



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
17th 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

COVID SYMPTOMS - In line with government guidelines, we would like to remind you that if your child develops a new continuous cough and / or a high temperature and / or a loss of or change in taste or smell it is vital that they do not come into school. You will need to book a PCR test and children should self-isolate immediately until the results come through.



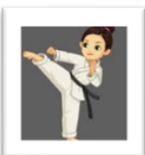
INFANT ROLLING STARTS IN THE MORNING - Just as we do in the juniors, we will be using a rolling start for the infants. This means that children may arrive any time between 8.40am and 8.50am and go straight into the classroom. Parents should still walk children round to the infant outdoor area as far as the infant gate where a member of staff will be on duty to welcome your child.



MUSIC LESSONS - If you'd like your child to learn to play the piano (Tuesday in school time) or drums (these lessons are lots of fun and wake us all up on a Monday morning before school!) please contact Sandra in the office for more details. The cost for drums is: £4.00 and piano is £7.50 . There is only one place for piano and just a few for drums.



TAEKWONDO



After a brilliant response to the Taekwondo demonstration, lessons will start this Tuesday 21st September after school, 3:15pm until 4:15pm.



THANK YOU TO THE REV KAREN - We wanted to say a big thank you to Rev Karen for talking to the infants in church earlier this week about baptism as part of their RE lessons. Take a look at our infant blog for more information and some adorable photographs!

READING

KS2 READING TARGETS - All juniors have now been given their reading targets which are in the front of their reading records and infant reading challenge sheets will come home today.



INFANT READING CHALLENGES - Infant reading challenge sheets will be sent home today. A paper copy will be sent home but you can also download the infant challenge sheets from the school website.

We're looking forward to being able to give out lots of certificates in our celebration worship over the coming weeks. Just a reminder that all pupils should bring their reading books and reading records into school every 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 – these can be dropped off at the school office or with your child's class teacher Thursday or Friday morning.**



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 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.**



STAFFING - Miss Gill is off until after half term. Mr Johnstone will be continuing with us until then & Mrs Sutton is recovering well from Covid and will be back in school on Monday.

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!



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS



If your child has any achievements they would like to share and celebrate with school, we'd love to include it in the Friday Update. You may remember that before the pandemic this used to be a feature of the previous newsletter and now that clubs and groups are starting back up, please do let us know and send in a photo too.



THIS WEEK... Well done to Elliott who has started playing for Lostock Hall Juniors FC and last week he was awarded man of the match. He played well in defence for his team, successfully playing a part in several goals for his team, putting in place set plays they had practised in training.

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/tinned good to be donated. We encourage you to join us at the harvest service in church. If you are unable to attend please bring your donations to school and we will drop them 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: Thursday 16th December 9.15am (Year 5/6 will lead this service).

STARS OF THE WEEK & HEADTEACHERS AWARD



Infant Class: Olivia (YR)

Year 3/4: Harry (Y4)

Year 5/6: Izzy (Y6)

Head teacher's Award: There is no headteacher's award this week

Have a restful weekend, keep safe and I'm looking forward to being back in school on Monday.

Lucy Sutton

Headteacher