



## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his love endures forever,”  
Psalm 107:2*

### **Y5 Harvest Celebration**

This week, year 5 led our Harvest Festival in church and what a fantastic job they did! They explained the meaning behind the Harvest celebrations using song, poems, drama and some beautiful artwork! We were all really impressed with their confidence and speaking skills. Thank you to all of the families who joined us for the walk too and from the church.

### **Scarecrow Festival at Church**

Don't forget to head over to St Michael with St Thomas Church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October for the Scarecrow Festival! Make sure you keep an eye out for our scarecrows made by each class – see if you can spot our favourite book characters! If you haven't already, head over to our Twitter or Facebook page for a sneak peek!

### **Ofsted Party!**

Today we shared our fantastic report with the children, and some of the amazing things that were said about them by the inspectors. They were very excited, and proud of themselves! To celebrate them all being so amazing, we had a party afternoon in their honour today, with treat, games and films!

### **Parent Insight Afternoons**

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended the first parent insight afternoons this week, and for the overwhelmingly positive feedback. We are so pleased that you all found the sessions so interesting and that seeing reading taught helps you to support your child at home. Please let us know if there is a particular theme you would find useful for future insight sessions.

### **Support with Site Safety**

We are asking for volunteers to help us keep the school site and the road outside school safe during drop off and pick up times. Children of families helping can attend breakfast/ASC, and we will provide High Viz jackets and tea/coffee afterwards! If you can help with this, even just for a day, please let me know.

### **Autumn Disco**

It is already that time of year and we are planning our annual Autumn Disco! The Disco is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Tickets will cost £5 and will be available to purchase on Arbor next week – this includes the disco, drinks and a hot dog. There will also be a tuck shop available if children want to bring a small amount of money for extra treats.

**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

### **Parent Forum Nominations**

We are still looking for volunteers from each class to sit on our parent forum. The meetings take place once a term for an hour, and are an opportunity for us to work together to share ideas and for school to gain a parent perspective on things that are happening throughout the year. If you would like to join us, please let the office know. Once we have a group of parents, we will arrange a date for the first meeting, which is likely to be at the beginning of November.

### **World Mental Health Day**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day. We will be raising awareness of this day by wearing **yellow**, to make a donation to Mind using the link below:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/get-involved/ways-donate/donate-mental-health-foundation>

### **Looking Ahead:**

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

- Mon 9th Oct - Y5 Parent Insight session 2.15pm
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct- Parent Tea and Talk Session 2pm pupils wear yellow
- 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
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Photographer in for Y4 and any pupils who were absent
- 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	Hazel	For being sensible and respectful in church
Year 1	Reuben	For trying hard in maths
Year 2	Lottie	For always trying her best
Year 3	Tilly	For always working really well
Year 4	Zac	For super contributions in our learning
Year 5	Sonny	For wonderful effort in writing
Year 6	Molly	For a wonderful, enthusiastic attitude to learning

### **Lunchtime Awards**

Reception	Frankie
Year 1	Clayton
Year 2	Evie
Year 3	Mason
Year 4	Henry
Year 5	Eleanor-Rose
Year 6	Amelia

### **Attendance Matters!**

**Whole school attendance:** 95%

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

**Class Attendance winner:** Y5 with 97.3%