

# SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023



And just like that, another term has finished! Once again, we've had an action-packed half-term, filled not just with lots of incredible learning but also lots of extra, fun activities. Here are just some of the things we've had going on this month...

- On World Book Day it was fantastic to see so many of our school community dressed in incredible outfits. Children had a fantastic day where their learning was linked to books: from creating mini stages for puppets through to creating a whole class book.
- Reception, plus Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed sessions where parents/carers have been able to join in.
- Years 5 and 6 performed the dance they had learnt with our visiting dance teacher for the rest of the school.
- Years 3 and 4 finished their whole class glockenspiel lessons and have now started learning the recorder.
- The whole school took part in Science week: see 'Super Scientists' below for more on this!
- We've enjoyed collective worships with Rev Karen, Canon Daunton and Mrs Halliwell, who came to tell us about Compassion UK.
- Infants enjoyed an exciting English lesson at Forest School and discovered some special characters had visited.
- Years 3 and 4 spent a morning at Avenham Park as part of their local geography study.
- Years 5 and 6 welcomed Omar, who talked about who Jesus was to him, as a Muslim.
- We held a cake sale for Comic Relief and raised £130.
- During International Women's Day, one of our Sports Captains organised a football training session for any girl wanting to join in.
- We've all read about lots of different charities and have voted for which one we want to support as a school for the next year - see 'School Charity' for more information.

This is on top of all the sports clubs and extra activities that we run each week! No wonder we are all very definitely ready for an Easter holiday! Wishing you a Happy Easter from all school staff.  
Mrs Quayle & Mrs Sutton

## Worship Theme: COMPASSION

### This half term's Bible verse:

*'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you' Ephesians 4:32*

### SCHOOL CHARITY

As you will be aware, over this half-term everyone in our school family has been invited to nominate and then vote for a charity. We had an amazing selection of very worthy charities nominated but are pleased to announce that Derian House is our school charity for the next year. Derian House provides respite and end-of-life care to more than 400 children and young people across the North West and needs £6million per year to fund this. We're looking forward to hearing from children (and parents!) about what fundraising activities they would like to organise and take part in so that we can raise as much as we can for this incredible charity.

### FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

It is the turn of Year 4 to go to Forest School each Tuesday after Easter for three weeks before Year 3 begin their sessions on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Dates for Juniors Forest School sessions are on the calendar on the school website.  
Infants will continue to access Forest School on a weekly rota basis each Wednesday.

### ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION - TIKTOK

You will have undoubtedly heard of TikTok, which is widely used by many people. From time to time there are particular issues with TikTok that do affect children of all ages, so please take a few minutes to read the parent information poster from The National Online Safety College, which is attached to this week's email.

### TOAST & MILK

Toast and milk are now available to pay on ParentPay for next term.

### CAN YOU HELP ECO CLUB?

Our Eco Club, led by Mrs Kearns, have been busy planning and raising funds and resources from local businesses over the term. What they need now is some willing parents / volunteers to help flatten the old pond area so that we can then put into place a brand new pond; a pebble pond beach to provide access for wildlife as well as new planting and decking so that we can use the pond area all year round. We have two Saturday mornings in the diary for this. You don't need to come to the whole morning - even an hour of your time would be amazing! The dates are **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** and **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**, from 9am-12noon. If you could let Mrs Kearns or Sandra know if you are able to come that would really help with planning. If you have a spade, please bring it!

### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please can we remind everyone that holidays should not be taken in term time. We do understand the financial pressures families are facing in paying for holidays during school holiday periods but learning time missed can affect your child's progress in the long term. It also puts added workload onto staff, who are dedicated and work diligently to provide the best education for all our children.

### UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Don't forget to use the uniform exchange in our school foyer. There are brand new items of clothing on the rail and everyone is welcome to donate or take any uniform at any time when the school building is open.

## End of Term Awards

### Key Stage 1

Reading – Khadija (YR)

Writing – Kian (Y1)

Maths – Muhammad (Y2)

### Key Stage 2

Reading – Eva (Y6)

Writing – Max (Y6)

Maths – Willow (Y4)

## Egg-cellent Easter Eggs

We'd like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who supported their children with the Easter egg competition – we received such a lot of incredible entries and it was a super hard decision choosing the winners, but they were...

### Infants

1<sup>st</sup> – Ruby (YR)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Naomi (YR)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Henry (Y2)

### Years 3 & 4

1<sup>st</sup> – Jacob (Y4)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jaxon (Y3)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lilly (Y4)

### Years 5 & 6

1<sup>st</sup> – Madalene (Y6)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Emily (Y6)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Mia (Y5)

## Super Scientists

During British Science Week, children were challenged to apply their super scientist skills at home and we received some fantastic entries, some of which you can see on our Facebook page. Congratulations to our two winners – Grace (Infants) and Zak (Juniors).

