



Samlesbury CE Primary

LEARNING GROWING & INSPIRING
THROUGH GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SO THAT TOGETHER IN
GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE WE LEARN, INSPIRE OTHERS
AND GROW.'

PARENT PAY



Please can you look at your account and pay off any balances by the end of term. There is a lot of unpaid accounts!
Thank you.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Infant Class:

96.6 %

Year 3/4 :

96.1 %

Year 5/6:

97.1 %

Whole School:

96.5 %

Please be reminded that we cannot authorise holidays in term time.

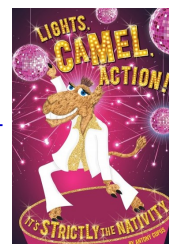
December 2019 Newsletter

November has been a very busy month with lots going on; inside the newsletter, you'll be able to find out about some of the things the children have been doing. However, Christmas is just round the corner so first there's lots to share with you about what's coming up!

CHRISTMAS RELATED....

INFANT NATIVITY PRODUCTION—LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION

This is going to be a fabulous interpretation of the nativity with a Strictly Come Dancing theme. The children are really looking forward to sharing their talents with everyone! Please do put the 11th of **December** in your diary and come to watch their performance.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE—SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 12-2PM

Don't miss out on the annual Christmas Fayre which our fabulous FOSS parents organize. There are lots of things to do, buy, competitions to take part in as well as fantastic hot roasted turkey sandwiches and festive refreshments. Father Christmas will also be making an appearance too!

TOMBOLA ITEMS STILL NEEDED

We still need items for the school tombola stall so please so send in any items you may still have at home or have intended to donate but haven't yet.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING VIA AMAZON ASSOCIATES

Please do think about doing your Amazon shopping Amazon Associates icon on our school website. All earns commission for school.



via our shopping

END OF DAY NOTICE FOR INFANT PARENTS

Parents need to collect their children from the infant outdoor area gates at the end of the day as the infant staff won't let children go until whoever is collecting them comes to the gate. Thank you



SING TOGETHER– KEY STAGE 2

Preparation for the big show at King George's Hall in Blackburn are in full swing and we had a specialist voice coach from the cathedral in to lead a worship this month. The children are leaning so much about music and singing as well feeling the well being benefits of singing! Everyone is really looking forward to the show on March the ??



FOREST SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB SPECIAL

It was fabulous on Tuesday 26th to see so many of our children enjoying our school grounds planting saplings, bulbs (round our new reflection/prayer area), making star decorations out of twigs as well as toasting marshmallows over a camp fire. Thank you to Mike, Theodore's grandpa for helping out!



RE CONFERENCE

On Wednesday 27th, Juliette and Oscar (year 5) attended Blackburn Diocese Children's RE conference along with Mrs Noblett. It was a great opportunity to meet and work with around 100 other children to discuss RE, Christian values; making a difference; spirituality and lots more. This week in worship, Oscar and Juliette will be sharing what they did with all the children then working with Mrs Quayle and the Ethos Groups to look at how what they learnt can impact school.

JAM CODING CLUB - Spring term booking open soon

Every Wednesday 13 KS2 children participate in a coding club. They have learnt how to use **block coding to make 3D worlds** this half term. Next half term they will be learning about **Stop Frame Animation**. The children have loved it. These are some of their comments:



"I know how to work the computer properly – it does so much more than just typing & it's really fun!" (Poppy)

"Jam Coding is great because we get to program our own games. I know all about coding now." (Ellis)

Roger, from Jam coding said that the children have been "exceptionally well behaved and shown superb problem solving skills." Well done to you all!

WELL DONE!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Children in Need. We raised £137.63. Supporting charities is part of who we are: 'Let your light shine so that together in God's Love and Grace we learn, inspire others and grow.'

If your child would like to go to Jam Coding in Spring Term, visit the Jam Coding website to book on. All bookings are done via the JAM CODING website.



SPORTS AFTERSCHOOL



It's great to see so many children taking part each week in after-school sports activities. The house/sports captains in year 6 are also starting their own lunchtime clubs which includes running and Fab Football Fridays for KS1. Spaces are available in Fitness Fun on Wednesdays. We're going for gold again this year!



TAX FREE CHILDCARE—GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

TO SEE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TAX FREE CHILD CARE (this includes breakfast and afterschool club provision) VISIT:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Use this account to get your 30 hours free childcare or pay for your Tax-Free Childcare. To keep getting your 30 hours free childcare or Tax-Free Childcare, you must sign in every 3 months and confirm your details are up to date. If you're eligible for 30 hours free childcare, sign in to get a code to give to your childcare provider.

