



Samlesbury CE Primary School

LEARNING, GROWING & INSPIRING
THROUGH GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE



LIBRARY HELPER NEEDED.

If you have an hour or so a week and would like to support school maintaining the library please contact Sandra. It's really straight-forward! Tea and biscuits are provided too!

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Infant Class:
95.6%

Year 3/4 :
96.6%

Year 5/6:
99.9%

Whole School:
96.7%

March Newsletter 2020

As always there has been lots happening in school over the last month. The track challenge continues with each House Team wearing the step trackers for their challenge week as well as everyone joining in with the challenge board outside. The Pupil Council are starting the process of school becoming a Fair Trade school. Reception and Year 1 children have each been learning bike skills during this term as well as the usual sporting events with our School Sports Partnership. **Online Safety Day** took place and we're looking forward to the KS2 Sing Together performance on Saturday 7th March. The rest of this half term running up to Easter is also a busy one with **World Book Day** and **Science Week** for starters, so please do have a good read of the newsletter. Please do take a look at the calendar on the website to keep up to date with everything that's going on.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We have a fantastic library and library system in school where books are electronically checked in and out. We encourage the children to be independent in these tasks as much as possible, which is a key life skill, but there appears to be quite a few books which haven't been returned! It's brilliant that children are loving reading but there are around 160 books which haven't been checked back in by the children. It's only the equivalent of about 3 each (from Y2 upwards) but it's a massive loss to the library and we can't afford to replace that many books.

Please can you have a check at home and send back in any books you find.

Thank you.



SPORTS AT SAMLESBURY—UPDATE

A new football club started for Y 4,5,6 on a Tuesday lunchtime 12.30 with Mrs Greenbank—in summer this will be a cricket club. On March 31st there will be a Fun Sports Day following on from the Track Event Day. The plan

for the day will be for the children to rotate around the different activities. Activity and fun are part of a healthy lifestyle and promoting well being so there will be activities for all ages and skills over the day. The second half of the football tournament is this month on

the 9th, 16th, 23rd. And, finally, on Sports Relief day, the 3th March - children can come to school in sports kit for a £1 donation. During the day there will be a cross-curricular sports related activity.

ONLINE SAFETY DAY

Together for a Better Internet was the theme of this year's Online Safety Day. Every class completed activities during the day to build on knowledge and skills to help keep them safe on the internet. There is a section on the school website with lots of links for parents/carers/families to help you keep your children safe. You'll find these links in the Safeguarding section under [Online Safety](#).



WORLD BOOK DAY AND READING

As you'll know from the calendar it is World Book Day this week and the children can come to school as a book character. Please can they also bring in their favourite book ready to share why it is. We'll also be

launching a book challenge on Thursday which will run until the end of term. The children will bring home details on Thursday.

Reading is absolutely key to learning and it's

vital that children read every day at home. Parental involvement with their child's reading at home cannot be replaced by even the very best we can offer. Life is busy but reading at home should happen every day.

FOSS UPDATE—FRIENDS OF SAMLESBURY SCHOOL

As always a huge thank you to all on FOSS who promote, run and provide amazing events for school. If you've always wondered what FOSS do then come along to their next meeting on 9th March in school to find out what they do and see how you can be involved too. On Thursday 27th February an evening of all things Harry Potter was held for KS2. The children had a fabulous evening and I enjoyed taking part in one of the quizzes! I think I need to go back and re-read some of the books! Coming up before Easter there is the annual Beetle Drive—this is a fabulous family event with supper included. It involves throwing a dice and completing the cartoon beetle. There are about eight rounds and prizes are awarded at the end. If you've not been before why don't you try it this time! The children have a practice game in the week before so they'll know what to do even if you're not sure!



Public Health
England

Advice on the Coronavirus

School receives regular updates from both Public Health and from Blackburn Diocese. Please follow the link below for the information poster. This poster has also been emailed out along with this newsletter for your information.