# March Samlesbury Superstars

## DOJO WINNERS



HANNAH (YR)  
EVELYN (Y1)  
GRACE (Y1)  
MEGAN (Y2)  
ZOE (YR)  
CHARLIE (Y4)  
THOMAS (Y3)  
LAYLA-MARYAM (Y4)  
EESA (Y4)  
WILLOW (Y4)  
MAX (Y6)  
KAI (Y6)  
EMILY (Y6)  
JACKSON (Y6)  
FRANKIE S (Y6)  
HARRY (Y5)

## STARS OF THE WEEK



NOAH (Y2)  
GEORGE (Y2)  
MUHAMMAD (Y2)  
AMENA (YR)  
TILLY (Y2)  
ZAK (Y3)  
JAXON (Y3)  
LAILA (Y3)  
THOMAS (Y3)  
EDITH (Y3)  
SAMMY (Y5)  
JACKSON (Y5)  
EMILY (Y6)  
KAI (Y6)  
POPPY (Y6)

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

EMELIA (Y5)  
LAILA (Y3)  
TOMMY (Y5)  
JESSE (Y3)  
HENRY E (YR)

# Reading Awards

## Infants

### BRONZE READING AWARD

Lottie (Y1)  
Khadija (YR)

### SILVER READING AWARD

Esther (Y2)  
Jenson (Y1)  
Khadija (YR)  
Zoe (YR)

### KS2 BRONZE BOOKWORM AWARD

This badge is awarded for having read **1million words**.



Max (Y6)

## Juniors

### 100% READING AWARD

Layla-Maryam (Y4)  
Willow (Y4)

Jude (Y3)  
Laila (Y3)  
Theodore (Y3)  
Thomas (Y3)  
Minnie (Y3)  
Edith (Y3)

Leanna (Y5)  
Mia (Y5)  
Alexia (Y5)  
Luke (Y5)  
Sammy (Y5)  
Tommy (Y5)

### KS2 SILVER BOOKWORM AWARD

This badge is awarded for reading **5 million words**.



Madalene (Y6)

***Congratulations to you all for shining your lights and setting a fantastic example!***

# Church / School Links

## PRAYER MORNINGS WITH REV KAREN

You would be most welcome to join Rev Karen in church at 9am for a short prayer session on any of these dates: 5<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## EASTER SERVICES

Please take a look in the Benefice News, which all families were forwarded via email yesterday, to find out what church services are taking place throughout April.

## JOIN US WITH OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN CHURCH

Come and join our whole school collective worship sessions in church led by Rev Karen / Canon Dauntton. Worship starts at 2.45pm in church and doors will be open from 2.40pm.

Dates for your diaries are:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

# FOSS Update

## NEXT MEETING

It was great to see some new faces at the last FOSS meeting with some exciting plans being made for the rest of the year. The **next FOSS meeting** will be on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, straight after school. Free after school club places will be provided for children at Samlesbury whilst parent(s)/carer(s) are at the meeting (though please collect your child as normal first). **Everyone** is welcome and we'd love to see you there!

## FILM NIGHT

Over 45 children enjoyed staying after school on Wednesday of this week to watch either Matilda or Hop. Thank you to FOSS volunteers and school staff for running this event.

## EASTER HAMPER

Thank you to everyone who has bought a square (or more) on the Easter chick to be in with a chance of winning the Easter hamper. The draw will take place during our celebration worship this afternoon so watch out for the lucky winner carrying out the fantastic hamper after school!





## **DIARY DATES**

17<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens for the summer term. Y3/4/5 start swimming.

18<sup>th</sup> April – KS2 football club. Continuing on Tuesdays throughout the half-term.

20<sup>th</sup> April – Y1/2/3 Dodgeball Club 3.15pm-4.30pm. Also on 27<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May. The infant sports club will restart on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

20<sup>th</sup> April – FOSS Meeting straight after school. Childcare will be provided for those whose parents / carers attend the meeting. Please collect your child as normal first then join us in Y3/4.

24<sup>th</sup> April – Rev Karen leading collective worship at 2.45pm in church. All welcome to join us.

25<sup>th</sup> April – National Younger Leadership Session 3 (for our Sports Captains)

26<sup>th</sup> April – Book Study afternoon. All pupils from Y1-Y6 will meet with subject leaders to share and celebrate their learning so far this year. Subject leaders use these sessions as a way of evaluating and further improving learning throughout the school.

1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day: school closed.

3<sup>rd</sup> May – School photograph day.

8<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Bank Holiday: school closed.

9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs week.

11<sup>th</sup> May – Y5/6 girls' football tournament after school. This will also take place on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May: details will be shared with those children taking part nearer the time.

13<sup>th</sup> May – Eco Club parent/volunteer action morning 9am – 12noon.

15<sup>th</sup> May – Canon Daunton leading collective worship at 2.45pm in church. All welcome.

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20<sup>th</sup> May – FOSS Family Games Night.

24<sup>th</sup> May – Y6s to join with our local cluster of schools for a day of transition activities. More details to follow.

25<sup>th</sup> May – Finish for half-term.

26<sup>th</sup> May – INSET day: school closed.

### **Key dates for the second half-term:**

5<sup>th</sup> June – School reopens.

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y3/4 to Hothersall Lodge.

10<sup>th</sup> June – Eco Club parent/volunteer action morning 9am – 12noon.

28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day to start at 1.30pm.

4<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' service with other pupils across the Diocese at Blackburn Cathedral.

10<sup>th</sup> July – Y5/6 to London.

12<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Show. Performances at 2pm and 6pm.

**Remember to subscribe to the calendar on our website which we update regularly.  
Simply [click here](#) and press 'subscribe'.**