



# 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.

## Punctuality

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

Please can all chil-



dren be at school by 8.50am. Before Christmas there were lot a late arrivers. This delays the start of learning and impact the entire class. Thank you.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

Infant Class:  
96.7%

Year 3/4 :  
94.8%

Year 5/6:  
97.7%

Whole School:  
96.1%

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

# January 2020

I would like to start by wishing all our families a very Happy New Year and a brand new decade! We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas celebrations. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved with all the Christmas festivities in school and for all the support given. On behalf of all the staff thank you so much for the cards, gifts and best wishes that were received; they were very much appreciated.

Wearing our Christmas jumpers for Christmas dinner day raised £38.00 and for the Children's Society from the Christingle service we raised another £160.15.

We hope you've enjoyed watching your copies of the Infant Production of Lights, Camel, Action! If would like extra copies please do order via Parent Pay.



## What is happening this term?

Jam Coding Club is continuing this term with a Stop Motion theme on Wednesday lunchtimes for KS2. If your child would like to go there are still places—please sign up directly on the Jam Coding website.

Football and multi skills clubs continues on Tuesdays and Fitness fun on Wednesdays after school until 4.15pm—please sign up via Parent Pay—for all ages.

On Thursday lunchtimes children can swap their Bedtime Story books. This is an opportunity for children to choose books which may be too hard for them to read but can be enjoyed together with families at home to help establish the lifetime habit of reading at bedtime. Please do encourage your child to get involved with this.

We will also be launching the Samlesbury Reading Challenge this half term . Further details to follow.

## LAST HALF TERM'S WINNING HOUSE TEAM: XXXXXXXX

Well done to **RED** team for earning the most house points last half term.

Enjoy your non uniform day this Friday 10th January. Come to school in your own clothes wearing as much of your house team colour as you can.

The points overall so far this year are:

RED: 617 BLUE: 383 YELLOW: 460 GREEN: 578

Last month St Andrew's (blue house team) on their saints day decided to donate their non uniform donations to St Catherine's Hospice. A much loved local charity - thank you blue team.



## RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

From the 25th to 27th January it is the National Big Garden Bird Watch and each class will be getting involved completing fun activities to support this project the week before. This is a fantastic project for our children to get stuck into both in school and at home where they can also carry out a bird watch of their own. There are lots more ideas on the RSPB website. If you'd like to know more or get involved at home.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?>



## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

This term we will be hosting several events for parents to come into school and be involved with their children's learning. We will be hosting a infant stay, play and learn session; interactive science investigations afternoon sessions as part of British Science Week 6th to 15th March (these dates are right as it is more than a week but that's what they've called it!) and an opportunity to come in and share/talk about your favourite story/author/poem on World Book Day in March. We will be looking at how we can plan in regular opportunities for parents to come into school so please do let us know if there is anything you would like to be involved in too.



## WORSHIP

This term we will be welcoming the Rev Jane Bury back into each half term to lead worship based on a theme of key times in the life of church. We will also be welcoming Janey Mcleod White (Children and Families Worker) from newly relaunched Preston Minster to lead worship once a half term on our theme of perseverance.



Rev Jane Bury

We are also looking forward to the regular worships Pam Daunton leads, who is one of our governors and The Reader at St Leonard the Less. Worship is a time to reflect on our Christian values, how the life and example of Jesus provides guidance today and to help us think about how our own lives impact those around us for good.



Janey McLeod White

Parish News: An advertisement is going out for a new vicar for our benefice so we're hoping that a permanent vicar will be in place in the coming months. In the meantime thank you to everyone who supports our worship and Christian values in school.

**Please do remember that family worship in St Leonard the Less is the first Sunday of every month @11am and always has a relaxed and fun approach—everyone is very welcome!**



### Worship Theme : Perseverance

Pupil Worship Teams for December are:  
Friday 10th: Juliette, Summer and Millie

This half term's bible verse:  
**Proverbs 3:5-6**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.**

Friday 17th: Henry, Mathew and Christopher  
Friday 20th: Ethan and George  
Friday 27th: Hemani and Hannah

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!



### DECEMBER Stars of the Week And Headteacher's Award

Date	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award
Friday 5th	All of KS1 for their fabulous effort with the nativity.	Layla
	Madalene	
	Mathew	

**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!

# 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.

## FOSS/GENERAL REMINDERS/INFORMATION

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

Friday 31st  
January

Wake up Shake Up

Get active and help FOSS raise money for resources for the children. This will be mid afternoon in school and parents are invited to this event too. It is a fun dress up event wearing fluorescent/fun active wear! More details to follow but one for your diaries.

### GENERAL REMINDERS

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.

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.

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 within two weeks of ordering.

Books donations

The infants have requested that if you have any unwanted 'lift the flap' books, would you mind donating them to the infant class. Also, if you have books that your children no longer want the school library is always happy to accept donated books.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**(don't forget to have a look at the separate diary dates calendar)**

**WANTED**

**Has anyone got a bookcase they don't need which could be used in school? We're looking for one to go in between the two junior classrooms. If you think you have one please contact Sandra in the office. Thank you.**

Outdoor  
classroom

The outdoor classroom has been resurfaced 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) has been 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—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 in 1/10 of a mile.