



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 22nd September 2023

Christian Value this half term: Perseverance

The bible teaches us:

“For those who stand firm during testing are blessed. They are tried and true. They will receive the life God has promised to those who love him as their reward,”

James 1:12

Pupil Leadership Afternoon

This week started with our first pupil leadership group meetings. This year every child from Y2 – Y6 are in a pupil leadership group and will be involved in leading different projects throughout the year. Below are the Pupil Leadership Groups that we have in school – if you, or anyone you know, feel they have some skills or can support the work of these groups in some way, we would love to have you! Please come and see Miss Slingsby if you can help.

Community Crusaders – working to build links within the community, helping to bring the school and other areas of the community together, working to support our local community where we can

Fantastic Fundraisers – This group will lead the fundraising in school. This might be for the school, for local charities, or for national days such as Red Nose Day etc

Eco Educators – This group will be working to educate our school family on key issues, as well as looking at ways in which we can improve our current practices at school and at home to be better global citizens.

Guardians of the Grounds – This group are looking at how they can improve and take care of our school grounds. This might be litter picking, improving the environment by planting flowers or painting, looking for ways to make our school safer.

Wellbeing Warriors - This group is leading the way with keeping our wellbeing at the forefront. This could be our mental, physical or emotional wellbeing. They are looking at ways to educate and support pupils, staff and families.

Rights Respecting Ambassadors - This group are working together to ensure that our Rights Respecting work is continued, both in school and in our work to fight for children globally to have their rights.

Reading Ambassadors – Our reading ambassadors are in charge of building a love of reading across the school. They are keen to find ways to engage all children in reading, through activities, shared reading and developing resources in school.

Reminder – We are a Nut Free School

Can we please remind all families that we are nut free school, and this is becoming even more important now as we have a child that has a severe nut allergy in school. Please support us in ensuring this is not a risk to them, by checking food in lunch boxes and making sure there are no nut products. This includes any Nutella products or spreads. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

No Dogs on Site

Please remember that no dogs are allowed on the school site, this includes dogs being carried onto site. Please ensure that you do not bring any animals to school pick up, and if you do, that someone is left to hold them outside of the school gates.

Parent Forum Nominations

It is that time of year again where we would like to welcome parents to nominate themselves to join our Parent Forum. The forum meets 3 times a year to discuss a range of things about the school, working with myself and the senior leaders to give a parents' viewpoint on achievements and challenges, and to provide support in identifying next steps as we strive to make our school excellent in all areas. Anyone is welcome to join, all you need is a positive attitude, a passion for helping to make our school even better and a couple of hours each term. Tea and biscuits provided! We have one representative per class, so if more than one parent is interested then we pull names out of a hat. Please leave your name with the office if you would like to be the representative for your child's class.

New Starters Open Evening

Even though our new Reception class have only just started, we are already looking ahead at next year and are holding our annual open evening for children who will be starting school in January 2024. The open evening this half term will take place on **Thursday 28th September at 3.30pm and 5.30pm.**

If you have a child due to start, or know someone who does, please come and have a look around and talk to the staff. You can also help by sharing the open evening details on our Twitter page to get the word out to as many people as possible.

Looking Ahead:

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

- Thurs 28th Sept - Y4 trip to Clonter Opera; Photo Day - Individual; New Admissions Open Evening 3.30pm/5.30pm
- Mon 2nd Oct - Y6 Parent Insight session 2.15pm
- Tues 3rd Oct - Y1 Parent Insight session 2.15pm
- Thurs 5th Oct - Y5 Harvest Service @church 9.30am; Y2 Parent Insight session 2.15pm
- Mon 9th Oct - Y5 Parent Insight session 2.15pm
- Mon 16th Oct - Reception Parent Insight session 2.15pm
- Tues 17th Oct - Y3 Parent Insight session 2.15pm
- Thurs 19th Oct - Reception Welcome Worship 10am @school
- Weds 25th Oct - Autumn Disco
- Thurs 26th Oct - Break up for Half Term
- Mon 6th Nov - School reopens for Autumn 2
- *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	Freddie	For fantastic problem solving when buying presents for Mr Bears Birthday
Year 1	Stanley	For using super sentence stems in maths
Year 2	Evelyn	For being a fantastic friend to everyone
Year 3	Libbie	For always being ready for learning
Year 4	Amelia	For sharing fantastic ideas during our learning
Year 5	Niall	For fantastic manners
Year 6	Logan	For always persevering and working his hardest

Lunchtime Awards

Reception	Ava
Year 1	Caitlyn
Year 2	Bobby
Year 3	Amelia
Year 4	Ruby
Year 5	Lizzy
Year 6	Kara