

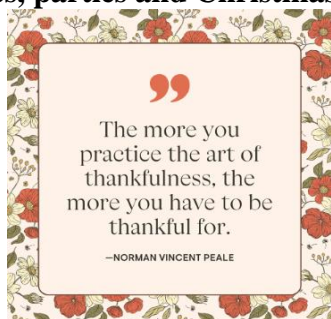


St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 15th December 2023

Christian Value this half term: Thankfulness

This week we are thankful for the wonderful experiences we have shared together – pantomimes, parties and Christmas fair chaos!



Enterprise Week and Fair

What an end to the week with our annual Enterprise fair! A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us with this, and for joining in the games and fun during the afternoon! It was especially lovely to see more stalls from the community, sharing their homemade talents too. This week the children have been working hard on their enterprise products, which all sold out during the afternoon! We will let the classes know who made the most profit on their stall next week, once the final count has been done.

Christmas Panto and Party Days

Festive fun has definitely descended on school following a week of panto and class parties! The children had a ball at the pantomime and were exceptionally well behaved throughout. A big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who came with us – we really appreciate you giving up your time to help make these events happen.

Young Carers Competition Winners!

We are so excited to share that our team of Young Carers entered a competition to create a piece of work that showed 'What Makes Them Happy?' and won! The judges were so blown away by all of the pieces submitted, they have sent a collective prize for our group to share. We are so proud of our YC group and will share some of their entries when they are returned to school.

Last Week of Term

Just a reminder that next week is our final week of term, and school closes on **Friday 22nd December at 3.15pm**. There is still lots going on in the last week, so please make sure that children are in right up to the last day!

Parent Drop In Sessions – January 2024

Dates for your calendar – the first parent drop in sessions next term are:

Tues 16th Jan – Sleep and Screens led by the Health Improvement Team

Tues 6th Feb – School Nurse drop in (for any questions, queries, concerns)

All drop ins start at 1.45pm – no booking necessary.

Faith at Home - Advent

Don't forget to keep checking the online advent calendar in the last few days leading up to Christmas!

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/advent-calendar>

Help for Households

We know that this is a very busy and expensive time of year, and many families are feeling the impact of this even more this year with the increase in cost of living. The Halton Help for Households website is available on the link below, which details all of the different support available to local residents. I would also like to remind everyone that the school is a foodbank referral agent – if you need support with this please come and see me in school and be assured that the process is very discrete.

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/costofliving.aspx>

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:

- 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 – 3.15pm
- 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	Albie	For being very brave during the panto
Year 1	Keshika	For representing our school family beautifully at the panto
Year 2	Aren	For having a fantastic week
Year 3	Max	For always working really hard and persevering
Year 4	Leo	For always having wonderful manners and a positive smile
Year 5	Jack	For stunning friendship walking with reception to church
Year 6	Elissa	For always showing positivity and enthusiasm for ALL school life

Lunchtime Awards

Reception	Lewis
Year 1	Isabelle
Year 2	Mary-Rose
Year 3	Nathaniel
Year 4	Carter
Year 5	Toby
Year 6	Amelia

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance: 96%

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

Class Attendance winner: 98.5 % Year 3