



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 17th November 2023

Christian Value this half term: Thankfulness

This week we are thankful that we work together with our church family. We are thankful for the opportunities to celebrate our wonderful community.

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

Anti-Bullying and Interfaith Week

This week, we have focused on respect and tolerance through our anti-bullying and interfaith activities. We kicked off the week with our Odd Socks day and we were very impressed by the range of colourful, mismatching socks on show! We have seen some very creative entries for our ‘Odd Socks’ competition, where children had taken pictures of socks on their pets. We didn’t know it was possible to put odd socks onto a snake! All of our classes have taken part in a variety of activities to raise awareness of our anti-bullying strategies, as well as discussing some topics which have affected their ability to regulate. Some classes have even created their own ‘dream sleep routine’ to help them to keep a positive physical and mental health. Interfaith week gave us an opportunity to explore different faiths, discuss how we can have tolerance for all and identify what different faiths have in common. Some of our classes even have the opportunity to visit a local Buddhist Temple. Here they met Buddhist monks who spoke with the children about the different figures around the temple and led a meditation, where the children could practice being mindful. Those classes who hadn’t visited the temple this week, are very excited to have the opportunity to visit next week. Keep an eye on our social media pages to see what they get up to!

Children in Need 2023

This week was also Children in Need. For this, children came into school in their own clothes, wearing spots, and even sporting some Pudsey ears! We want to say a huge ‘thank you’ for bringing in a donation to add to our whole school coin spiral, with all of this money going towards Children in Need. Don’t forget to check our social media to see a photo of the finished spiral!

Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Dinner

As we approach December, we wanted to let you all know about our some of our Christmas events which are coming up. Children in Reception – Year 3 will have the opportunity to have ‘Breakfast with Santa’ during the last week of term. This will take place before the start of the school day, and will be at a cost of £5. These sessions are as follows:

- Monday 18th December – Rec/Y1
- Tuesday 19th December - Y2/Y3

In addition to this, we will also be having Christmas dinners on Friday 8th December. If you wish to sign your child up to either/both of these events, [please sign them up via Arbor.](#)

Parent Drop In Session - Tuesday 21st November

Don’t forget our Parent Drop in session next week is on online safety and is being run by our fantastic family support worker. You can drop in anytime between 1.45pm and 3pm to have a chat, ask any questions or get advice, and have a chat and have a cup of tea!

Looking Ahead Dates:

We have a busy term coming up! Please keep a close eye on the ‘looking ahead’ section of the newsletter to make sure you don’t miss anything!

Looking Ahead:

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

- Mon 20th Nov – World Children’s Day
- Tues 28th Nov – New starter open evening 3.30pm & 5.30pm
- Weds 29th Nov – Y5 Family Worship @School 9am
- w/b 4th Dec – Whole school assessment week
- Fri 8th Dec – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
- w/b 11th Dec – Enterprise week
- Tues 12th Dec – Y6 Christingle @church 9.30am
- Weds 13th Dec – Rec-Y3 Panto and party day *(to be paid on Arbor)*
- Thurs 14th Dec – Y4-Y6 Panto and party day *(to be paid on Arbor)*
- Fri 15th Dec – Enterprise fair 1.30pm *(parents who have homemade items to sell and would like a stall at the fair, please contact Miss Slingsby)*
- Mon 18th Dec – Rec/Y1 Breakfast with Santa *(to be paid on Arbor)*
- Tues 19th Dec – Y2/Y3 Breakfast with Santa *(to be paid on Arbor)*
- Fri 22nd Dec – School Closes for Christmas
- Tues 9th Jan – School opens for the Spring term
- *Please note, these dates are subject to change - please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.*

Headteacher’s Award for In School Learning

Reception	Harriett	For brilliant participation during communion
Year 1	Joshua	For trying hard to improve his handwriting
Year 2	Oliver	For always showing fantastic manners
Year 3	Sophia	For always working hard and listening
Year 4	Lottie	For fantastic listening during learning
Year 5	Molly	For all her amazing contributions in class
Year 6	Jack	For Superb effort in all subjects!

Lunchtime Awards

Reception	Max
Year 1	Lottie-Rose
Year 2	Roman
Year 3	Lyla
Year 4	Zac
Year 5	Harry
Year 6	Elissa

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance: 95.8%

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

Class Attendance winner: Y5 with 98.8%