



# Samlesbury CE Primary School

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## JULY 2020 UPDATE

At this time of year I normally share with you updates of events which have taken place in school and in our wider school family and church as well as everything which is coming up before the end of term. Although school as we know it has been put on hold for this time, there have been plans to upgrade our wonderful school building which have been continuing. It hadn't been clear if the works would be taking place over the summer break but it has now been confirmed that they are.

The upgrades will include: a replacement of the old strip lighting throughout school; an insulated panelled ceiling in the hall; the renewal of several electrical boards in school; replacement of the double doors from the infant classroom to the staff car park; replacement of the folding doors in Y3/4 which occasionally let in rain and are draughty; the creation of a large storage cupboard where the current hall entrance is; the repainting of most of the school and the resiting of the offices to where the spare classroom is to create a new entrance to school which will include a vestibule/waiting area.

These improvements will ensure our school is warmer, uses less electricity, has a safe and secure entrance accessible to all and will bring our electrics up to standard. It should all be completed by the end of the last week of the holidays. New signage outside will be arranged in September when all work is complete.

I've attached a plan of the works this newsletter email so that you can see the changes which are being made. Our building consultants from Blackburn Diocese (Eric Wright) are overseeing the work and school will be completely closed over the summer break.

## RETRUN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Before the end of term I will send out a letter with final information about the arrangements for everyone returning to school in September and key information re the new term. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and hope that within the classroom, routines will be very much as they were before lock down although we are still waiting for guidance from the government about the practicalities of having all the children back in school.

It is likely that we will still have a staggered start and end to the day as well as staggered lunchtimes and playtimes. A continued priority on hand hygiene and increased cleaning throughout the day will still be in place.

Please can I encourage everyone to follow all guidelines from the government so that we can all beat this disease together. **Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives. Stay Safe.**

## ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

The BBC have a website and app called Own It! Which both have a lot of content for children to help them navigate their online lives. The free smart phone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most. It can be downloaded for free in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

SafeToNet is an app for parents to help safeguard their children from online risks like cyberbullying. The SafeToNet foundation is providing UK families with free access to 1 million licences during coronavirus.

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## OTHER UPDATES

**END OF TERM - School will close at 12.00pm on Friday July 17th for ALL PUPILS including key worker children. This is to allow for a deep clean before the contractors take over the school site the following week.**

### TOWER WOOD RESIDENTIAL VISIT

Unfortunately, the residential visit to Tower Wood will not be going ahead this autumn due to the current circumstances, which I'm sure is not unexpected news. Given the nature of what is happening in wider society, we do not know when residential visits will again be possible, but as soon as it is safe to do so, we will re-plan our annual residential visit.

### FOSS

Please check out the FOSS facebook page as they are organising a couple of activities over the next few weeks. The first is an old clothes collection to help raise funds to support all our children's learning in school and the second is the Big Walk they are organising to link in with our Rio to Tokyo Challenge - this can be a sponsored walk too, so if you'd like to help FOSS raise funds to support school. **Please see their Facebook page for details.**

### NEW RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING—FRIDAY 3RD JULY

This Friday we will be welcoming our new families to an induction meeting via **Zoom**. This follows a door step visit by Miss Wallace on Monday to all our new families—we managed to choose the wettest day in recent times to do that so thank you to Miss Wallace for braving the weather!

We will also be hosting a socially distanced stay and play session (in smaller groups) for our new starters at the very end of the summer holidays so they can meet the class staff, explore the classroom and outdoor area as well as to allow parents can meet each other.

### CLASS ZOOM SEESIONS

These will finish next week—the next time we'll see you all it'll be for real in September! We can't wait to see you all in school again!

