

SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023



IMPORTANT LONDON INFORMATION – CHANGE OF DEPARTURE TIME

We have been informed by Avanti trains that the train we were catching just before 7am is going to be cancelled so our departure time will now be 6am. Unfortunately, there isn't a later train which will get us to London to enable us to fit everything in that has been booked. The time we will now be meeting on the platform at Preston train station will be **5.45am** at the latest. I think we'll all be having a snooze on the way down!!

CAN YOU HELP ECO CLUB?

Our Eco Club, led by Mrs Kearns, have been busy planning and raising funds and resources from local businesses over the term. What they need now is some willing parents / volunteers to help flatten the old pond area so that we can then put into place a brand new pond; a pebble pond beach to provide access for wildlife as well as new planting and decking so that we can use the pond area all year round. We have two Saturday mornings in the diary for this. You don't need to come to the whole morning - even an hour of your time would be amazing! The dates are **Saturday 13th May** and **Saturday 10th June**, from 9am-12noon. If you could let Mrs Kearns or Sandra know if you are able to come that would really help with planning. If you have a spade, please bring it!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD CARPET?

We need some old carpet to go under the pond liner. If you have any at home, we'd really appreciate it if you could send it our way! Please contact school if you can help. Thank you.

RSE

Part of the PSHE curriculum next half-term will include some RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons. Our RSE curriculum has been carefully planned to develop children's self-esteem, giving them the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions and to stay safe. Please find letters attached to today's email regarding the contents of these lessons for each of the three classes.

Worship Theme: SERVICE

This half term's Bible verse:

*'Serve one another through love'.
Galatians 5:13*

EARRINGS

Please can we remind everyone that earrings must be taken out on PE days as per Lancashire County Council guidance. If ears have been recently pierced, then plasters **MUST** be sent into school and applied by the child during PE lessons. Ears should only be pierced in the summer holidays so that the need for plasters can be avoided.

Earrings cannot be worn in swimming sessions and must be taken out at home as plasters cannot be worn. Thank you.

KS2 FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

This summer term is particularly busy in school so there have been some changes to KS2 Forest School sessions. The final sessions for this year are:

Year 4 – 2nd May.

Year 3 – 9th, 16th May.

Year 6 – 13th, 27th June; 4th July.

KS2 will continue Forest Schools in September.

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION

We can all access new music and movies in seconds. We can chat or play games with other people on the other side of the planet. For all of the remarkable benefits the digital age has brought us, it's also presented us with a whole new raft of pressures and anxieties that affect all ages. Please take a few minutes to read the attached online safety guide about helping children manage device stress and anxiety.

NON-UNIFORM FOR TEAM WINNERS

Congratulations to the **YELLOW** team who are last half-term's team point winners. As a reward, children in this team are invited to come in non-uniform on Thursday 4th May.

April Samlesbury Superstars

DOJO WINNERS

RUBY (YR)
HENRY (YR)

ZAK (Y3)
THOMAS (Y3)

MADALENE (Y6)
ELLIS (Y6)
TOMMY (Y5)

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

ZOE (YR)
SAMMY (Y5)

STARS OF THE WEEK

NIYON (YR)
MEGAN (Y2)

MATILDA (Y3)
ELLIOTT (Y3)

LUKE (Y5)
JACK (Y6)



Congratulations to you all for shining your lights and setting a fantastic example!

FOSS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at our last meeting. As well as confirming we're in a position to donate a massive £1,500 towards the new infant canopy, we also talked about some of the things we'll be doing during the summer term. Our big event is the FOSS Family Games Night - there's lot to organise and it's looking like it will be a fantastic event with fun activities for the whole family. Please do put the date in your diaries and buy your tickets asap.

You don't have to come to a meeting to help out at a FOSS event, so please get in touch if you can give some time, donate prizes for the games night or would like to know more.



Church / School Links

MESSAGE FROM CANON DAUNTON

It is always wonderful to see families join us for our **Mission Praise Sundays**. They start at **11am at St Leonard-the-Less**. We have great fun learning about God and playing games. If you enjoyed our after school craft activity, you'll really enjoy our services; they're noisy and fun!

This term there will be Mission Praise services at 11am on:

- Sunday 14th May
- Sunday 11th June
- Sunday 9th July



PRAYER MORNINGS WITH REV KAREN

You would be most welcome to join Rev Karen in church at 9am for a short prayer session on any of these dates: 15th and 17th May.

JOIN US WITH OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN CHURCH

Come and join our whole school collective worship sessions in church led by Rev Karen / Canon Daunton. Worship starts at 2.45pm in church and doors will be open from 2.40pm.

Dates for your diaries are:

Monday 15th May
Wednesday 17th May
Monday 12th June
Wednesday 14th June

BELL RINGING – YEAR 5/6

Would you be interested in learning to ring the church bells?

Bell ringing will be different to anything you have tried before. It is about art and a science which needs physical and mental co-ordination, a good team spirit and an ability to count up to eight (both forwards and backwards!).

Change ringing is an English folk art that has been practised since the 17th century, when a wheel was first attached to a bell in order to turn it over a full circle.

Our bells are rung on practice nights (Wednesday evening 7.00pm), for Sunday services from 10.30am – 11.00am and on special occasions, eg the coronation and the occasional wedding. Ringers are members of a team, who are warmly welcomed to any other tower they choose to visit.

If you would like to 'give it a go' sessions will be after school on a Monday (a start date has not yet been decided as this depends on interest). Mrs Sutton will also be attending the sessions as a school link.

If you would like to learn how to ring the church bells, please contact school by Friday 5th May.

Glen Clayton
St Leonard the Less Church

DIARY DATES

1st May – May Day: school closed.

3rd May – School photograph day.

5th May – Come wearing red, white and blue to celebrate the Coronation.

8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday: school closed.

9th May – 12th May - Y6 SATs week.

11th May – Y5/6 girls' football tournament after school. This will also take place on 18th and 25th May: details will be shared with those children taking part nearer the time.

13th May – Eco Club parent/volunteer action morning 9am – 12noon.

15th May – Canon Daunton leading collective worship at 2.45pm in church. All welcome.

15th May – 18th May – Y2 SATs week.

17th May – Rev Karen leading collective worship at 2.45pm in church. All welcome.

17th May – Y3/4 Hothersall Lodge information meeting for parents/carers, 3.20pm.

20th May – FOSS Family Games Night. Please order your tickets asap.

23rd May – KS2 Intra-Sports Football Competition during the afternoon (no Forest School today).

24th May – Y6s to join with our local cluster of schools for a day of transition activities. More details to follow.

25th May – Finish for half-term.

26th May – INSET day: school closed.

Key dates for the second half-term:

5th June – School reopens. No swimming on this day.

5th – 7th June – Y3/4 to Hothersall Lodge.

10th June – Eco Club parent/volunteer action morning 9am – 12noon.

12th June - Canon Daunton leading collective worship at 2.45pm in church. All welcome.

13th June, 27th June, 4th July – Y6 Forest School sessions.

14th June – Magistrate visiting Y5/6.

14th June – Rev Karen leading collective worship at 2.45pm in church. All welcome.

20th June – Infant class trip to the Wild Boar Park.

21st June, 28th June, 5th July – New starters' induction sessions.

28th June – Sports Day to start at 1.30pm.

4th July – Y6 Leavers' service with other pupils across the Diocese at Blackburn Cathedral.

10th July – Y5/6 to London.

12th July – KS2 Show. Performances at 2pm and 6pm.

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