



## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Christian Value this half term: Friendship



### Children's Mental Health Week

This week the whole school has been talking about mental health and the theme 'Your Voice Matters'. Our children are so used to using their voice for change and to stand up for the rights of others, that they were able to hold mature and relevant discussions about a difficult topic. We are so proud of them!

The week ended with our annual Dress to Express Day, where the whole school community came dressed wearing something that represented something about them – it was lovely to find out about hobbies, passions and talents that we didn't know about!

Attached to this newsletter is a document produced for parents with tips on how to talk to your child about mental health, as well as some conversation starters to use at home.

Remember, if you have any concerns about your child or feel they need some extra support, please come and see me about avenues of support that can be put in place.

### Mental Health in Schools Team Drop In

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the drop in this week with the Mental Health in Schools Team. The feedback that we had from the parents who attended was really positive and they felt that they got lots of information and tips to support their child. We will be holding more drop in sessions with the MHST soon.

### Spring Disco

Thursday was our Spring Disco which was the usual mix of fun, hot dogs and crazy dance moves! A huge thank you as always to Daniel Johnson, who gives up his time to the school so that our pupils can enjoy the discos with their friends.

### Safer Internet Day

This week was also national Safer Internet Day, and all classes took time out to discuss this key safeguarding issue and to explore the different ways in which they can keep safe online. Hopefully you have all received the special Safer Internet Day newsletter which has lots of helpful information and links. Please also explore the Online Safety page on our website, which has lots of information for parents about popular gaming apps and sites and how you can make sure your child is safe whilst playing.

### Big School Bird Watch

All of the children have managed to take part in the Big School Bird Watch campaign this week, despite the awful weather! They have produced some gorgeous artwork from their observations too. If your child has completed their bird art at home, don't forget to tag the school and #AccessAllArts so that children can join the competition. Have a look at our school Twitter page for some of the amazing entries so far.

### Parent Drop Ins

Please see the attached poster for the planned drop ins for next half term. No need to book, just turn up for the sessions that you feel will be useful – tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided!

### Half Term Already!

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the half term, and now halfway through the year! It's been a busy few weeks and next half term is just as busy even though it is only 6 weeks! We are already looking forward to the lighter nights, Easter celebrations and hopefully some better weather! Have a lovely, restful half term and we will see you all on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

### **Looking Ahead:**

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

- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Start of half term
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Little Saints – 9am
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Y1 Parent Insight session – phonics @2.15pm
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Y4 Parent Insight session – X Tables @2.15pm
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Swimming starts
- W/b 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Book Week & Readathon
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar - World Book Day
- w/b 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – British Science Week, Assessment Week
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Mar - Non Uniform Day for Easter Bingo Donations
- Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Bingo 3.15 – 4.30pm
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y4 Easter Service @Church 9.30am, Break up for Easter

*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	Sophia	For embracing our learning on Chinese New Year
Year 1	Noah	For always putting 100% effort into his handwriting
Year 2	Bobby	For fantastic improvement with his reading
Year 3	Faith	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning
Year 4	Jessica	For always being a fantastic learner and giving 100%
Year 5	Amelia	For being fearlessly unique and individual
Year 6	Daniel	For showing maturity and enthusiasm towards learning

### **Lunchtime Awards**

Reception	Charlotte
Year 1	Reuben
Year 2	Ronnie
Year 3	Bobby
Year 4	Ellie-Rae
Year 5	Elizabeth
Year 6	George

### **Attendance Matters!**

**Whole school attendance:** 97 %

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

**Class Attendance winner:** Year 3 100%