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PARENTS EVENING—23rd and 25th March

Appointment times will be out this week for parents'. There will be two evenings again for you to choose from. Please contact Sandra in the office to book appointments. If you have more than one child please do ring sooner rather than later to ensure you can have appointments close together,

MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL



Due to falling numbers taking up drumming (KS2) and percussion lessons (KS1) on a

Monday morning before school, we may have to discontinue these lessons. Drumming is £4 per session and percussion is £2.50 per session (group lessons). A slot for piano/keyboard lessons has become available at a cost of £7.50 for an individual lesson.

If you are interested in your child taking up either of these instruments you can book a free trial session via Sandra before committing to booking for a term.

The lessons are organised through Lancashire Music Service and all the music teachers are fully qualified.

Worship Theme : Compassion

Pupil Worship Teams for march are:

Friday 6th: Ethan and Joshua

Friday 13th: Madalene and Isla

Friday 20nd: Juliette, Millie and Hemani

Friday 27th: Summer and Hemani

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

Each Friday, starting at 9am, everyone is welcome to our celebration worship led by our Year 5/6 children. Celebration certificates are awarded in this service.

If your child has any achievements they would like to share with the school then we'd love to celebrate those in the service too.



FEBRUARY Stars of the Week And Headteacher's Award

Date	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award
Friday 7th February	Jude (YR) Emelia (Y1) Freddie (Y4) Mathew (Y6)	Bella (Y5)
Friday 27th Feb	Declan (YR) Hugo (Y1) Aidan (Y4) Millie (Y5)	Elliott (YR)

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

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EXTRA INFORMATION

School ethos and vision statement -

Last year as a school community we refreshed our school vision and ethos. We'd really like everyone to know this as it reflects who we are as a school, the basis for our curriculum decisions and what we provide for the children. It has to be less than 50 words (SIAMs schedule requirement) which should make it much easier to remember!

Learning, Growing and Inspiring through God's Love and Grace

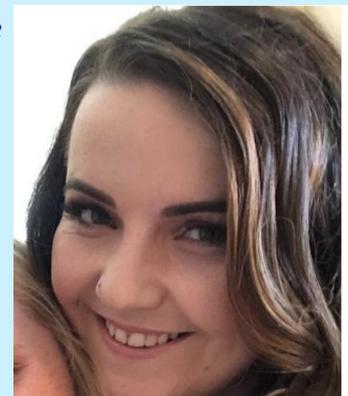
'Let your light shine so that together in God's Love and Grace we learn, inspire others and grow.' Based on Matthew 5:14-16

- **Live as a light to others**
- **Live to do good**
- **Live to love God**

PARENT UGANDA CHARITY TRIP

As most of you know I'm Sophie's mum, I am a nurse and am currently coming to the end of some further training to be a qualified midwife also. I have been lucky enough to be chosen alongside two colleagues to go to Uganda and provide midwifery care and education to the women and families there. When there, as well as providing midwifery care to the women and babies, we will also be attending local schools to run some workshops and classes about basic things such as hand washing and general healthcare. The things we take for granted in our country are luxuries to these families and as such Sophie has asked me to speak to school about collecting any donations you all have of writing materials, coloured pencils, lined workbooks etc. The type of things our children get to use every day, but to the children in the schools I will be visiting these would be such amazing gifts. I will be taking lots of photos which I will update you all with when I'm home, and school are thinking about how I can help to create some pen pals between the children at the schools in Uganda and at Samlesbury.

Any donations would be amazing, please could you get them into school by Friday 27th March. Thankyou in advance!



1st Walton-le-Dale (St Leonard's) Scout Group is looking for new recruits

If your son or daughter is aged between (or approaching) 6 - 8 years old and you would like them to get involved in the first and youngest section of Scouting for some real adventures and lots of fun, then Beavers could be for them. We meet on a Wednesday or Thursday 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Walton-le-Dale area.

We have places available now but your child would start at the beginning of the next school term. If you would like more information then please contact the Beaver Leader,

Karen Tracey (Tel: 01772 336225).

