



SAMLESBURY Church of England Primary School

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

Our Christian
Value this half
term:
Hope

**'Let your light shine so that together in
God's Love and Grace we learn, inspire
others and grow'**

**FRIDAY UPDATE
10th September 2021**

This half term's bible
verse:

For I know the plans I have
for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and
not to harm you, plans to
give you hope and a
future.

Jeremiah 29:11

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

In school we use both Class Dojo and email to communicate with families at home. So that we can be sure communication is always effective we are asking that parents always communicate with class teachers via email rather than Class Dojo. Class Dojo will be the main tool for class teachers to send parents reminders/a celebration of something great that has happened during the day/week or regular updates. Class teachers will check emails each morning and will aim to respond to emails as soon as they can but won't normally be able to respond in the day time. If you have something which is urgent and needs to be passed on to the class teacher please ring or email the bursar and it will be passed on.

Tapestry for our reception children will still be used to upload observations.

CURRICULUM NEWS - AUTUMN 2021



The Curriculum News is attached to this week's Friday Update. It contains key information for this term. Please do have a read to find out more details about what each class will be learning this term and how you can support your child further at home. If you've any questions, please do see your child's teacher at the end of the day.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2PM



This year we will once again be hosting a Macmillan Coffee afternoon. We'd love you to support this event by either donating or baking cakes/biscuits for the event. I'm sure we all know family and friends who have had cancer or who are currently battling it; this event will help raise vital funds to find new treatments to beat cancer as well as support those who are suffering with it now.

The format is slightly different this year as each class will host their own coffee/cake afternoon (if you have children in different classes, you will be able to go to both classes) so that we are limiting the amount of

mixing in an enclosed space to reduce the risk of spreading Covid. Windows and doors will be left open for maximum ventilation. Our head boy and head girl along with our Year 6 children will be organising and running the afternoon. It's brilliant to be able to welcome everyone back into school for events again! If you aren't able to make the afternoon, children will be able to buy their own cake and drink (or be helped to) £2 will be enough to buy both but they can bring more if they wish. The afternoon starts at 2pm and finishes at 3pm. Children will be able to leave with their family members at this time or earlier if you don't stay until the end.

FAMILY WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT ST LENORD THE LESS



What we say matters and can be life changing. Are you known for your wit and wisdom or your moaning? Find out how God can change the way you're heard. We'd like to see you there!

Come along to Family Praise at 11am this Sunday 10th September, at St Leonard-the-Less church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (all dates/events are posted on the school calendar on the website)

Harvest at church 10th October: this year they are asking for dry/finned goods to be donated. If you are going to the harvest service in church, please take your donations to the service or bring them to school and we will drop all these donations off at the Preston Minster Food Bank. We will be having a harvest themed worship in school the week before the church service when children will be able to reflect on why we give and the impact out giving can have.

Class assemblies: Infants – Wednesday 13th October, Year 5/6 – Wednesday 17th November, Year 3/4 -Wednesday 1st December.

Infant Nativity performances: Wednesday 8th December 2pm and Thursday 9th December 6pm

End of term school carol service and progress awards celebration: (Year 5/6 will lead this service): Thursday 16th December 9:15am

FOSS AUTUMN TERM MEETING



The next FOSS meeting is on Tuesday 28th September at 7pm in school. For our new families, FOSS stands for Friends of Samesbury School. They are a group of amazing parents/carers/grandparents who organise events and fundraisers in school to support some of the wider enrichment activities and events we provide for the children. They would love to welcome new

parents and you can be involved as much or as little as you like. If you've ever thought about coming, please do!

STARS OF THE WEEK & HEADTEACHERS AWARD



Infant Class: Thomas (Y2)

Year 3/4: Sammy (Y4)

Year 5/6: Madalene (Y5)

Head teacher's Award: All the Year 5/6 reception buddies for helping their new buddy settle in so well! A joint certificate will be given and displayed in class.

READING CHALLENGES



Infant reading challenge sheets will be sent home week beginning 20th September – if you want to get ahead and start reading some of the books on the challenge, you can find the challenge sheets for each infant class on the school website in the English section in Curriculum.

MUSIC APPRECIATION



At the start of all worship and assemblies, a different piece of music will be played each week with an accompanying PowerPoint slide with information about the composer, style of music, the period of history it is from etc... which will be shared with the children. By the end of the year, the children will have had the experience of listening to a huge range of genres and styles from Beethoven, to 13th religious music, musical theatre right up to date with contemporary music. All the music used will be linked to You Tube on the

school website in Music, under the Curriculum page so that you can share in this musical journey with your children.

MORRISONS'S LET'S GROW SCHEME



We are taking part in the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' scheme to get free gardening equipment for school. We have until 24th October for parents, pupils, and friends to collect 'Grow Tokens' from Morrisons stores. Every voucher will be redeemable against great growing equipment and help to get those green fingers into gardening. If you'd like to support school in this, all you need to do is go to the MyMorrisons APP or website to donate your

Grow Tokens to school. Thank you!

On a final note, I have tested positive for Covid so won't be in school until Monday 20th September. Mrs Quayle and Mrs Greenbank (who are also school's Assistant Headteachers) will be Acting Headteacher in my absence, but I will be in communication with school and working from home as I'm able to.

Have a restful weekend and keep safe,

Lucy Sutton

Headteacher