

# Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father. – *Matthew 5:16*



# St Mary and St Thomas CE Primary School Newsletter

w/b: Monday 16th October

## **AUTUMN DISCO**

Our KS1 and KS2 Autumn Discos are next week! On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, all children are invited to attend this funfilled evening: 3.15-4.10pm for KS1 children and 4.15-5.10pm for KS2 children. It is available to book via Arbor and costs £3 per child.

# **POPPY APPEAL**

This week, we have been selling items ahead of Remembrance Day next month such as poppies, snap bands and keyrings. If your child would like to purchase and item, can we ask that you send the donation in to school in a sealed envelope with their name on. We will continue to sell these items next week and in the first week of next half term.

## **CLONTER Y4 & Y6**

Next Wednesday, two very lucky classes are heading over to Clonter Opera to enjoy what we know will be a day filled with music, fun and theatre. This is such a special trip and one that we have been taking part in for a number of years. We can't wait to hear all about it!

# **Y5 MINI POLICE**

Our second team of Y5 mini police headed out for their physical practice this week. The pupils completed another challenging hike at Rivington Pike with the police officers and we hear it was pretty windy! The final group will be taking part on Thursday of next week.

## Y5 DEBATE ACADEMY

It was a busy Monday for Y5 this week as some of the children headed over to Mansion House, along with other children from our multi-academy trust, to take part in the debate academy work. They had a great morning and learned some brilliant new skills. We may have some future MPs amongst us!

## Y4 FAMILY WORSHIP

Thank you to the families who joined us for the Y4 family worship all about the digestive system. The children loved sharing their Science learning and delivered the assembly beautifully. Great job, Y4!

# YR FAMILY LEARNING

Thank you to the families who joined us for the Reception class family learning session this afternoon. We hope you found the session and resources useful. As always, we are always eager to work in collaboration with families to secure the best outcomes for our pupils and these sessions are a huge part of that.

# WHATEVER THE WEATHER

At this time of year, it's often hard to tell in the early morning how the weather will pan out throughout the day. Therefore, can we ask that children arrive to school with a coat just in case a sunny morning turns into a rainy lunchtime. It is so important that children have the opportunity to get fresh air – it's good for their wellbeing and helps them with their learning too!

# **READING 5 TIMES**

We simply LOVE reading at SMST and we know how important it is to foster this love for reading in our children. Our school rule on reading at home is that children must read 5 times each week. Those that do get 5 dojos and an extra playtime - not to mention the fact that their brains get BIGGER and more filled with wonder. It's a win-win! We thank you in advance for your support in this and ask that a record of each time your child reads is noted in their reading diary as opposed to one comment per week.

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# FAMILY OF FAITH

A reflection from... Miss Heaton

What a cold and rainy week we've had! Autumn is certainly here. This week's bible verse mentions 'self-discipline' and I don't think I'll be alone in saying that I think I've needed lots of that to get up and get going this week!

It's wonderful to remember that the spirit of God can gift us that self-discipline that helps us to persevere.

By speaking to God through the power of prayer, we can draw his spirit closer. By reading his word and reflecting on the truth, we can draw his spirit closer. By being the hands and feet of God through kindness and compassion, we can draw his spirit closer.

Our **Christian value** focus this half term is...

# **Perseverance**

Our school **bible verse** of the week is...

**2 Timothy 1:7** 

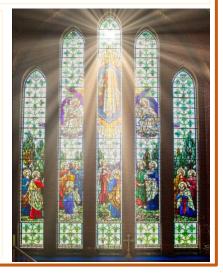
"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and selfdiscipline."

# **St Thomas Church**

Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB 01744 732463 / stthomaseccleston@gmail.com

Sunday Services
Parish Mass: 9.30am – 10.30am
Evening prayer: 6.30pm

"Seeking to love God and neighbour in the community of which we are part."



# ST MARY & ST THOMAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 2022/23 PLANNER

# SEPTEMBER

Interfaith Day Thursday 28th. Y6 Parent Insight morning Friday 29<sup>th</sup>: Rec Family Learning (2:15pm) Y2 Family Learning (2:15pm) Tuesday 26th Wednesday 13th September: Individual & sibling photographs

Y4 Family Worship
Friday 20":
Rec Family Learning (2:15pm)
Tuesday 24":
Autumn Disco
Wednesday 25":
Y4 & Y6 Trip to Clonter Opera Wednesday 4": Y5&Y6 Eucharist Thursday 5": Y5 Family Worship Friday 6": Y1 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Wednesday 11<sup>m</sup>:
Y2 Harvest Service @ St Thomas
Thursday 19<sup>m</sup>:

