



# 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.'

## SEPTEMBER 2020

### Headteacher note to parents:

Our timetables are now fully up and running, our new systems are running smoothly and our reception children are now all full time - we have returned to happy, vibrant Samlesbury once again! The children are loving being back with their friends enjoying playing and learning together again.

As you have no doubt heard, the situation regarding COVID-19 has changed a little again, therefore please can we remind everyone that you must be at a 2 metre distance from other families as it is now illegal to congregate in groups of more than 6. Please can I remind everyone that at pick up time parents/carers must come up to the cones. Children should not be walking unaccompanied across the car park. Thank you.

Thank you for all your efforts making our staggered starts and pick up times run so well. We do keep all our procedures under constant review and will refine should we need to.

*Lucy Sutton*

### SAMLESBURY NEWS AND REMINDERS

#### SCHOOL BUILDING WORKS

We have just been given official access to our new building work in school so from Monday 21st September, visitors, breakfast club and after school club will be able to use our new front entrance which is where the window for the intervention classroom was. We're very excited the building work has finished (although we still need new school welcome signs ) as it has made a big difference to how we can use the school building and visitors can come straight into our new foyer without having to wait in the rain when it's wet!



#### HARVEST APPEAL AND SERVICE

Every year we join with St Leonard the Less in their Harvest celebrations. The church harvest service is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October and school will be contributing to the service which will be available via Zoom. We are very proud of our school values and how, as part of our Christian Mission, we actively look to help and support the community around us. This year we are again supporting Blackburn Food Bank along with church and hope that you feel able to support this charity who do such vital work for those who are in need, as well as helping our children live out our Christian school values. I've been in touch with Blackburn Food Bank to ask if they have particular needs at this time and they have specified the following items: tinned meat, long life fruit juice, tinned carrots, tinned rice pudding, shampoo and conditioner, baby wipes, and nappies sizes 5-6. They would also welcome non-perishable items. It would be wonderful if you could send in any donations by Thursday 24th September. Thank you.

## PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening (via Zoom) is on Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th September—if you haven't yet booked an appointment please contact Sandra. Zoom details for your appointment will be emailed out next week.

## HOUSE TEAM POINTS—CLASS DOJO

Due to the current circumstances we have had to change the system by which we award house points. Previously each class had real tokens which children used to collect points for their team, obviously this is something we have had to review. We have moved over to Class Dojo which is an online system where any member of staff can award points instantly. Parents can also be involved with this as you are able to sign up to the App (or use the web version) and see what points your child is awarded. Staff can use it to communicate with parents for class updates or reminders as well as to share individual achievements in class (please still contact staff directly if you have something specific you would like to discuss).



**ClassDojo**

Each week on a Thursday lunchtime, the child with the most points in each class will have a non-uniform day for themselves the following day. Points will be totalled across school and shared in Friday's Celebration Worship then at the end of each half-term the house with the most points will have an extra playtime. The children love the new system and are very motivated to earn points!

Class Dojo App is simple to download from Google Play or the Apple Store. You'll need to click [this link](#) to find our school, select your child's class teacher and a message will be sent to the teacher requesting permission to view your child's ClassDojo rewards.

## LIBRARY & LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can you have a look at home for any school library or reading books you may have at home? We seem to be shorter of orange, yellow, blue, red and green books than we should be. Children all took reading books home before lockdown and we there are quite a few outstanding books—thank you.



Our pupil library monitors from Year 5/6 would also like to ask families to consider donating to school any books that are as good as new (or nearly good as new) which your children don't want/need any more.

## SCHOOL TRENDS

School Trends apologise for the delay in uniform orders. Due to the Covid pandemic there have been problems with production which have been out of their hands and they have reassured school that they are doing everything they can to get orders fulfilled as soon as possible.



## TREATS FOR BIRTHDAYS



We've had a couple of birthdays in school already and questions about school's policy for bringing in treats to share with the class. If you would like to do this for your child then each portion has to be an individually wrapped item and it must have been sent into school at least 72 hours before it is given out.

## RECORDERS AND MUSIC

Before the summer we asked if pupils could purchase their own recorder for music lessons. As it stands we still aren't able to have whole class music lessons with wind instruments but as soon as the guidance makes it possible we will let you know.



