



# SAMLESBURY

Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PUPIL LEADERS

Towards the end of the summer and the start of this term, pupils have put themselves forward for a variety of leader roles. Following a democratic voting system, our new pupil leaders are...

**Head Girl & Boy** – Emelia & Luke

**Sports Captains** – Alexia & Jackson

**Pupil Council** – Emelia, Luke, Jackson, Bear, Theodore, Muhammad, Olivia & Eliza.

**Eco Council** – Alexia, Kayden, Willow, Elliott, Jude, Megan, Jenson & Lottie.

**Ethos Council** - Imogen, Mia, Charlie, Laila, Henry, Evelyn, Max.

### 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

Lots of Y6 children have been busy telling us about their visits to high school open days and are very excited by some of the things they've seen. Please remember that you 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.

#### CAN YOU SPARE 2 MINUTES...

We're trying to find out what made you choose Samlesbury as a primary school for your child(ren). Please could you take two minutes to answer three short questions by [clicking here](#)? Thank you!

#### PARENTPAY

Please take 5 minutes to check your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding amounts are paid. We do appreciate the difficult climate we are in, so if you are having problems clearing your account, please come and talk to us.

#### ONLINE SAFETY

Each year, every class always starts their computing lessons with discussions about how to stay safe online. Attached to this email is an information leaflet for parents and carers from the National College so that you can continue this conversation at home.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Subscribe to our calendar, available on our website to keep up-to-date with the latest information.

#### PARENTS / CARERS WITH CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

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. If you have a child starting school in September, we would love you to come and look around. If you know someone with a child starting school in September, please do encourage them to come and look around. It will be a very informal afternoon and prospective Reception families are welcome to pop in during the afternoon whenever suits them.

#### 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.

# Church / School Links

## HARVEST FESTIVAL – 8<sup>th</sup> October

You should have all received a letter this week about Harvest Festival and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.

## 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: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

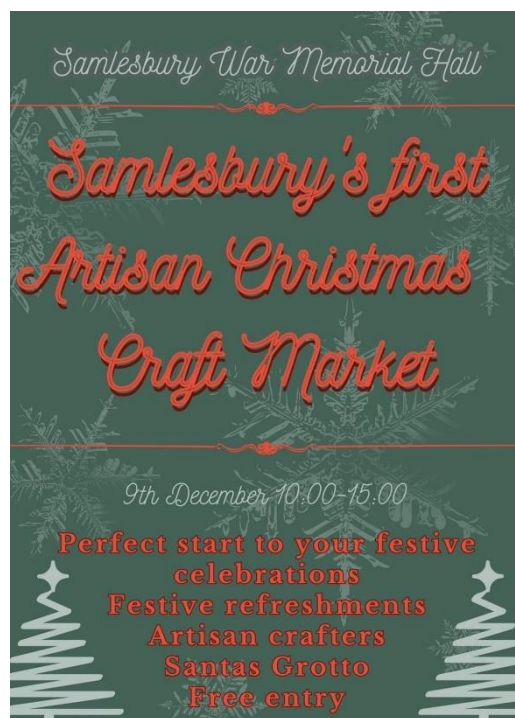
# FOSS Update

## FOSS UPDATE

You should have received a FOSS update emailed out from school last Friday. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, please do so as it contains some important information.

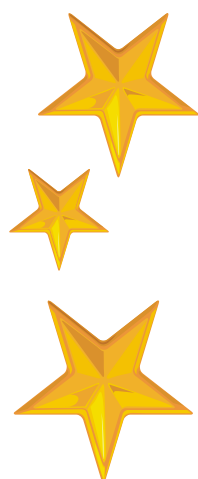
Thank you to those who were able to join this week's FOSS meeting – lots of plans are already being made this term, including a film night (18<sup>th</sup> October), a Christmas disco (14<sup>th</sup> December) and a non-uniform day in return for hamper goodies (1<sup>st</sup> December). More information about all of these will follow, but for now, please save the dates!

# Community News



# September Samlesbury Superstars

## DOJO WINNERS



NAOMI (Y1)  
NOAH (Y1)  
AMELIA (Y2)  
BEA (Y2)  
EVELYN (Y2)

ELLIOTT (Y4)  
PHOEBE (Y3)  
MATILDA (Y4)  
MUHAMMAD (Y3)

JACKSON (Y6)  
MIA (Y6)  
LILLY (Y5)  
LEANNA (Y6)  
SAM (Y6)

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

EVELYN (Y2)  
MEGAN (Y3)  
WILLOW (Y5)  
NOAH (Y1)

## LEADING LIGHT AWARDS



HANNAH (Y1)  
THOMAS (YR)  
BELLA (Y2)  
POPPY (YR)

WILLIAM (Y3)  
GEORGE (Y3)  
LEO (Y3)  
MINNIE (Y4)

ISAAC (Y5)  
LILLY (Y5)  
HARRY (Y6)  
ALEXIA (Y6)

## Reading Awards

### Infants

#### INFANT READER OF THE WEEK

Frankie (YR)  
Jenson (Y2)  
Ruby (Y1)

### Juniors

#### 100% READING AWARD

Children in KS2 are set reading targets for the whole term. As they reach different stages (25%, 50%, 75%, 100%), they are awarded with certificates in Friday's Celebration Worship. Then, when they achieve their target, we publish their names on the newsletter.



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



## **DIARY DATES**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Rev Karen leading worship in church. All families welcome to join for a 2.45pm start.
- 4<sup>th</sup> October – ABC Photographers to take photos of Reception children for Lancashire Evening Post.
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Finish for half-term.
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October – After school football sessions for Y5/6 boys at Withy Grove.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival in church at 11am.
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – Canon Daunton leading worship in church at 2.45pm. All families welcome.
- 13<sup>th</sup> October – Nasal Flu Vaccinations.
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Whole school basketball festival.
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Rev Karen leading worship in church. All families welcome to join for a 2.45pm start.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – FOSS Film Night (more info to follow).
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Finish for half-term.
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – School reopens.
- 1<sup>st</sup> November – Governor Committee meetings.
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair.
- 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.
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Archdeacon David Picken visiting.
- 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.
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – FOSS non-uniform day in return for hamper goodies (more info to follow).
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Show at 2pm.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Show at 6pm.
- 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 science to investigate ice.
- 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'.**