



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 24th November 2023

Christian Value this half term: Thankfulness

This week we are thankful for our school family, and the wonderful experiences that we have had in our community this week.

“Never let the things you want, make you forget the things that you have.”

Visits to the Buddhist Temple

This week the visits that had to be postponed took place, with the rest of the children in the school having the opportunity to visit the local Buddhist Temple and learn key information and interesting facts about this religion, from one of the monks. The children were fascinated to learn that the monks get up to meditate at 5am every day and don't eat after their lunch until the next morning! They also took part in a guided meditation led by the monk. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for the walk to make this visit possible.

If there are any families who would like to visit the temple, there is a free open meditation session every Thursday evening at 7pm – why not try something different!

Children in Need 2023

Thank you for all of the donations for the Children in Need coin spiral last week. The total raised was £182.97 and this has been donated to the Children in Need fund.

Christmas Panto and Party Day

Our annual Christmas Panto and Party day is fast approaching! During this day the classes will attend the panto in the morning, before returning to school for a party lunch and their class Christmas party, filled with dancing and games. It is always a great day and ensures that everyone is definitely in the festive spirit by the end of it.

We have to confirm numbers with the Brindley by the end of next week, so all tickets must be paid for on Arbor by **Friday 1st December.**

Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 – Wednesday 13th December

Y4, Y5, Y6 – Thursday 14th December

Children can come dressed in their party clothes on their party day, but we ask that they wear their school cardigan or jumper over the top to make the easily identifiable in the theatre.

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.

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:

- 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	Max	For being respectful during our visit to the temple
Year 1	Skylar	For always displaying good behaviours for learning
Year 2	Mary-Rose	For making a fantastic effort in maths
Year 3	Phoebe	For always being a kind and helpful member of year 3
Year 4	Lola-Rae	For being a super member of our class team!
Year 5	Holly	For true team spirit
Year 6	Noah	For superb focus and effort in all lessons

Lunchtime Awards

Reception	Paul
Year 1	Grace
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Olivia
Year 4	Lola-Rae
Year 5	Amelia
Year 6	Molly

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance: 95.7%

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

Class Attendance winner: Reception 98.2 %