



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 – 3rd 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

WELCOME BACK!

It's been fantastic this week to welcome everyone back to school with no restrictions with both children and parents able to mix freely. We're still continuing with additional cleaning routines in school, good ventilation and extra handwashing/sanitising will be a feature of life for a while but essentially we're almost back to 'normal'!

There are just a couple of areas of school life which we aren't restarting yet due to Covid. For the foreseeable future our Friday celebration worship, which pre pandemic was open to all parents every week, will only be for staff and pupils, however every term, each class will be leading a class assembly and all parents/carers from just that class will be invited to join us in school. Dates for these will be shared with you next week. There will be opportunities for the whole school to gather at each end of term celebration/award service in church.

BUILDING WORK UPDATE



Over the summer we have again had contractors in, who are continuing to improve our Eco credentials! We have an insulated hall ceiling; a new roof with efficient insulation over the library and the entire flat roof at the back of school has been reinsulated too. All this work will ensure that we are warmer and more efficient over the winter months. The work is all part of the government's decarbonisation programme which funds all the works needed. Our building consultants, Eric Wright, have done an amazing job and we look forward to having our air source heat pumps installed over the year at some point followed by a modern radiator system the following year all being well. It will make such a difference to school and it's great to know that we are part of a programme leading the way in reducing emissions in schools as well as looking after God's world.

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 the 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!

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 Samlesbury 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!

PE DAYS



This year we are having a full afternoon of sport, rather than two separate afternoons for both KS2 classes and our infant class. KS2 PE afternoon is a Tuesday and the infants is on Friday. Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days. As well as PE on these days there will be still loads of physical activity taking place including the daily mile, playtime PE equipment, pupil lead sports leadership activities.

STARS OF THE WEEK & HEADTEACHERS AWARD



Awards will start next week

READING CHALLENGES



Well done to Henry in Y1 who achieved his **Platinum reception class reading** challenge over the summer holidays. What a fabulous start to the term Henry!

Next week the infant class will receive their new reading challenge for their new year group and our KS2 children will starting their reading challenges too.

INFANT CLASS – PHONICS INFORMATION SESSION FOR RECEPTION PARENTS



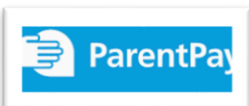
When your child starts to read it can feel a little bit overwhelming as there is lots of new terminology. If you'd like to know more about how phonics is taught and how to support your child effectively then we are running a reception parent information session on Thursday 9th September 2.15 – 3.00pm in the school hall. (This is the same session we ran back in January remotely via Zoom but you're welcome to attend again if you'd like to). You don't need to book in, just turn up on the day - Miss Wallace and myself would love to see you there!

MUSIC APPRECIATION



From next week, 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.

PARENT PAY DETAILS FOR NEW FAMILIES



This evening your child will be bringing home the log details for Parent Pay, our cashless payment system. This is a simple way to pay for milk, toast, trips etc. This account should be kept up to date and any balances should always be paid as soon as possible.

CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT REFUGEES?



The church benefice (Samlesbury, Mellow and Balderstone) are involved in supporting the Refugee Centre in Blackburn. They are currently desperately short of essential items to support refugees/asylum seekers from Afghanistan. They've asked that if anyone can provide anything from the list below it would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver items to the back of Wesley Hall, Blackburn, between 9.30 and 11.00 am on Fridays. If you cannot get to Blackburn but would like to donate, please drop your items off at school and we will ensure they get there.

Any of the following items are particularly needed: cereals (not porridge), cooking oil, long life milk, tins of fish (not meat), coffee, tea, sugar, tins of vegetables, fruit, tomatoes, sweet corn etc, pasta sauce, red lentils, noodles, biscuits, shampoo, toilet rolls, soap.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR ROLE VACANCY



I've been asked if I would advertise the vacancy of the **Church Administrator** Role for the United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor & Samesbury. This is a part time position and all the details for the position are attached to this email. If you have any questions about this position, please contact the details given in the information rather than school.

Have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all for our first full week next week!

Lucy Sutton

Headteacher