



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 22nd December 2023

Christian Value this half term: Thankfulness

This week we are thankful for our school family, the people who love us and the most important things that mean the most this Christmas.



Happy Christmas and New Year!

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe that I am already writing to you at the end of 2023, it doesn't seem five minutes ago that we were starting the year in January talking about New Year's resolutions and what the year would have in store. Now here we are, at the end of the year, looking back on everything we've achieved and experienced and what a year 2023 has been!

Our school gone from strength to strength, as we have continued to develop our exclusive trust curriculum, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to take part in wonderful experiences, access learning beyond the national curriculum and make amazing memories as part of our school family. We have developed pupil leadership groups, who are working hard to make a difference to our school, community and the wider world, and have proven that having a voice really can make changes. We have also introduced our first ever head boy and girl roles, worked with the food bank and other groups within our community, achieved the silver award for our Rights Respecting work and been recognised for our work in supporting our young carer community. And on top of all of this, we have had the accolade of a fantastic Ofsted! We couldn't have achieved any of this without our amazing pupils and the ongoing support of you all – our wonderful school family.

Despite the successes of 2023, we are already looking ahead to 2024, where we will continue to challenge ourselves to keep improving and building on what we have achieved so far to make sure all of our children have the best school we can give them. We are looking forward to continuing to work closely with you all next year as we have proven what we can achieve for our pupils when we are all working together.

I would like to take this opportunity before we finish, to say thank you to you all for the support you have shown throughout the year – through attending events, volunteering for trips, supportive messages, donations for fairs, shared homework projects and so much more! We really couldn't do what we do without you all and we want you to know how much we appreciate it.

From myself and all of the staff, I'd like to wish you and your families a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the new year.

With love,

Miss Slingsby and all of the staff at St Michael with St Thomas

Parent Drop In Sessions – January 2024

Dates for your calendar – the first parent drop in sessions next term are:

Tues 16th Jan – Sleep and Screens led by the Health Improvement Team

Tues 6th 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:

- Tues 9th Jan – School opens for the Spring term
- Thurs 11th Jan – Y6 SATs Meeting
- Fri 12th Jan – Admittance to Holy Communion – Y4, Y5, Y6 @1.30pm
- Mon 15th Jan – Rec/Y1 Pupil Progress Meetings, Y2 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Tues 16th Jan – Y3/Y4 Pupil Progress Meetings, Parent Drop in Session @1.45pm
- Weds 17th Jan – Y3 Family Worship @9am, Y5 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Thurs 18th Jan – Y5/Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings, Y1 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Mon 22nd Jan – Y2 Pupil Progress Meetings, Rec Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Tues 23rd Jan – Y3 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Thurs 25th Jan – Y4 Parent Insight session @2.15pm
- Mon 29th Jan – National Storytelling Day
- Weds 31st Jan – Y2 Family Worship @9am
- w/b 5th Feb – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tues 6th Feb – Parent Drop in with School Nurse @1.45pm
- Weds 7th Feb – Ash Wednesday
- Thurs 8th Feb – Spring Disco
- Fri 9th 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	Thea	For trying hard in everything she does
Year 1	Noah	For 100% effort in all subjects
Year 2	Evelyn	For being a good friend, always being ready, respectful and safe
Year 3	Kian	For working really hard and settling well into year 3
Year 4	Ivy-Rae	For wonderful manners and participating in learning
Year 5	Amelia	For 100% effort and wonderful reading progress
Year 6	Kara	For giving 100% and being positive and enthusiastic

Lunchtime Awards	
Reception	Paul
Year 1	Clayton
Year 2	Dylan
Year 3	Lyla
Year 4	Emmy Lou
Year 5	Sophie Mae
Year 6	Lillya

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance: 92.5%

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

Class Attendance winner: 98.2% Reception