



## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### **Christian Value this half term: Perseverance**

#### **The bible teaches us:**

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,”*

*Colossians 3:23*

#### **Reception Welcome Worship**

This week we had our Reception Worship to officially welcome our new Reception children into our school family, with a special blessing from Reverend Linda before she gave out special bookmarks for the children to keep. We were so impressed with the children standing up and speaking in front of so many people, as well as sharing some of the lovely songs that they have been singing to support their learning. Thank you for all of the adults who were able to join us for this special worship.

#### **Rugby Success!**

This week brought another week of sporting success for our teams, this time for our Y5/6 rugby squad who attended the Rugby Festival at the Stadium. As with our Y3/4 team, the squad were undefeated in their 7 matches against other schools across Halton! We are extremely proud of all of our team and can't wait for further events for them to shine.

#### **Y5 Debate Team**

Over the last few weeks, 12 of our Y5 pupils have taken part in a project with the Debate Academy, working with pupils from the other schools in the Trust. Our debate team worked with the experts, developing their oracy and persuasion skills during workshops in school, before taking part in a final debate against the other schools at the Mansion House in Calderstones Park. The children were fantastic and all of the staff from the Debate Academy who worked with them, and staff from the other Trust schools, commented on their maturity and manners. What super ambassadors for our school!

#### **Half Term Reminder**

Just a quick reminder that school finishes for half term next week on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** and the second half of the Autumn term begins on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

#### **Parent Drop In Afternoons**

Next half term, we will be starting our weekly Parent Drop In afternoons, which will take place on a Tuesday at 1.45pm. There will be a different focus each week, with a range of services attending to offer advice and support eg the school nurse, PCSOs, Health Improvement Team. Miss Brimble will also be available during these sessions to discuss any other areas of support that you may need for your child or your family. You do not need to book onto the sessions, just drop in to any that you feel will be of benefit to you.

***See the poster attached for details of each week.***

#### **Autumn Disco**

Last shout for your tickets for the Autumn Disco on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October as this will close on Monday to give us time to order the food for Wednesday.

**Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3** – 3.20pm – 4.20pm (children can bring their party clothes to school and get changed in the classroom)

**Y4, Y5, Y6** – 4.25pm – 5.25pm

### **Looking Ahead:**

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

- Weds 25th Oct - Autumn Disco
- Thurs 26th Oct - Break up for Half Term
- Mon 6th Nov - School reopens for Autumn 2
- w/b 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole School WW2 and Local History Week (*more info to follow*)
- w/b 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week (*more info to follow*)
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd socks day
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole school Eucharist – parents welcome - 9.30am
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – World Children’s Day
- Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Family Worship @School 9am
- *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	Billy	For a positive change in his attitude to learning
Year 1	Clayton	For an excellent week!
Year 2	Jesse	For fantastic behaviour for learning
Year 3	Willow	For some beautiful writing always
Year 4	Fern	For working really hard showing perseverance learning a new skill
Year 5	Laura	For constant hard work and determination
Year 6	Paul	For superb effort in his writing creating brilliant dialogue

### **Lunchtime Awards**

Reception	Rocco
Year 1	Keshika
Year 2	Stevie
Year 3	Bobby
Year 4	Louie
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Paul

### **Attendance Matters!**

**Whole school attendance:** 93.1%

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

**Class Attendance winner:** Y1 with 98.2%