

## Friday 11th February 2022

## 'For with God, nothing is impossible'

Luke 1:37



# What does our Mission Statement mean to you?

As we come to the end of what has been an unusually challenging half term in school, due to pupil, parent/carer and staff illness from Covid and sickness bugs, I want us to reflect on what our mission statement actually means to us as an Academy and a school community.

At our SIAMS inspection in 2020, we narrowly missed out on a judgement of Outstanding, due to the fact that we had not then had time to embed our new mission statement of 'For With God, Nothing is Impossible'. The inspector felt that, although the children and staff could talk quite confidently about what it means in school, parents and carers had not had time to fully understand how this statement drives all that we do as an

#### Academy.

I have recorded a short video to explain further how our mission and values shape our behaviour as an Academy. I ask that all parents/carers please take a few moments to go onto their child's Google Classroom to watch the video. I will follow this up by sending the explanation out to all parents/carers via ParentApp. Thank you.

I hope that you all enjoy a happy and healthy half-term holiday.

Thank you and stay safe.

Mrs. Rusling

## **Covid Update**

At the moment, we still have staff and pupils off ill with Covid, reminding us that some of our Covid safety procedures must continue despite what the Prime Minister has announced. Following the half term break, Cidari will review the national and local Covid situation, and I will make any relevant changes accordingly. Until then, staff will continue to wear masks in communal areas and we will limit visitors to our site.

Handwashing and handsan-use will continue to be encouraged and we will continue to limit social mixing in school and nursery.

## School Events Coming up in the Second Half of Spring Term

#### **Class Assemblies**

This half term 1/2JB, RSF and RCH will be sharing their Class Assemblies on Google Classroom with the parents and carers of the children in their class. At the moment, our Class Assemblies remain virtual, but we are hoping to be able to return to face-to-face in the new year, Covid permitting.

Please see the Dates for Your Diary below for more events next half term.

#### **School News**

#### Year 3 Christingle Service in school

Thank you to Mr. Rushton, who kindly led our Christingle service in school this half-term. The Year 3 children led the prayers and Year 4 joined in with singing. With the light from the beautiful Christingle candles that Year 3 made, it truly was a special service that lit up our day. Thank you Year 3!

#### **Boccia County finals in Blackburn**

Our Amazing Baines' Boccia Team got through to the Quarter Finals, but were unfortunately knocked out by the Blackburn County Final Winners. Well done to Jamie-Lee, Brandon, Bailey, Bethany, Bella and Brody for representing Baines' and making us proud! Well done Team!

#### **Mock SATs**

Pupils in Year Two and Six completed their Mock SATS Week. All pupils completed SATS papers in Reading, Grammar and Maths. All of the teachers and teaching assistants are so proud of all the hard work and perseverance that the children have shown. Well done Year 2 and 6!

## **Internet Safety Day**

We all enjoyed listening to the Digital Leaders lead our Internet Safety Day Assembly and remind us of how to stay safe on the internet. Throughout school, the pupils have enjoyed taking part in activities to raise awareness of Internet safety. Please talk with your child about what they have learned.

## **Building Resilience**

Our Resilience Committee have been continuing their work with Sam from Headstart and are getting ready to take present at an International Conference in March. More news to follow nearer to the time.

## **Before and After School Wraparound Care**

School has places available for before and after school care. If you are interested in a place for your child, please email <a href="mailto:bebridges@cidari.co.uk">bebridges@cidari.co.uk</a> for more information.

#### **School Office Noticeboard**

#### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform for school. Children are are not allowed to wear their own clothes to school and must have correct uniform. Should you require any assistance with uniform, please contact Miss Sawyer at school to see if we are able to help.

ALWAYS badges remain part of our school uniform and should be worn everyday. Replacement badges can be purchased at the school office for 60p.

#### P.E. Kit in School

One step I am taking that will take us closer to what we know is normal, is to return to our usual routine with P.E. kit. After half-term all pupils must bring a P.E. kit into school in a P.E. kit bag to change into on P.E. days. A letter will be sent out to all parents/carers over half-term regarding

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Please remember that children should be entering school between 8.45 and 8.55am. If they arrive after this time they have to come through the office and this can be very unsettling for some children. If they arrive after 9.30am our registers have closed and this is then recorded as an absent session. Repeated issues with punctuality can cause fines to be issued from the Local Authority.

At school we expect regular (every day) attendance. If this is not possible because your child is ill or there is an exceptional circumstance please contact the school office, or use the appropriate form on ParentApp.

## Dates for Your Diary: February

Monday 21st February: School reopens for Spring Term at 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday 22nd February - Panathlon Challenge at Blackpool Sports Centre.

**Friday 25th February: Express Yourself!** Non-uniform day in support of Children's Mental Health Week.

**Friday 25th: February 1/2 JB Class Assembly -** The class assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for 1/2JB parents/carers.

## Dates for Your Diary: March

**Tuesday 1st March: St David's Day -** pupils will celebrate St David's day in School by having a themed afternoon in class.

Wednesday 2nd March: Ash Wednesday (Y6) in school – 9:15pm - Pupils in Year Six will celebrate Ash Wednesday in School.

**Thursday 3rd March** - **World Book Day** - More information will be sent out when we return to school after half term. There will be no need to purchase or make a costume this year. We will be getting snuggly wearing pyjamas and reading a good book!

**Friday 4th: March RCH Class Assembly -** The class assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for RCH parents/carers.

**Monday 7th-11th March: Test Week** - Pupils in Years One, Three, Four and Five will complete NFER Testing Week in Reading, Grammar and Maths.

**Wednesday 9th March - Jubilee Celebration** - The Deputy of Lieutenant of Lancashire will be visiting the school to unveil the planting of an Oak Tree in our school grounds, as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

**Friday 11th: March RSF Class Assembly -** The class assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for RSF parents/carers

**Monday 14th March - Year Five Outdoor Adventure Day** - Year Five will be visiting Windermere to take part in outdoor activities.

**Thursday 17th March - St Patrick's Day** - pupils will celebrate St Patrick's day in School by having a themed afternoon in class.

Thursday 17th March - Parents Evening - Nursery to Year Six - More information will follow nearer the time.

**Wednesday 23rd March** - **World Maths Day** - Pupils will celebrate with a Maths theme day in school.

**Monday 28th-30th March - Holy Week -** Pupils in school will celebrate the Traditions of Holy week in School and at Church.

**Wednesday 30th March: KS1 Easter Service -** Year One Pupils will lead us in our Easter Service for Key Stage One. The assembly will be uploaded to Google Classroom for all parents/carers.

**Wednesday 30th March - Resilience Conference** - more details to follow for those pupils who will be involved.

Friday 1st April: School closes at the end of the Spring Term at 3:15 p.m.

