

SAMLESBURY Church of England Primary School

Learning, Growing & Inspiring others through God's Love and Grace

Our Christian Value this half term: **Peace** 'Let your light shine so that together in God's Love and Grace we learn, inspire others and grow'

FRIDAY UPDATE – 11th June 2021

This half term's bible verse: Romans 15:13

¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

COVID: IMPACT ON SCHOOL EVENTS

Welcome back to the final half term of 2020-2021.

Before half term we were full of optimism about restrictions easing and being able to restart some of the events in school which haven't been able to take place over the past 15 months. However, as I'm sure you will be aware from the news and social media, there are rising rates of the coronavirus in our area (which are the worst in the country). These high rates mean that **all**

the events planned for this half term (this includes class sports afternoons, colour run and BBQ and the FOSS after school parent/pupil Euro football match) which involve parents/families coming into school are now cancelled. It is so disappointing to find ourselves not being able to move forwards and open up more but we still plan to have lots of activities and special events in school for the children.

- Class sports afternoons will still take place, and if possible we will stream these afternoons so that you still feel part of the event.
- The FOSS Euros non uniform day on the 9th July will still take place and classes will have mini class football tournaments arranged through the day to replace the match after school.
- The only event we are still hoping we can hold is the Year 6 leavers service (Tues 20th July 9.15am) this will only be for parents/carers of our year 6 pupils. This is subject to the Covid situation and we will keep you updated if the situation changes.

NEW RECEPTION STARTERS STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS AND MOVE UP SESSIONS IN SCHOOL



At the moment, we do not know if we will be able to facilitate the Stay and Play sessions in school for our new reception children. These sessions, and the move up sessions to the next class for all our children within school, all depend on what happens to the Covid rates over the next 2 weeks.

TOWER WOOD VISITS



At the moment both these trips are going ahead. Tower Wood is a LCC outdoor activity centre and have very stringent safety guidelines. Children are kept in class bubbles at the centre so would be at no more risk than they would be at school.

COVID TESTING & SELF ISOLATION



Please can I encourage every parent/carer to access the free lateral flow testing kits which are available free from the government website. In areas adjacent to ours, families are being asked to take part in weekly PCR tests. We are currently are not being asked to do this, but in the interests of keeping everyone in our school family safe from Covid, if you can carry out a twice weekly lateral flow test, then please do so.

If you or anyone in your family displays symptoms of Covid please get a PCR test done immediately and do not send your children into school. Follow all guidance on the government website.

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you are asked by Track and Trace to self-isolate, then please do so and follow **all the instructions** for how long you need to self-isolate.

All other arrangements in school for the staggered start and end to the school day will remain until the end of term.

MORNING PRAISE THIS SUNDAY AT CHURCH

This month's update from Pam Daunton:

"We're thinking about how Jack threw those beans out of the window then it grew into a huge stalk and a fight with a giant. Likewise God places a seed in us which grows too but what does this lead to?

Come at join us for Mission Praise this Sunday 13th June at 11am."

SCHOOL DINNERS ON THE 19TH & 20TH JULY



Yesterday, during the school council meeting the council decided that it would be a lovely idea to be able to eat together as a school before the end of term but the only way we could do this would be to have a picnic outside. They've asked if the school cook could provide packed lunches for school dinners so that if the weather permits everyone can eat, socially distanced and in class bubbles, on the school field together. Thank you school councillors for your idea and for organisng this.

STARS OF THE WEEK & HEADTEACHERS AWARD



Infant Class: Esther YR Year 3/4: Frankie K Y4 Year 5/6: Zach Y5 Head teacher's Award: George Day Y6

INFANT READING CHALLENGE



Well done to the infants who've achieved a certificate for completing part of the reading challenge this week. They will receive their certificate in celebration worship today. **Reception:** Leo - Silver **Year 1:** Jude – Silver **Year 2:** Lilly - Bronze

Have a restful weekend and stay safe.

Lucy Sutton Headteacher