If you've registered for Tax-Free Childcare sign in to pay money into your account, pay your childcare provider or apply for a new child. Once registered please send Sandra your unique reference number to make sure the funds get allocated to your child.

You'll need the Government Gateway user ID and password you used when you applied for Tax-Free Childcare.

This half term's bible verse:
You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you. (Isaiah 26:3)

Worship Theme : Trust

Pupil Worship Teams for December are:

Friday 6th: Joshua and Mathew
Friday 13th: George, Ethan and Henry

Each Friday, starting at 9am, everyone is welcome to our celebration worship led by our Year 5/6 children. Stars of the Week, Star Writers & Headteacher Award certificates are awarded.

If your child has any achievements they would like to share with the school then we'd love to hear about them and help celebrate with them!

Please can I ask that no photos are taken during the service but you are welcome to take a photo afterwards.



NOVEMBER Stars of the Week And Headteacher's

Date	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award
Friday 8th	Zakariyah (YR) Robert (Y1) George (Y4) Hemani (Y6)	Elliot (YR)
Friday 15th	Jude (YR) Jacob (Y1) Rupert (Y3) Christopher (Y6)	Henry (Y6)
Friday 22nd	Minnie (YR) Sammy (Y2) Frankie S (Y3) Alfie (Y6)	Jacob (Y1)
Friday 29th	Jaxon (YR) Alexia (Y2) Poppy (Y3) Jack (Y5)	Kai (Y3)

Award

Well done to all the children who received an award this month!

Samlesbury CE Primary December Newsletter

This year we have planned in most of the key dates for the whole year already, which I hope you will find useful. This will be emailed as a separate document. On the newsletter the dates for just the term will be included. There will be additional dates which will be added during the year so please do check each newsletter's Diary Dates Update as it comes out. Additional emails, with further information/dates, will be sent to parents/carers as needed e.g. sporting fixtures, visits out.

FOSS/GENERAL REMINDERS/INFORMATION

FOSS EVENTS COMING UP - please check out the school notice board outside which will have details of upcoming events

Saturday 7th December FOSS CHRISTMAS FAYRE 12-2PM. This is always a fantastic event and a perfect way to begin your Christmas season!

GENERAL REMINDERS

Children's Society Collection Boxes These need to be returned on the last day of term to be presented in the school Carol Service in church. **(Please note these have NOT be given out to children yet)**

Reading Children should be reading everyday at home for at least 10 minutes. Life is busy but I'd encourage you to prioritise this everyday as it really does make a huge difference to your child's development.

On a Thursday lunchtime we are now running a Bedtime Story session from 12.30pm when children can use the library to choose a book to read at home at bedtime which someone can read to them. Reading stories/books to our children is also really important as it helps them understand text, plot, emotion etc. better which they can then apply to their own reading.

Reception Place reminder The deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2020 is fast approaching so if you haven't yet put in an application or you know someone who needs to they need to be in by 15th January 2020.

PE Uniform During the colder months whenever possible we do take the children outside for PE. Our school uniform supplier School Trends, stocks PE hoodies if you would like your child to have one they are available to order and should be in school by the end of term if you order by the end of the first week of December.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(don't forget to have a look at the separate diary dates calendar that went out last Friday)

Sport After Christmas, KS2 will be participating in two indoor athletics competitions - so please do look out for those events coming up.

Outdoor classroom The outdoor classroom is being resurfaced either at the very end of this term or the beginning of Spring term and will become a multifunctional classroom space and physical activity area. The School Sports Premium (which is a dedicated grant which schools receive each year from the government) is being used to fund this project. It will make a big difference to the area which has previously been covered twice a year with bark at considerable expense. This is more cost effective in the long run; provides a better surface for it to be an outdoor classroom and can now be used as a physical activity and storage space for lunchtime physical activity resources. A whiteboard has also been fixed as Mrs Greenbank will be relaunching the Daily Mile initiative after Christmas.

The fitness levels of the children has been impacted hugely by having the track—last week in a twenty minute session the Year 3/4 class ran a total of over 32 miles between them! They self challenged themselves to see how far they could get and each lap was tallied up—one lap is 1/10 of a mile.

Christmas dates Please do look at the calendar dates which have all the Christmas events coming up. There is a lot going on!