



## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

### Christian Value this half term: Friendship



### Y3's Water Campaign

Y3 would like to say a HUGE thank you for all of the donations for their non-uniform day to raise money to sponsor the building of toilets to provide clean water for children who don't have access to any. With such generous donations, Y3 have been able to build not just one, but three toilets! Thank you for helping us fight for children's right to clean water – Article 24.

### National Storytelling Week

This week has been all about stories, with staff swapping classes to read to different children and the relaunch of our class mystery readers! The children have enjoyed writing and telling stories to their friends and stories have been the talk of this week! Why don't you join in and share some of your favourite stories at home? Don't forget to share photos on our social media pages so we can see what you get up to!

### National Number Day!

As well as stories, numbers have been a focus this week as we took part in National Number Day, wearing numbers and taking part in fun number activities to demonstrate our fantastic maths skills!

### Pupil Leadership Afternoon

We held our half termly pupil leadership afternoon this week, where all of our pupil leadership groups met to work on their projects. The Right Respecting Ambassadors have been working hard on preparing for our Gold Award assessment day. We are loving reading your responses in the class 'Let's Talk About Rights' books. It is great to hear your thoughts and see the discussions you are having at home. Keep sharing your family Rights Talks!

### Spring Disco

It's nearly time for our Spring Disco, which is taking place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February!** Don't forget to get your ticket on Arbor – last day to purchase one will be **Tuesday** as we need to know how many hot dogs to buy!

### Children's Mental Health Week

Don't forget that next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we are celebrating with our 'Dress to Express Day' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, where everyone can come dressed in a way that expresses something about themselves.

We are also inviting parents in for a workshop with the Mental Health in Schools Team, who will be there to talk about some of the day to day concerns that lots of parents have, such as low level anxieties, separation anxiety, behaviours at home.

**Parent Workshop – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 2pm (Drop in – coffee and biscuits provided)**  
**Dress to Express Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

## **Parent Drop In Sessions – January 2024**

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.*

### **Looking Ahead:**

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

- w/b 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Workshop – Supporting your Child’s Mental Health @2pm
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Drop in with School Nurse @1.45pm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Spring Disco
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Dress to Express Day, 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	Rocco	For trying really hard in maths
Year 1	Isabelle	For trying her hardest in maths
Year 2	Theo	For trying hard with his reading
Year 3	Lyla	For trying really hard with her learning
Year 4	Emmy Lou	For have super confidence during learning
Year 5	Molly	For wonderful improvement in handwriting
Year 6	Corey	For an incredible attitude and positive work ethic

### **Lunchtime Awards**

Reception	Thea
Year 1	Lorelei
Year 2	Lottie
Year 3	Libbie
Year 4	Hailey
Year 5	Amelia
Year 6	Millie

### **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:** Year 3 98.1%