



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10th November 2023

Christian Value this half term: Thankfulness

This week we are thankful for the sacrifices of the soldiers who fought for our safety and freedom.

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.”

WW2 and Local History Week

What a fantastic start to the half term it has been with our local history and World War 2 week! The children in Y1, Y3 and Y5 have been learning about our local area through studies of Knowsley Safari Park, the Industrial Revolution and the Slave Trade in Liverpool. Y2, Y4 and Y6 have been learning about WW2, showing incredible maturity when discussing topics such as evacuees, the role of women in the war and the holocaust. We have been on trips, welcomed in visitors, written poetry and so much more! We can't wait to share the work produced this week with you all.

You may have noticed our new 'Silent Soldier' which has been installed next to the pedestrian path into school. This was fundraised for and has been purchased by our 'Guardians of the Grounds' pupil group. Today during our two minutes silence, the 'Guardians of the Grounds' pupils held their vigil next to the soldier, paying their respects and laying poppies they had made. Please feel free to pay your respects, say a prayer or leave poppies with our soldier too.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week and we are kicking off with Odd Socks day on Monday 13th November. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks with their full school uniform. Throughout the week, all classes will be taking part in a number of activities to raise awareness of our anti-bullying strategies. Over the coming weeks, we will be holding parent workshops for the children to share their learning with families.

Children in Need 2023

Next week is also Children in Need, on Friday 17th November. We are asking children to come in dressed in their own clothes, or spots, and to bring in a donation to add to our whole school coin spiral - this can be any coins, even just a couple of pennies. Please only send in any small change that you can spare, every little helps.

Lantern Festival at Church

On Friday 17th November, the Lantern Festival will return to St Michael with St Thomas church. We hope you will be able to join in, starting at our school and walking down as a community to the church for a short service led by Reverend Linda. Our choir will be leading the songs and there will be refreshments available. We can't wait for this wonderful festival to return and hope you will come and join in too!

Parent Drop In Session - Tuesday 14th November

Don't forget our Parent Drop in session next week is on physical activity and sugar and is being run by the Health Improvement team. You can drop in anytime between 1.45pm and 3pm to have a chat, ask any questions or get advice, and have a chat and have a cup of tea!

Whole School Holy Communion Service

Next week we will be holding our termly whole school Holy Communion service in the school hall, and would like to invite our school family to join us. If you would like to take part in this service led by Reverend Linda, and receive communion, a blessing or just enjoy the worship, please be in school ready for a 9.30am start.

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:

- w/b 13th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week/Interfaith Week
- Mon 13th Nov – Odd socks day (*full uniform*)
- Tues 14th Nov – Y6 History Trip
- Weds 15th Nov – Rec/Y6 vision, hearing, height and weight screening
- Thurs 16th Nov – Whole school Eucharist – parents welcome - 9.30am
- Fri 17th Nov – Children in Need (*wear spots/own clothes for donations to the coin trail*), Lantern Festival 6.30pm
- Mon 20th Nov – World Children’s Day
- 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	Ava	For good participation during our PCSO visit
Year 1	Toby	For an excellent improvement in Phonics
Year 2	Stevie	For trying very hard with his Phonics
Year 3	Bobby	For a big improvement in his handwriting
Year 4	Ruby	For super participation and engagement during learning
Year 5	Archie	For making wonderful improvement in his writing
Year 6	Jake	For wonderful effort and enthusiasm for all learning

Lunchtime Awards

Reception	Bella
Year 1	Toby
Year 2	Aren
Year 3	Tilly
Year 4	Annie
Year 5	Kaycie
Year 6	Jake

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance: 95.8%

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

Class Attendance winner: Y5 with 98.8%