



SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Worship Theme: REVERENCE & RESPECT

This half term's Bible verse:
'Do to others as you would have them do to you' Luke 6:31

CHRISTMAS WORSHIPS

We've had some very exciting worships over the past few weeks –

- 1) Our very first Forest School where we re-enacted the journey to Bethlehem before making stars for the wise men.
- 2) A shared service at Blackburn Cathedral with the other two schools in the Benefice.
- 3) Our end of year celebration service in church, led beautifully by Key Stage 2.

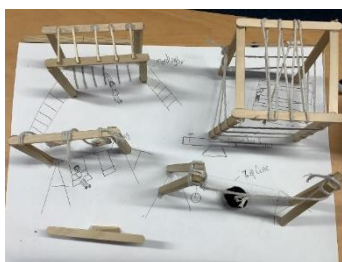


CHOIR

Choir have been very busy performing in the local community, at Blackburn Cathedral and at St Leonard's Church. They have been amazing and we're very proud of them.

MISCHIEVOUS VISITORS

Father Christmas wrote to us at the start of December to ask us to look after two of his elves – Holly and Jolly. He said they needed to stay somewhere during December but warned us that they might make a bit of mess because they are still elves in training. Well, he was right! They have been very mischievous but have brought lots of extra fun and laughter into school, especially the day they turned all the adults into elves!



AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!!

Alongside the excitement of Christmas, lots of learning has continued to happen. Year 5/6 have created some fantastic Design Technology work, designing and making some mini playgrounds. Year 3/4 have enjoyed exploring the topic of light, including the art of shadow puppetry. The infants entertained us with their fantastic performances of 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All' and had lots of fun at a special Forest School Christmas session where their families could join them. We also visited Planet Ice to watch the Wizard of Oz (and would like to say a big thank you to FOSS for paying for the transport and interval treats).

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to our amazing staff team – without their dedication and passion, none of the above would happen.

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CAN YOU SPARE 1.21 MINUTES?

Only 5 parents have responded to our quick questionnaire. On average it's taking **just 1.21 minutes** to complete and we'd really appreciate your feedback which you can do by clicking [on this link](#).

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We'd like to thank you all for your support this term and wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you again on **Monday 8th January** 😊

TRIPS

We still have a number of people who have not paid for recent trips. Pupils who receive pupil premium funding benefit from half price. Sadly, if parents choose not to pay, then we will have no choice but to stop offering trips as any shortfall must come out of our limited school budget. If you haven't yet paid for trips this term, please can you do so asap. If you ever have an issue with payment, please contact Mrs Quayle or Mrs Sutton.

Church / School Links

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

You are warmly invited to join us for Holy Communion at St Leonard the Less Church on Christmas Day at 11am.

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: Wednesday 3rd January, Thursday 4th January.

FOSS Update

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas disco and raffle. Over 80% of our school came to the disco and had a lot of fun! There were also lots of very happy prize winners on Monday once the winning tickets had been drawn! We'll share total funds raised in the new year, along with details of our next meeting.

DIARY DATES

8th January – Return to school. **All children will need to come in PE kits** as it's a whole school dodgeball festival.

8th January – Y5/6 will begin Walk thru the Bible where James comes into school to help the pupils explore the Bible in a practical way. This will take place each Monday until 5th February.

8th January – Rev Karen leading worship at 2.45pm (all families welcome).

9th January – Y3/4 swimming.

15th January – Dance teacher to work with Year 2 pupils each Monday until 26th February.

15th January – Canon Daunton leading worship at 2.45pm (all families welcome).

23rd January – Fire Service in to deliver safety sessions to Y2 and Y6.

24th January – Free online safety information session on Zoom for all parents/carers at 6pm. The session will be led by Nigel Kirkham (a Teaching and Learning Consultant for Computing and Online Safety). We'll share log in details nearer the time.

1st February – SCARF (PSHE) visit. Parents are invited to an information session at 8.50am – 9.05am. Pupils will then take part in workshops during the day.

December Samlesbury Superstars

DOJO WINNERS

ELIZA (Y1)
FRANKIE (YR)

LEO (Y3)
MEGAN (Y3)
WILLIAM (Y3)

JESSE (Y5)
LUKE (Y6)
CHARLIE (Y5)

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

November's winners:

HARRY (Y6)
JENSON (Y2)
ELLA (YR)
HENRY (Y3)

December:
SCHOOL COUNCIL
HOLLY & JOLLY!!

LEADING LIGHT AWARDS

JENSON (Y2)
RUBY (Y1)

THEODORE (Y4)
PHOEBE (Y3)
HENRY (Y3)

EESA (Y5)
ROBERT (Y5)

Reading Awards

Infants

INFANT READER OF THE WEEK

ESTHER (Y2)
LEO (Y2)

Juniors

100% READING AWARD

LEO (Y3)
PHOEBE (Y3)
MEGAN (Y3)
NOAH (Y3)
ZAK (Y4)
MINNIE (Y4)

BEAR (Y5)
WILLOW (Y5)
MIA (Y5)
LEANNA (Y6)
IMOGEN (Y6)
KAYDEN (Y6)
LUKE (Y6)
ALEXIA (Y6)
EMELIA (Y6)

BRONZE BOOKWORM AWARD

CHARLIE (Y5)
HARRY (Y6)
JACKSON (Y6)



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