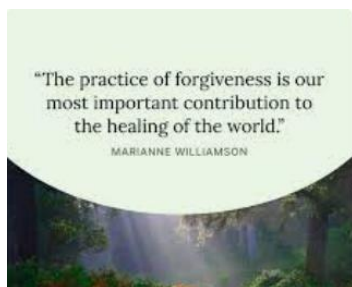




## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Christian Value this half term: Forgiveness



### World Book Day Celebrations

What a week we have had celebrating all things books! The children have loved the activities this week and there has been lots of excitement about the class mystery readers – a huge thank you to all of the adults who have been in so far. We will be continuing this over the coming weeks so please sign up on Arbor if you would like to come in and surprise a class! The week culminated today in our dress up day, and the costumes were the best we have seen yet (well done to all of the adults too for your efforts with these as I know as a parent it takes a lot to pull it together!)

The Readathon sponsored read challenge is still in full swing, and we have seen some amazing contributions so far! Keep up the hard work for this great cause. We will report back on the final totals in a few weeks.

### International Women's Day

Today is International Women's Day and we have celebrated with a special visitor from Widnes JFC called Lyndsey, who came to talk to the children about a project they are running to encourage more girls to get into football. As part of this project, Lyndsey will be coming into school over the next couple of months to offer a girls' coaching session to every girl in our school. The children will then have the opportunity to attend two free sessions with Widnes JFC to try it out and see if it is something they would like to take part in more regularly. In addition to this, Mr Goulding our PE coach supported Halton in raising awareness of girls' football by holding matches at lunchtime for our girls. Have a look on our social media and share the photos of them having fun with the hashtag #letgirlsplay

### Red Nose Day

Next week is Red Nose Day and the theme this year is 'do something to fight poverty through humour and fun, for communities here in the UK and around the world'. To show our support with this, our Fantastic Fundraisers have planned two activities to mark this day:

- Dress 'Red-to-Toe' – wear a little of something red, or a lot of red if you have it, to show your support. Donations can be made online for this cause if you want to: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOWm2pHZqBUhWr8ZL13>
- Bake Sale – our Fantastic Fundraisers are going to cheer up our Friday by holding a bake sale at break time and are welcoming any donations, homemade or shop bought, for the sale. If cakes are homemade, please include the ingredient list to allow us to keep anyone with allergies safe. The team will also be baking their own cakes for the sale and staff are also going to be trying their hand at baking too! Children can bring in up to £2 to spend at the cake sale if they wish.

### Young Carers

We now have a large group of registered Young Carers who meet with Miss Brimble in school regularly, offering support and also taking part in fun competitions and trips in association with Halton Carers. If you think that your child may meet the criteria of a Young Carer and would like further information on this and what support could be available to them, please come and see me or Miss Brimble, the school's Young Carer champions, to discuss. Alternatively, have a look at the Young Carers page on our school website which has lots of useful information on this.

### Easter Bingo

Tickets for our Easter Bingo are on sale on Arbor. Tickets are £5 each and include a hotdog and crisps, drinks and all bingo games.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** to collect donations of Easter Treats for bingo prizes and the raffle hamper. Any support with these donations will be gratefully accepted.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Wear Blue for Bobby Day reminder**

The Bobby Collieran Trust was created following the fatal accident on 24th October 2014 of a young boy called Bobby Collieran. Bobby was on his way home from school, walking along his school road with his mum Joanne, when he was knocked over and killed. Bobby was just 6 years old. Since Bobby's accident, his family have developed The Bobby Collieran Trust, and were delighted to finally be registered as a charity in September 2015. As founder members of the Trust, Bobby's parents fought hard and dedicated themselves to improving Road Safety for all children. They have campaigned for safer roads outside all schools and have been greatly supported by the people of Liverpool & England as all parents, teachers & people, in general, are aware of how dangerous our school runs are & all fear for our children's safety. Their aim as a charity is to have 20mph "Bobby Zone" Outside every school in the country.

Bobby attended Blackmoor Park Infant school, which is one of the schools in our Three Saints Academy, and to show our support for the charity and to raise further awareness of the need for safety on the road outside our school, we will be holding a 'Wear Blue for Bobby' day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be holding an assembly with the children to discuss road safety.

Further information about the charity and the work they do can be found on the link below:

<https://thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk/>

**Looking Ahead:**

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

- w/b 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – British Science Week, Assessment Week
- Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Wear Blue for Bobby Day – Road Safety
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Whole School Eucharist – parents invited 9.30am
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Red Nose Day
- 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	Bonnie-Rae	For excellent effort in phonics
Year 1	Lorelei	For an excellent storyteller voice
Year 2	Evie	For trying so hard in her maths booster
Year 3	Nathaniel	For always having a positive attitude towards learning
Year 4	Bailie	For super ideas during our reading lessons
Year 5	Joey	For a fantastic attitude to learning and an improved effort
Year 6	Millie	For a wonderful persuasive speech in her role as The Wild

**Attendance Matters!**

**Whole school attendance:** 95.3%

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

**Class Attendance winner:** Reception 100%