Friday 24th: Y4 Parent Insight morning Friday 17th: Y3 Family Learning (2:15pm) & Y5 Parent Insight morning Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>: Y5 &Y6 Eucharist Rec Stay & Play Thursday 30th: Thursday 23" Children in Need Charlie & the Chocolate Factory trip Thursday 9th

# DECEMBER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>:
Nursery Stay & Play
Friday 8<sup>st</sup>:
Christmas dinner
Tuesday 12<sup>st</sup>:
KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>st</sup>:
KS1 Nativity
Thursday 18<sup>st</sup>:
Y1/2 Parent—teacher consultations
Y3/4 Parent—teacher consultations
Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup>:
Y6 Christmas Service @ St Thomas
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>:
Y6 Parent—teacher consultations
Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup>:
Y6 Parent—teacher consultations
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>:
EYFS carols around the Christmas Tree
Y5/6 Parent—teacher consultations

# NEO

Half Term dates luesday 5th September 2023

hursday 26th October 2023

Monday 6th November 2023:: riday 22nd December 2023:

uesday 9th January 2024

Friday 9th February 2024:

onday 19th February 2024

dren return to school

hursday 28th March 2024:

Monday 15th April 2024

Vednesday 22nd May 2024:

Thursday 25th: Y1 Family Worship Wednesday 17th: Y5/6 Parent-teac Tuesday 16th

Y1/2 Parent-Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

teacher consultations

Y3/4 Parent-teacher consultations

teacher consultations

londay 3rd June 2024

Vednesday 23rd July 2024:

# Additional Dates:

27th/28th September &16th October:

Y5 Debate academy

Tuesday 10th October:

Y4 Sleepover Friday 22" Friday 8th Y4 Easter Church Service @ St Easter Bingo Wednesday 27th: World Book Day Thursday 7": Y1 Parent Insight morning Nursery Stay & Play Tuesday 26":

Y3 Parent Insight morning Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: Y4 Family Learning (2:15pm) Friday 26<sup>th</sup>:

Rec Stay & Play

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Y3 Family Worship Thursday 29<sup>sh</sup>: Y2 Family Worship

Y6 Family Learning

St Thomas

Y5 Ash Wednesday Service @ Safer Internet Day & Valentine Disco Wednesday 7th: Y5 Family Learning (2:15pm Thursday 1":
Y2 Parent Insight morning
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Tuesday 6":

KS2 Eucharist Thursday 18th:

Wednesday 17th

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:
Rec end of year assembly
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:
Y6 Leavers' Service evening Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Believe, Achieve, Shine awards



# Nursery Stay & Play Tuesday 18th-20th: Y6 London Residential Y6 Moving on service Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Eucharist Class photos Tuesday 11th: Thursday 27

Rec Stay & Play
Tuesday 7th - 8th:
Y5 Petty Pools trip
Thursday 9th:

Y3 Ascension Day Service

Wednesday 22" Sports Day Monday 13th: KS2 SATs week



# SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 11AM TILL 4PM

TEARDROPS HUB, 110 CRAB STREET, ST . HELENS, WA10 2DJ

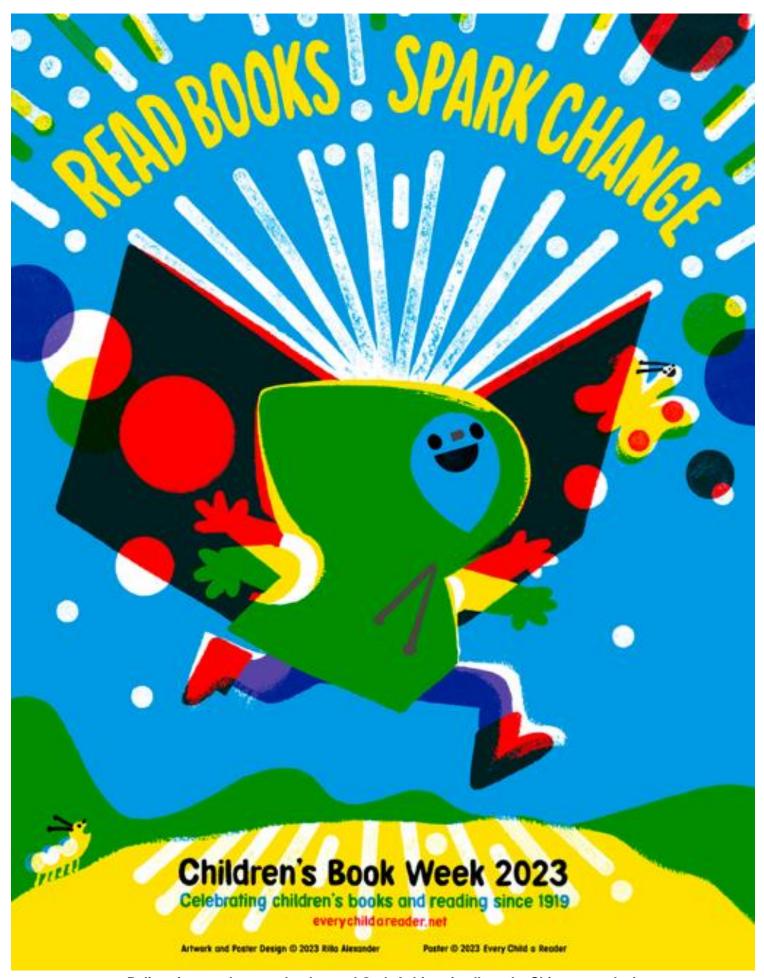




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# BEHAVIOUR MATTERS!

# Ready, Respectful, Resilient

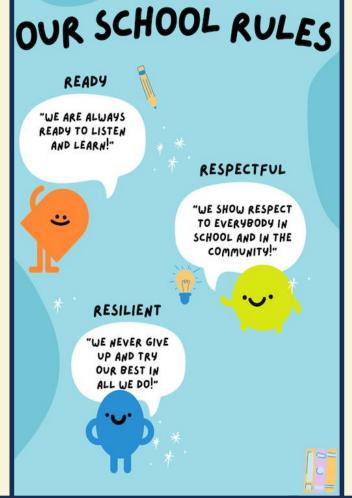


# Mrs Lewis' Golden Book

Each week, staff write the names of children who have gone above and beyond in Mrs Lewis' Golden Book. It is so exciting when the names and reasons are read out in our celebration assembly!

It may be that a child has been ready to learn every moment of every day.

Maybe they have been incredibly respectful to a visitor or a friend. Or maybe they have been resilient in a way that has wowed the staff!



# Class Dojos

Children can receive Dojo points for being ready, respectful and resilient throughout the school day. They receive 5 Dojos if they read five times, which they should do every single week.

Each child has their own
Dojo character and
milestones are
celebrated with
certificates and prizes
each time they meet one.

We celebrate milestones such as 100, 200 and 300 dojos in assembly too!

# Headteacher's Award Winners

YN - Maria for being really helpful at tidy up time

YR - Ellis for excellent work in phonics!

Y1 - Wynter for some beautiful artwork!

Y2 - Iris for super writing

Y3 - Olivia L for super maths

Y4 - DJ for super effort in swimming lessons

Y5 - Acacia for outstanding grammar knowledge in her writing

Y6 - Ruby for consistently being ready to learn

# Lunchtime Award Winners

YR - Sophie

Y1 - David T

Y2 - Jason

Y3 - Luke

y4 - Temmy

Y5 - Acacia

Y6 - Viet-Anh



# ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



TONI SAYS,

"Our school starts at

8.45am: that's when the

doors open!

Children should arrive at

school on time, so they

don't miss any learning!

Regularly missing lessons

can have a negative impact

on wellbeing and on your

academic achievement too.

Being on time is such an

important skill for life and

sets you up for a life of

success and positive wellbeing!"

# **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

School and future success starts with good attendance!

00% OUTSTANDING

**ATTENDANCE LADDER** 

98%

96%

IMPRESSIVE

4 DAYS
ABSENCE | 20 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

6 DAYS ABSENCE 30 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

93%

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

13 DAYS | 65 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

90%

SERIOUS CONCERNS 29 DAYS 145 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

Remember - your education is important - don't miss out!

# SANDY

# SANDY SAYS,

"Children should be in school EVERY DAY ... unless you're poorly. Every day counts!

Every minute in school is a learning minute. The research tells us that children who are in school every day achieve more, and their wellbeing is better too!

Please let school know if you'll be absent before 9.15am or we'll have to contact you to check in."

Whole school attendance this year to date...

95.5%

Whole school attendance this week...

95.7%

Class attendance winners...

У2

# Class Attendance

YN -87.9 %

**YR - 93.7%** 

**Y1 - 96.6%** 

**Y2 - 99.3%** 

**Y3 - 92.7%** 

**Y4 - 96.8%** 

**Y5 - 96.7 %** 

**Y6 - 98.0%**