

Newsletter 23.4.21

Prince Philip



The children in Rowan class have created a card on behalf of our school family to send to the queen. Children in Birch and Hawthorn classes have written their own prayers to the Royal Family, look out as Mr Burcher will be using these in the coming weeks.

Swimming in Year 3

This week, the children in Birch class began their swimming lessons, in accordance with Covid guidelines and really enjoyed themselves. Swimming lessons will continue for Birch class until the end of this half term. When school returns in June, Hazel class will begin their swimming lessons until the end of the school year. Swimming is an integral part of our PE curriculum and we are really looking forward to seeing the children make lots of progress.

40 Days of Reflection -Twitter



This week on Twitter for our 40 days of reflection you will find a series of tweets from Oak class about rescuing a bee they called Emily. It has a happy ending and Emily is now living at Samlesbury Hall in a lovely safe bee environment. Please do read her adventures.

Hazel class have posted a fabulous video about the things they are thankful for.

Our Belonging Ambassadors have also made a video reflecting on belonging in St Silas.

The children in Rowan class explain all about their class charity-toilet twinning and a game called Life without taps.

Hawthorn class and Elder class have also created reflections.

Children's University

Children's University Passports

If your child is a member of Children's University please can you make sure they hand their passport to their class teacher so it can be updated. They have until Friday 30th April to do this. Failure to hand their passport in will mean it will not be updated.

Children's University Easter Challenges

If Children's University members have completed any of the Easter challenges please remember to send any evidence to Sara Burton at s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. You have until Friday 30th April to do this.

Children's University Eid Creative Craft Online Activity

Those who have signed up will receive a creative pack by Wednesday next week. If you do not receive this please contact Sara Burton Straight away on 07805929965.

School Clubs – PE Kit Reminder

If your child has a sports club and it is not on their usual class PE day please do ensure they come to school in their PE kit on this day too!

Dates for the Diary

- 12/4 40 days of reflection starts on our Twitter account
- 26/4 Creative Worship Week
- 29/4 Primary futures assembly for Year 5 and 6 children
- 3rd May Bank holiday
- 7/5 NSPCC Number Day
- 26/5 Governors
- 28/5 School closes at 3pm

Attendance



The classes with the best attendance this week are **Cherry and Hazel with 100% attendance**. Well done to everyone in **Cherry and Hazel**. Overall attendance this week is 96.5%.

Family Point Winners

The table shows first, second, third and fourth for this week. The winning family is highlighted in yellow.

Family/Week	16.4.21	23.4.21	30.4.21	7.5.21	14.5.21	21.5.21	28.5.21
Love	1	3					
Belonging	3	1					
Thankfulness	2	2					
Service	4	3					

S.A.M. Star of the Week and Sports Star of the Week

Class	S.A.M. Award	Sports Star of the Week
Hawthorn	Aswad	Husain, Fatima and Aswad
Hornbeam	Saa'im	Umayr
Beech	Mohammed Yusuf	Furqan
Alder	Mariyam	Shu'ayb
Elder	Kevin	Aisha
Rowan	Aisha B	Anyia
Birch	Aaminah D	Viktor & Aadil
Hazel	Ranim	Atif & Khadeejah
Cherry	M-Meherdin	Qurban
Willow	Laraib	Mahnur Azaan
Oak	Zaynah	n/a
Elm	Jaxon	Ghazia
Ash	Farah	Haroon Laiba

Twitter

Please follow our Twitter account. https://twitter.com/StSilas_Primary to keep up to date with events in our school.

Reading Challenge

Please encourage your child to join in with our reading challenge. They are being asked to read as much as possible at home and in school during break and lunchtimes. Teachers are collecting a list of how many books they are reading and awards are being given out in our big star learner assemblies.

Silas and Me

Please encourage your child to take part in our Silas and Me challenges, leaflets with more information were sent out last week with your child.

COVID 19 INFORMATION

Lateral Flow Tests for Families

This is the link for information on how to get Lateral Flow Tests for your family and childcare bubble:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Support for Self Isolation

You might be able to get a payment of £500 if you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, or you're the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate.

If you're eligible for either the Test and Trace Support Payment or a discretionary payment, you'll receive the £500 payment in addition to any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you receive currently.

If you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace because you've tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, you're legally required to do so.

If the NHS COVID-19 app sends you a notification to self-isolate because you're a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, and you apply for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, you will also be legally required to self-isolate.

To support you during self-isolation, you could be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment if you live in England and meet all the following criteria:

- you've been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app, either because you've tested positive for COVID-19 or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- you've responded to messages from NHS Test and Trace and have provided any legally required information
- you're employed or self-employed
- you're unable to work from home and will lose income as a result of self-isolating
- you're currently receiving or are the partner of someone in the same household who is receiving, at least one of the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit
 - Working Tax Credit
 - income-based Employment and Support Allowance
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income Support
 - Housing Benefit
 - Pension Credit

If you're not on one of these benefits, you could be eligible for a £500 discretionary payment if all the following apply:

- you meet all the other criteria listed above
- you're on a low income
- you will face financial hardship as a result of self-isolating

BwD council will tell you what counts as low income and financial hardship, and whether you're eligible.

If you're not legally required to self-isolate, but you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate, you could be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment if all the following apply:

- you're the parent or guardian of a child in your household who is self-isolating, and you need to take time off work to care for them
- your child is aged 15 or under, or aged 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, normally attends an education or childcare setting, and has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting
- you're unable to work from home and will lose income because you have to care for your child while they are self-isolating
- you meet all the other eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment



Loving God and each other, we work together to be the best that we can.