## INFANTS - FOREST SCHOOL OUTDOOR UNIFORM

**Wanted for the Infant Class**

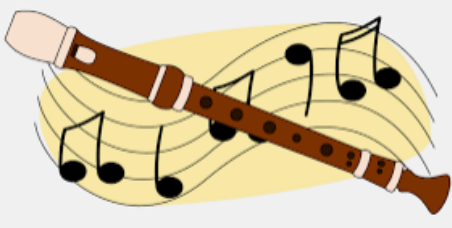
**Construction Area: Have you any materials which you could donate to the infant class for their construction area? This includes things like planks, plastic water pipes, guttering or tubing for example. If you have, please contact Sandra to arrange dropping it off at school.**

**Thank you  
Miss Wallace**

Although there are still a few weeks to go until the end of the summer term, we're already planning and preparing for the autumn term. For the autumn we are asking that parents provide a set of outside waterproofs for their child which can be kept in school. We intend to continue with our Forest Schools Learning for all infant children but in the light to the impact of COVID-19 each child needs their own set of waterproofs which will be kept in a named bag (provided by school) in school as well as the usual pair of wellies. A set (trousers & jacket) or an all in one cost upwards from £13. School will have some spare sets but in the current situation an individual set from home is advised. Please do contact school if you have any difficulties with this. Thank you.

## MUSIC UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER

We are excited to be introducing the use of recorders in some of our class music lessons from October. For hygiene purposes we will be asking you to purchase a recorder for your child to use in school which we will buy in bulk so as to keep costs as low as possible - at this stage it is anticipated that each recorder will cost between £5 and £8. We will provide more details next term but the cost can be added to your Parent Pay account. More details will follow in September.



## PARENT PAY

Please can I ask that all families check their Parent Pay accounts and clear amounts owed. There are still outstanding balances from before lock down began. These MUST be paid as soon as possible.



## HEAD GIRL & BOY BALLOT RESULTS

A huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward for the position of head boy or head girl - all of them would have been fantastic role models. Also thank you to everyone who voted. It was clear how much you value this election.

**Our new Head Girl for 2020-2021 is: Juliette**

**Our new Head Boy for 2020-2021 is: Oscar**

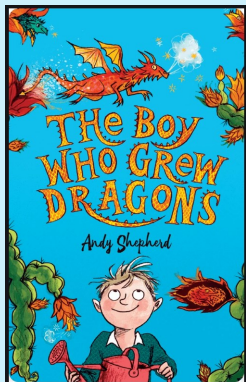
Congratulations to you both and I look forward to the difference you'll both make next year.



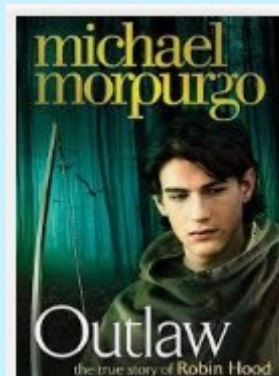
## BOOKS FOR KS2 CHILDREN

In September, Year 5/6 will be studying the book *Outlaw* by Michael Morpurgo and Year 3/4 *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd.

Given the current situation, we'd like the children to have their own copy which they can keep in school in a named clear plastic bag rather than sharing a book, to reduce to risk of spreading the virus.



Both of these titles are readily available from on line book stores. Please can I ask that children do not pre-read the book (no matter how tempting!) as the children will be using predictive skills and if they've already read it they won't be able to do this.



**Thank you from Miss Gill, Mrs Quayle and Mrs Greenbank**

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE — LANCASHIRE LIBRARIES

This year Lancashire's Libraries will be inviting children to get silly for the Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge will give you the chance to sign up and take part online, with the special [www.silysquad.org.uk](http://www.silysquad.org.uk) website The Challenge website will be free to access and a place for you to rate and review books as well as work towards your reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to complete at home. The Library service will also be providing loads of fun free things to do including book quizzes, a reading group and an online Lego club!



The theme of the Challenge for this year is Silly Squad, and we want to celebrate funny and silly stories all summer long! From David Walliams to Roald Dahl, and Jacqueline Wilson to Jeff Kinney, there are thousands of hilarious books for you to read, and we can't wait to hear about them!

The Summer Reading Challenge Silly Squad website is now live for you to sign up and the challenge will be launched on Saturday 27th June, so keep an eye on the library's social media and website for more information!

### STAFFING UPDATE:

After a prolonged period of absence, Mrs Cornell will not be returning to school in the autumn term. Miss Gill will be continuing in her role as Year 5/6 class teacher for the coming year. Miss Storton will be joining the staff team as a Teaching Assistant in the infant class.