

SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023



SHROVE TUESDAY BREAKFAST

A big thank-you to Jonathan and Omar for coming to help with our pancake breakfast – as a school we raised a magnificent £60 which will be going to support St Catherine's Hospice and the amazing work they do.

CHRISTIAN VALUES & GOLDEN TICKETS

We continue to be amazed by the number of children being awarded with golden tickets each Friday in our Celebration Worship. When a child or member of staff spots a child showing a Christian Value, they fill in a nomination form which gets glued into a special book. The nominations are then read out during Celebration Worship and golden tickets awarded.

We now keep the nominations book in the foyer so if your child receives a ticket and can't remember what it's for, feel free to take a look in the book!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

It has been brilliant to see families starting to use the uniform exchange and we'd love to see more and more families using it. You don't need to donate anything to be able to take something. If your child outgrows an item, add it to the rail or if you suddenly need an item of school uniform, take a look on the rail before going shopping! You can access the rail any time during the school day.

VALUES HOMEWORK

A reminder that the values homework where children / families nominate potential charities for the school to support over the next year, is due on by Friday 3rd March. Please see the email update sent on Friday 10th February for more details / talk to your class teacher. With such a variety of amazing charities out there, we can't wait to see which ones you feel we should support.

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Both our KS2 classes enjoyed Forest School sessions at the end of half-term. Moving forward, KS2 will be accessing Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon, one year group at a time – look at the school calendar to see when it's your child's turn. Infants will access Forest School on Wednesdays.

Worship Theme: COMPASSION

This half term's bible verse:

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you' Ephesians 4:32

WORLD BOOK DAY – 2ND MARCH

Children are invited to come dressed as a book character on Thursday to celebrate World Book Day.

Pupil Council would also like to hold a book swap on this day. They would like all children to bring in any books they no longer want so that they can add it to our swap table. During the day, all children will be invited to choose a book brought in by somebody else. If you have more than one book to donate, that would be fantastic!

SCHOOL PRAYER

A big thank you to our wonderful Ethos Council who have written a school prayer. During the planning stages, they decided to base it on our School Ethos and Vision which underpins everything we do here at Samlesbury. We think they've done a brilliant job...

*Dear God,
Inspire us to live as a light to others, by using our Christian Values.
Guide us to do good so that we can make a difference.
Help us to feel your love and grace as we grow.
Amen*

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for one or two people who can give up a little time on a regular basis to come and help organise our library. If this is something you might be able to help with, please contact the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Alexia on becoming a big sister to Eleanor Marie.

Church / School Links

MISSION PRAISE – 19TH MARCH

On Sunday 19th March it is Mothering Sunday. Come and join us at St-Leonard-the-Less for morning praise at 11am where we will be thinking about how valuable families are.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

On Monday 13th March, church will be open after school from 3.15pm. There will be an opportunity for the children to make a small gift for their mothers. Come along and have a cup of tea and a chat as the children make their gift.

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 (please use the small door furthest right from the main door).

Dates for your diaries are:

Monday 27th February

Monday 20th March

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: 13th, 15th and 16th March.

A MESSAGE FROM SAMLESBURY ROSE QUEEN ABOUT THE MOTHER'S DAY MUM AND BABY APPEAL

Hello, my name is Rebekah and I was honoured to be chosen for the role of Rose Queen at St Leonard-the-Less Church. I have been supporting the work of The Children's Storehouse Charity and at Christmas collected donations of new and good quality, used toys and games for them. Local and refugee families in need are referred to the Charity by care services and are able to choose 5 items per child. I would love to help them again by taking the opportunity of Mother's Day to support their Mum and Newborn Baby Appeal. I am also collecting baby toiletries as well as the items on the poster below. Many of these cost less than £1.00 from a famous discount supermarket chain! I would be very grateful for any items you are able to donate by Mother's Day on Sunday 19th March. Thank you very much, **Rebekah**.

