
Year 2	Freya
Year 3	Max
Year 4	Ellis
Year 5	Laura
Year 6	Liam

**Attendance Matters!**

**Whole school attendance:** 96.3%

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

**Class Attendance winner:** 100 % Year 3