



# 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.

BASED ON MATTHEW 5:14-16

## Punctuality

Children can come into school from 8.40am and the school day begins at 8.50am.

Please can all chil-



dren be in school by 8.50am.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE JANUARY:

Infant Class:  
96.4%

Year 3/4 :  
98.9%

Year 5/6:  
98.7%

Whole School:  
97.8%

Please be re- minded that we cannot author- ise holidays in term time.

# February 2020

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL IN JANUARY?

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DAY** - We've had a our physically activity track day; the whole school took part and used our fantastic all weather running track—house challenge weeks will take place over the rest of the term to encourage us all to be a bit more active and have lots of fun at the same time.



**SAMLESBURY SPORTS** - Our Key stage 2 children have been participating in interschool's athletics events at Lostock Hall Academy and have been amazing ambassadors for school. We've also hosted a joint sports afternoon with Year 4s from the Olive School in Preston.



**FAIR TRADE DAY** - We've also had a Fair Trade Day when we learnt about the importance of where our food and other everyday items come from. Are we being fair to those who have no one to stand up for them? What is justice? How can we be fair to everyone out of the re- sources we have?

were some of the questions we considered. A big thank you to Cath Greenlees from the Fair Trade Foundation who led the assembly and workshops.



## JANUARY CONTINUED...

### FOSS WAKE UP SHAKE UP FUNDRAISER -

Thank you to everyone who took part and has raised money for this FOSS event. The hall was packed with children and parents all having fun and an extra well done to the infants who were the most wackily dressed! All funds go towards providing



the extras for our children's education. If you still haven't sent in sponsor money then please can it be in by the end of next week. Thank you.



## CURRICULUM SNAPSHOTS....

In the infants they've been asking the question: What happened to the 'unsinkable' Titanic? The children have been time travelling History detectives, looking at clues to find out what caused the Titanic to sink on its maiden voyage. They had to explore a number of different sources and decide which they thought were the most reliable, before bringing all the evidence together to come to a conclusion. They're definitely becoming experts on the topic - the children have even asked to write a whole class book to share their knowledge with the rest of the school!

In Years 3/4 we're really enjoying our class novel 'Stig of the Dump' featuring a Stone Age Boy living in a cave which we are using for lots of our English work. This links to our class topic 'Hunted' which we've started by looking at life in the Stone Age, using paintings and artefacts to explore questions such as 'Was Stone Age man just a simple hunter-gatherer?' and 'How did life change for Stone Age man when they learned to farm?'. We've had lots of interesting discussions about how Stone Age life and values were different to our experiences and are looking forward to seeing how life changes as we move through the Stone Age into the Iron Age.

In year 5/6 they've been learning about printing in art and the artist Elizabeth Catelett who used her art to help share the message of injustice and inequality in the world. The children have decided that they are going to produce printed work using fossils (from their science studies) to create a wrapping paper template to promote the message that we all need to look after our world or else more animals may become extinct. I look forward to seeing the end product!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL IN FEBRUARY?

### ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

This year safer internet week is from Monday 10th to Friday the 14th February with the national Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th. This year's theme is "Together for a better internet." We will be promoting online safety activities all week. If you'd like more information visit the Safer Internet Day website: [www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)

### FAIR TRADE

Fairtrade Fortnight 2020 runs from 24 February until 8 March. In school we will be having a Fair Trade Snack Shop on the 26th Feb (details to follow). The School Council are going to be starting work on school becoming a Fair Trade School following on from our Fair Trade day we had in school last month. They are demonstrating courageous advocacy in action.

**KEY STAGE 2 HARRY POTTER EVENING:** FOSS are hosting this very popular evening again this year—more details to follow but put the date in your diary: 27th February



## RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Bird Watch at home last weekend. We carried out our survey in school this week but it was very, very wet and we saw very few birds! The highlight was three Wood Pigeons who decided to take a bath on the playground in a big puddle in the pouring rain! Our data has been submitted and we'll be back again next year to do our bit to contribute to looking after our wildlife.



## PARENT REMINDERS

**PARENT PAY** - I know that this topic has been on the newsletter quite a lot recently, but please can I gently remind all parents/carers that balances on Parent Pay **MUST** be cleared by the end of February ready for the end of the financial year. Money owed to Parent Pay has already come out of the school budget to pay for ASC, music lessons, Tower Wood etc. School cannot afford to cope with a backlog of unpaid amounts. Thank you to everyone who has recently cleared accounts.

**CAR PARK AND TURNING CIRCLE** - Thank you for everyone's consideration with the turning circle and not parking there. Our Children's safety is paramount and we appreciate your cooperation.



## WORSHIP & ETHOS



Rev Jane Bury

This half term we have been thinking about Perseverance. We've learnt about Queen Esther, Daniel in the Lion's Den and standing up for justice and what's right, even when it can seem very difficult. Rev Jane has also been leading worship: we're learning about key times in the church year and why they are important.

Alongside these topics we've also been using a resource called Picture News each week in class/team worship—it allows us to think/reflect on what's happening in the world and how our Christian values can help us make wise decisions, help others and be courageous advocates for those less fortunate than ourselves. The children love these worship times together.

Our key ethos and vision bible verse which underpins all we do 'Let your light shine so that others may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.' Through our collective worships each week we are unpicking this and learning what it means to Let our Lights Shine!

**Family praise and worship is held at St Leonard the Less on the first Sunday of every month @11am; everyone is very welcome! Details are added to our Facebook page each month.**



## Worship Theme : Perseverance



Pupil Worship Teams for February are:

Friday 7th: George, Alex & Oscar

Friday 14th: Joshua & Henry

Friday 28th: Hannah & Juliette

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 remind all parents that film and photos should not be taken in school. If you would like a photo of our child please ask a member of staff afterwards.**

**This half term's bible verse:  
Hebrews 12: 2**

**And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

## JANUARY

**Stars of the Week  
And  
Headteacher's Award**



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

Parents are emailed the week before certificates are presented to give you time to make arrangements to attend celebration worship on a Friday. Children are not told who has been awarded a certificate each week, so if you want to make it a surprise, don't tell them you've received an email from school!

Date	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award
Friday 17th	Hannah Sophie Mia Phoebe	Alexia Willow Isla
Friday 24th	Dexter Jamie Willow Thomas	Oscar
Friday 31st	Hemani Madalene Luke Minnie	Layla-Maryam

# Samlesbury CE Primary JANUARY 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.

## DATES AND GENERAL REMINDERS

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Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Family worship St Leonard the Less 11am.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Blue Team Step Challenge
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Day.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	FOSS KS2 Harry Potter Evening 6:30pm till 8:30pm.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Close for half term 3:15pm.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school 8:50am (rolling start - 8:40am).
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of Fair Trade Fortnight.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Green Team Step Challenge
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday – beginning of Lent.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fair Trade Snack Shop—cookie and juice 60p
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last half term's winning house team non-uniform day celebration day. To be announced before half term – children to wear items of clothing in their team colour.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St David's House (yellow team) special day for their saint's day (1 <sup>st</sup> March) – pay a £1 and wear yellow for the day; money to be donated to their chosen local charity.