**PARENT/CARER ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT**

All classes have already had discussions about what it means to be safe online and discussed our pupil Online Safety Agreement (appropriate to their age/class) with them. Online Safety is always a priority to ensure that our children have the skills, knowledge and tools to keep them safe online. As part of our Online Safety Policy we also ask that parents read and sign our **Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Agreement, which is attached to this email**, so that everyone in our school family respects and understands schools stance on the use of digital media related to school based information and data. Only one per family needs to be returned. Please return this to Sandra school by Friday 25th September.

**TERMLY AWARDS—ITEMS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FROM BEFORE EASTER**

Thank you for the termly awards which have been sent back in however we still have several outstanding. Sandra will be emailing you if you still have one at home but if you do know you

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT CHARITY DAY REMINDER**

Next Friday 25th September will be a non-uniform day for Macmillan Cancer Support for everyone in school. The suggested donation is £1 which will include a cake for the children but if you do feel you could give more to this amazing charity then you can change the amount on your Parent Pay account. Please do not send in money. Unless you contact school, **we will assume that you consent to the £1 donation being added to your account.**



**REMOTE LEARNING PLAN**

If your child is off for a few days e.g. if they are waiting for a test result, school will provide home learning activities beginning the day after you inform us of their absence (or the day after they are sent home). If a class bubble has to self-isolate for up to two weeks then activities will be emailed home the first full day after children start self-isolating. School follows government and local authority advice when it comes to self isolation. **Attached to the newsletter is a quick reference guide** of what to do in different circumstances if your child has to self isolate.



**WORSHIP AND VALUES THEME THIS HALF TERM:**

**Forgiveness**

Worship in school is a little different now as it is taking place in class rather than collectively in the hall. We still do all the things we did before but a unexpected positive as been our 'Worship Across the Diocese' when we join together in the same worship with many other Church of England primary schools across our diocese. We are all bubbling in our own schools but it hasn't meant that we are on our own!



**Stars of the Week  
And  
Headteacher's Award  
so far...**

Date	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award
Friday 11th Sep	Henry (YR) Izzy (Y2) Kayleigh (Y3) Alexia (Y4) Ethan (Y6)	Poppy (Y4)

## APPLYING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2021

If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2021 the deadline for applying is 15th January 2021. For secondary schools this is 31st October 2020.

The link below will take you to the primary admissions website which contains all the information you need to apply.



<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/#:~:text=The%20deadline%20to%20apply%20for,October%202020%20for%20secondary%20schools>

Visits to look round our school are possible following strict guidelines and in the current situation these will now be after school.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW PUPIL COUNCIL

Elections have taken place over the last week and a half for year group council reps, class eco council reps and class worship/ethos council reps. The school council is headed up by our head boy and girl.

From year 5 & 6 there are also sports captains who help organise sporting equipment at playtime. Even though we can't participate in many of the activities we would normally do as a school we will be working hard to make sure we give our older children leadership responsibilities and experiences before they head off to high school.



**Year Group Councillors : Jude (Y1), Lily (Y2), Kayleigh (Y3), Madalene (Y4), Izzy (Y5), Ethan (Y6)**

**Eco Councillors: Edith (Y1), Eva (Y4) & Dexter (Y6)**

**Ethos/Worship Councillors: Izzy (Y2), Poppy (Y4) & Delilah (Y5)**

**Oscar (Head Boy) Juliette (Head Girl)**

## HOUSE TEAMS THIS YEAR

Attached to the newsletter is a list of who is in which house team and each team's staff champions.

Mrs Greenbank and Mrs Quayle share the role for yellows as does Mrs

Crtitchley and Mrs Hill (not Sandra!). I don't belong to a team so I can encourage and cheer on everyone and celebrate with every team! It's a great role to have!

This year each house team will continue to have a special celebration on their Saint's day (Red: St George; Blue: St Andrew; Green: St Patrick and Yellow: St David) and support their house charity. More details will follow nearer the time.



## SCHOOL VALUES & GOLDEN TICKETS

We will still be celebrating our Christian School Values by nominating children who demonstrate our values. Children and staff do this by completing a short nomination slip which they then post into our values post box. Our fantastic Y5/6 monitors transfer these to the Golden Book which are shared in Friday's Class Celebration Worship. Golden tickets are given to each nominated child to take home and share with family the reason they were awarded it.



## School Calendar

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there are no events planned in school which we can invite our wider school family to but we are working hard to stay involved and support church and local events where we can. FOSS are also planning some remote events as they are keen to carry on supporting school as they have always done to provide some of the extras for school.

**All dates will be added to our school calendar on our school website and only reminders will be on the newsletter.**