



# SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023



### SPORTING UPDATES

This half-term has seen some of our KS2 boys taking part in thirteen football matches over three weeks after school. They had a mixture of wins, draws and losses but made a fantastic team, demonstrating our Christian Values throughout – especially those of respect and perseverance. A big thank you to all staff and parents who helped with transport and/or organisation.

We've also had four of our Y2s taking part in an athletics event with other schools. Once again, they represented Samlesbury fantastically.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, all children in school took part in a basketball festival, giving them the opportunity to get active using teamwork, co-ordination and strategy. They had a fun-filled day of games and mini competitions, learning some of the many skills involved in basketball.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the parents who kindly completed our quick form about why you chose Samlesbury. Your feedback was appreciated and really helpful.

### COULD YOU HELP US ADVERTISE?

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we'll be holding our school open day between 1pm and 3pm, then again between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

We need to get this information out there as many of you told us on our questionnaire that you didn't know Samlesbury existed until you looked at Google maps! If you work somewhere where you could display a poster or have links with a local church/nursery etc and could share a poster, please use the pdf attached to this email. If you need copies printing, please get in touch. We'd love to see our Open Day poster in as many places as possible. Thank you for your help.

### ONLINE SAFETY

We are pleased to be able to offer a free online safety information session on Zoom for all parents/carers on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. The session will be led by Nigel Kirkham who is a Teaching & Learning Consultant for Computing and Online Safety. We will share log in details nearer the time, but for now, please save the date.

### Worship Theme: FORGIVENESS

#### This half term's Bible verse:

*'Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.'* Colossians 3:23

### YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS

A final reminder that all Y6 parents/carers **must** apply for a high school place by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. [Click here](#) to access Lancashire County Council's information about schools, including the application form. You'll need to list your top three schools and check out if you need to provide any further information, such as a church reference.

### BOREATON PARK – SEPTEMBER 2024

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive response to this residential planned for the current Year 4s and 5s when they meet together again as a Year 5/6 class. Please remember to pay the deposit no later than 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### THANK YOU FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL!

Thank you to everyone who was able to send in a gift to send to Pereira, our Compassion child. We took some fabulously Christmas photos of each class to turn into a card to send along with the gifts. We have no doubt they will be very much appreciated.

### LIBRARY HELP NEEDED

Do you have a spare hour on a regular basis (weekly/fortnightly) to come in and help manage our library? There are so many jobs to do in school and just not enough time to do everything we want, so we'd really appreciate it if anyone could come and help us to keep the library looking good and catalogue new books as and when they arrive! Please speak to Mrs Quayle or Mrs Sutton for more information.

### WORSHIPS NEXT HALF-TERM

As a staff team, we have been busy in school thinking about how we can offer an even wider variety of worships to the children. Therefore, next half-term, each class will take place in a special worship with their class teacher about the Creation Story using Godly Play. This is a way of presenting a story to the children and supporting their spiritual development by encouraging them to ask and answer questions along the way.

Each class will also take part in an outdoor worship with their class teacher as a follow on from their Godly Play worship where they will continue to think about our amazing world and our role in it.

Then in December, all children will take part in our first ever Forest Church session.

### PSHE VISIT

To support our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) learning throughout school, we welcome Coram Education in for a day each year to run special workshops with each class.

At the start of the day, Coram Education run a 15 minute workshop for all parents/carers to come and find out more about what their children will be learning during the day. This year it will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** between 8.50am and 9.05am in the school hall. There's no need to sign up, just come along on the day.

### DERIAN HOUSE FUNDRAISING DAY

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we're having a fundraising day for Derian House and are going to offer a variety of activities during lunchtime, such as beat the goalie (with Miss Myerscough going in goal!), a buzz-wire challenge and a tennis time challenge. Winners will receive a £5.00 voucher off a book from the Scholastic Book Fair (in school during the second week of next half-term). It will cost £1.00 per child but this will then enable them to take part in at least two of the challenges. All money from this event will go to Derian House.

## Church / School Links

### FAMILY WORSHIP

You are all warmly invited to our next family worship which is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and will be focussed on Remembrance.

### PRAYER MORNINGS WITH REV KAREN

You would be most welcome to join Rev Karen in church at 9am for a short prayer session on any of these dates: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## FOSS Update

### FILM NIGHT

Thank you to all involved in Friday's film night – hopefully this is an extra special way for the children to finish the half-term.

If you're on Facebook, have you joined the FOSS Facebook group? If not, search 'Friends of Samlesbury School' and click 'Join group' as it's a great way to keep up-to-date with what's going on.

