



SAMLESBURY Church of England Primary School

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

Our Christian
Value this half
term:
Creativity

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

FRIDAY UPDATE
2nd November 2021

This half term's bible
verse:

**Servants, do what you're told
by your earthly masters. And
don't just do the minimum that
will get you by. Do your best.
Work from the heart for your
real Master, for God,
confident that you'll get paid
in full when you come into
your inheritance.**

Colossians 3:24-25

The Message

STARS OF THE WEEK & HEADTEACHERS AWARD



Infant Class: Tilly (Y1)

Year 3/4: The whole class

Year 5/6: Rupert (Y6)

Head teacher's Award: Muhammad (Y1)

VALUES HOMEWORK



The children have been given the values homework for this half term. It is slightly different as we have linked it to British Values this half term rather than it just being focused on the Christian Value of the half term, which this half term is creativity.

All the instructions are on the homework sheet. We have created a large British Values display board in the hall where the children's work is going to be displayed. *The deadline is Friday 12th November.*

REMEMBRANCE



Remembrance items are available to buy in school each day until Friday 12th November. Items cost from 50p to £1.50 and include poppies, snap 'ruler' bands; zip ties, reflective poppies and rubber wrist bands.

In collective and class worship we will also be exploring the theme of remembrance, service and sacrifice and how they link to our Christian and British values.

Church extends a warm welcome for anyone who would like to attend the Remembrance Service at St Leonard the Less at 11am on Sunday 14th November.

Our Head Girl and Boy will be presenting a wreath during the service on behalf of school.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL- SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Reminder: The deadline to drop off your Christmas shoe boxes is Friday 12th NOVEMBER.

Boxes will be taken to the nearest collection point week beginning 15th November.

Class shoe boxes are ready to receive items – please send items in at any time and they will be added to the class box.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME VISIT TO KING GEORGE'S HALL



This year we are going to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at King George's Hall Blackburn. The cost of this is £10, which is on Parent Pay.

This also includes an ice cream. FOSS are paying for transport to the event.

PHONICS PARENT REMOTE INFORMATION SESSION – NOVEMBER 22nd 4.45-5.30pm



This is a repeat of the session which was arranged for the beginning of September. The session will cover how our phonics programme works; how to support your child learn phonics and early reading more effectively and provide the opportunity for parents to ask questions.

Please contact Sandra to book a place. The deadline to book is Wednesday 23rd November. Log in details for the remote session will be provided closer to the date for those who are booked on. If you have any questions, please

contact Miss Wallace or Mrs Sutton.

PE UNIFORM REMINDER



This is a gentle reminder that PE uniform must be worn on PE days which is a school PE hoody/sweatshirt/cardigan; the school blue PE T-shirt (or similar plain colour); school PE shorts or plain navy or black joggers or leggings and trainers and all children must have a waterproof coat as PE will take place outside unless the weather is unsuitable. Thank you.

PARALYMPIAN VISIT - 15th NOVEMBER



We are really looking forward to welcoming Stuart Robinson to school when he will be sharing with the children his story about overcoming the challenges of life, persevering and not giving up as well as having fun along the way! Please can I encourage you with sponsorships for your child(ren) for the physical activities they will be taking part in which is raising much needed funds for our Paralympians and for school.

CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER



To help raise money for this fantastic charity children and staff can come to school in your pyjamas or wear a onesie for a donation of £1.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – ONE KIND WORD: 15TH – 19TH NOVEMBER



To start off the week and to raise awareness we are **beginning the week with Odd Socks Day and would like everyone to wear colourful odd socks for the day.**

The day is meant to remind us to think about our words before we say them and their effects on others.

Wearing odd socks reminds us that everyone is not the same and being different is just a valuable as being the same.

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION – Advice about smartphones, gaming devices, tablets and other internet-connected devices.



The UK Safer Internet Centre has created a guide to answer common questions asked by parents/carers about some of the most popular devices, highlighting the safety tools available and to empowering parents/carers with the knowledge they need to

support their children to use these technologies safely and responsibly. Click the link below if you would like to access this advice.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

FOSS EVENTS COMING UP...



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – information and raffle tickets have been sent home with your child today. If you need any more raffle tickets please contact anyone from FOSS or school and we can pass those on. A big thank you to FOSS for putting everything together for this year's raffle.

Non Uniform Day for the Christmas Fayre Chocolate tombola – Friday 19th November. this can be anything which can be split to make up into £1 chocolate bags. Last year some parents were very generous and donated larger boxes of chocolates which were part of the raffle. If anyone want to donate these too FOSS would be pleased to receive them.

FOSS Christmas film night – Friday 26th November 5.45pm (more details to follow from FOSS)

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ART WEEK



During the week of the 22nd November, we are setting aside three afternoons to immerse ourselves in art and design (incorporating other aspects of our curriculum too e.g. light up Christmas cards) all on a Christmas theme; this is as well as curriculum art planned for this half term. If there are any willing parent/carer volunteers who are interested in being involved, please contact school to find out more.

THE NATIVITY 'BIG WRITE' DAY – 14th DECEMBER



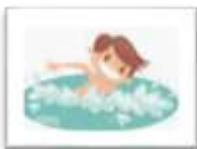
As part of our Christmas celebrations this year we are having a 'Big Write' Day on Tuesday 14th December when each class will retell the Christmas Story in a different way, or from a different perspective. **As part of the fun, all children (and staff) can come to school dressed as a different character from the nativity.** The infants will be able to use their costumes from the play or they can come as someone else if they would like to.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Infant Christmas Nativity** – Wednesday 8th @ 2pm and Thursday 9th @ 6pm
- **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day** (for Save the Children) - Friday 10th December
- **Pantomime** visit to King George's Hall – Snow White and the Seven Dwarves - Wednesday 15th December
- **Christmas Carol service and end of term progress awards** – Thursday 16th December 9.15am in church - [Year 5/6 will lead the service but all classes will participate.](#)
- **Christmas party afternoon** – Thursday 16th December - [bring party clothes into school](#)

SWIMMING



What a fantastic first week of swimming our year 5s had on Tuesday. We were all really proud of how everyone supported and encouraged each other, especially those who were a bit nervous and how everyone tried their best! And a massive well done to everyone in Year 6 for their swimming achievements last half term – they will receive their certificates in Friday's celebration worship next week.

READING CHALLENGE AWARDS



INFANTS: Well done to Lottie this week who has achieved her **Reception Silver Reading Award.**

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.



Charlie (Y3) earned his bronze beaver badge on Monday - well done Charlie!

Best wishes
Mrs Sutton