Please bring your donations to church or school by Sunday 19th March.



blackburn
vineyard
church



Children's
Storehouse

Charity Registration No. 1150962

Can you help Families in need ?

We would like to give away 'New-born Baby Packs' To expectant mums :



FOSS Update

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you from school to FOSS for paying for a class set of diversity books for both Junior classes. Take a look on our school website to see photos of some of the fantastic new books.

NEXT MEETING

It was great to see some new faces at the last FOSS meeting with some exciting plans being made for the rest of the year. The **next FOSS meeting** will be on **Thursday 20th April**, straight after school. Free after school club places will be provided for children at Samlesbury whilst parent(s)/carer(s) are at the meeting (though please collect your child as normal first). We'd love to see you there!

FILM NIGHT

On Wednesday 29th March, we will be running a film night straight from school. More details will follow nearer the time but for now, please save the date.

February Samlesbury Superstars

DOJO WINNERS

KHADIJA (YR)
HENRY (Y2)
BEA (Y1)
ROBERT (Y4)
JACOB (Y4)
MINNIE (Y3)
MIA (Y5)
SAMMY (Y5)
LUKE (Y5)
EMILY (Y6)

CLASS SUPERSTARS

JENSON (Y1)
BELLA (Y1)
ELIZA (YR)
LAYLA-MARYAM (Y4)
JACOB (Y4)
LILLY (Y4)
EMELIA (Y5)
MIA (Y5)
ELLIS (Y6)

Reading Awards

Infants

BRONZE READING AWARD

Eliza (YR)
Esther (Y2)

GOLD READING AWARD

Naomi (YR)

Juniors

100% READING AWARD

Harry Cooper (Y5)

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

DIARY DATES

27th February – Stretch and Mindfulness Whole School Festival. Children should come dressed in their PE kit today as they will be all taking part in an extra sports session.

27th February – Canon Daunton leading worship in church at 2.45pm – all parents/carers welcome.

1st March – Lancashire County Council will send out their high school offers today for pupils in Y6.

2nd March – World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character and bring a book (or a few!) to take part in the great book swap organised by Pupil Council!

6th March – Parents' Evening 1: 3.30pm-5.30pm (with infants starting at 2.30pm). Please contact Sandra **by 2nd March** to book.

7th March – 9.00am-10.00am: Reception Parents/Carers Stay and Play Session. Please see ClassDojo for more information.

7th March – 8.45am-9.30am: Y3/4 Parents/Carers Science Activity Session. Please see the letter from Miss Green for more information.

13th March-17th March – Science Week.

15th March – Parents' Evening 2: 3.30pm-5.30pm (with infants starting at 2.30pm). Please contact Sandra **by 2nd March** to book.

17th March – Comic Relief. Pupil Council are inviting children to come in non-uniform with a biscuit and cakes bake-off with prizes for each class. The cakes/biscuits will then be sold at playtime (and after school if there are any left!) in return for donations, all of which will go to Comic Relief.

20th March – Canon Daunton leading worship in church – all parents/carers are welcome to join us at 2.45pm.

22nd March – Full Governing Body meeting.

29th March – Film night straight after school. More details to follow.

30th March – End of term Easter Service in church. All parents/carers are welcome to join us at 9am. Then why not pop into the school hall to see the Egg Decoration Competition entries.

30th March – Easter Egg Decoration Competition. All pupils are welcome to decorate an egg however they wish for this egg-citing Easter competition. Everyone who enters will receive a chocolate prize plus special prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each class.

31st March – Whole School Easter Egg Hunt. At 3.15pm, school finishes for Easter.

17th April – School reopens for the summer term.

20th April – FOSS Meeting straight after school. Childcare will be provided for those whose parents / carers attend the meeting. Please collect your child as normal first then join us in Y3/4.

**Remember to subscribe to the calendar on our website which we update regularly.
Simply [click here](#) and press 'subscribe'.**