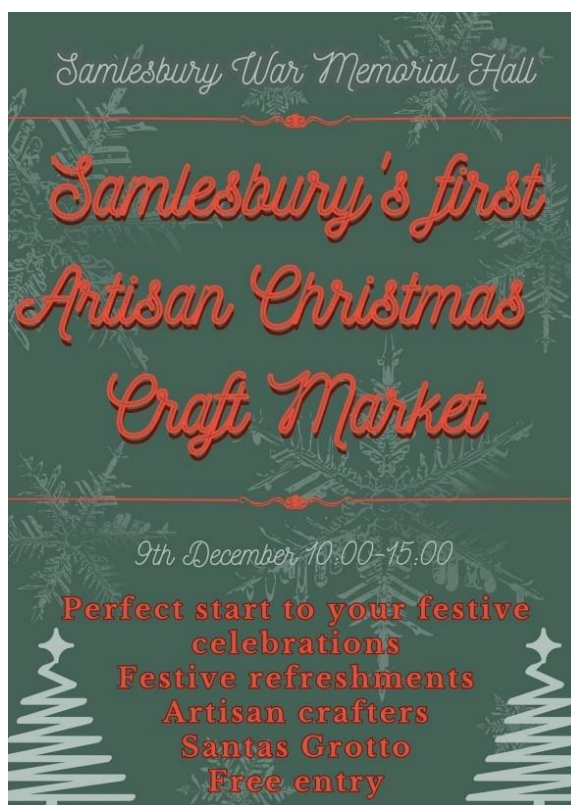
Events for This Term	
Save the Date	
OCT FRI 20	<b>FILM NIGHT</b> Straight after school
DEC FRI 01	<b>DRESS DOWN DAY</b> For Christmas hamper gifts
DEC THUR 14	<b>CHRISTMAS DISCO</b> 6 - 7.30
DEC MON 18	<b>HAMPER DRAW</b> Will be drawn in the end of term Celebration Worship
Foss	

# Community News



## CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELLBEING

Children and Family Wellbeing Services offer a wide range of activities for local families, aimed at those with children from 0-19. This includes baby groups, sessions for children in primary school to develop their confidence and self-esteem as well as groups for parents. All groups are free. Attached to this week's email is their leaflet showing what's on offer this term or you can take a look at their Facebook page 'South Ribble Children and Family Wellbeing Service'.



To book onto the South Ribble Half-term activities, please [click here](#). Although these activities are targeted for children who are in receipt of free school meals, they have assured us they don't turn any child away wherever possible.

To check if you are eligible for free school meals, please [click here](#).



# October Samlesbury Superstars

## DOJO WINNERS

NIYON (Y1)  
OLIVIA (Y2)  
THOMAS (YR)

TILLY (Y3)  
GEORGE (Y3)  
HENRY (Y3)

JACOB (Y5)  
BEAR (Y5)  
TOMMY (Y6)

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

ELLIOTT (Y4)  
ELLA (YR)  
LEANNA (Y6)

## LEADING LIGHT AWARDS

MAX (Y2)  
KHADIJA (Y1)  
GRACE (Y2)

ESTHER (Y4)  
ELLIOTT (Y4)  
ZAK (Y4)

JESSE (Y5)  
SAMMY (Y6)  
JACOB (Y5)

# Reading Awards

## Infants

### INFANT READER OF THE WEEK

Khadija (Y1)  
Thomas (YR)  
Naomi (Y1)  
Ella (YR)

## Juniors

### 100% READING AWARD

Edith (Y4)  
Layla-Maryam (Y5)  
Charlie (Y5)  
Jackson (Y6)  
Tommy (Y6)

*Congratulations to you all. Your next challenge is to aim for your bronze or silver bookworm badge (1,000,000 words or 5,000,000 words since the start of Year 3.)*



**Congratulations to you all for shining your lights and setting a fantastic example!**

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## **DIARY DATES**

30<sup>th</sup> October – School reopens.

1<sup>st</sup> November – Governor Committee meetings.

2<sup>nd</sup> November – Ethos Council running mini competitions to raise money for Derian House. £1.00 per child to enter with £5.00 Scholastic book vouchers as prizes.

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November – Scholastic Book Fair (before and after school).

8<sup>th</sup> November – School Open Day for prospective Reception children and their families: drop in anytime between 1pm-3pm and 3.30pm-4.30pm.

13<sup>th</sup> November - Canon Daunton leading worship in church at 2.45pm. Families welcome.

13<sup>th</sup> November – Start of Anti-Bullying Week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate uniqueness.

15<sup>th</sup> November – Archdeacon David Picken visiting to talk to classes and lead worship.

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Full Governing Body meeting.

27<sup>th</sup> November – Rev Karen leading worship in church at 2.45pm. All families welcome.

28<sup>th</sup> November – SCARF (PSHE) workshops for the whole school. Parents/carers are invited to a short parents' information session between 8.50am and 9.05am.

29<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Young Leader Training.

29<sup>th</sup> November – Pupil Councils fundraising day (more details to follow).

1<sup>st</sup> December – FOSS non-uniform day in return for hamper goodies (more info to follow).

2<sup>nd</sup> December – School choir to join in with the Singspiration Christmas Concert at Garstang Academy.

5<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Show at 2pm.

6<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Show at 6pm.

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day.

11<sup>th</sup> December – Canon Daunton leading worship in church at 2.45pm. Families welcome.

13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school trip to see Wizard of Oz at Planet Ice, Blackburn.

14<sup>th</sup> December – School choir performing in Blackburn Cathedral (more info to follow).

14<sup>th</sup> December – FOSS Christmas Disco (details to follow).

15<sup>th</sup> December – Infant parent/carers Forest School session starting at 1.30pm.

20<sup>th</sup> December – 9am End of term celebration service in church.

20<sup>th</sup> December – 'Ice Day' throughout school as we use ice to develop our science skills.

21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas parties in the afternoon (children can come in non-uniform).

21<sup>st</sup> December – Finish for Christmas at 3.15pm.

**Remember to subscribe to the calendar on our website which we update regularly.  
Simply [click here](#) and press 'subscribe'.**