



# Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

## Newsletter

### Spring Term Dates

#### January

24.01.24: Rearranged Y4 class visit to Quarry Bank Mill.

#### February

05.02.24: Children's mental Health week celebrated in school this week.

06.02.24: Nursery class visit Swinton library.

06.02.24: Safer Internet Day in school.

09.02.24: 'Meet the Services' Drop-In Coffee Morning – 9am in the school hall.

12.02.24: Mid-term tests for the infant and junior children.

14.02.24: Y4 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

16.02.24: Ambition Day in school.

16.02.24: School closes for the half-term holiday.

26.02.24: School starts again after the half-term holiday.

#### March

01.03.24: Class curriculum leaflets published.

04.03.24: Y4 class visit to the River Mersey.

07.03.24: World Book Day celebrated in school.

11.03.24: British Science Week celebrated in school this week.

12.03.24: Y6 class visit to Crucial Crew.

14.03.24: International Maths Day celebrated in school.

15.03.24: Red Nose Day celebrated in school – non-uniform day.

18.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.

20.03.24: B-Tales Easter drama for the KS2 junior classes.

25.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.

25.03.24: Community Easter cards brought into school.

26.03.24: Nursery class Easter songs – 2.40pm.

27.03.24: Y1 class Easter songs – 9am.

27.03.24: Reception class Easter songs – 2.40pm.

28.03.24: Easter Service (Y2 – Y6) at All Saints Church - 10am.

28.03.24: School closes for the Easter holiday.

**April** 15.04.24: School starts again after the Easter holiday.

## 19.01.2024

It really has been a very cold week! However, we managed to keep most things going and the children certainly enjoyed the chance to play outside in the fresh snow with their classmates! We would like to say thank you to Mr Connor who worked hard to ensure that the pathways around school were cleared and salted. Unfortunately, the Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill was cancelled due to a broken boiler at the mill and the freezing weather conditions. Thankfully, we have been able to rearrange the trip for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Hopefully, they will have fixed the boiler and the weather will have warmed up a bit! On the plus side, the cold weather has given the children plenty of opportunities to enjoy a good book inside in the warm! We have been very pleased to see the way our junior children are engaging with their reading on My Book Blog and Reading Plus. Each week, we put an update about how the children are getting on with Reading Plus on the Shout out Sheet.

**In the classroom this week ....** In Y5 the children have been working hard in science, describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal and an amphibian. They have watched videos, researched and discussed the incredible metamorphosis that occurs in some animals. In the coming weeks, the children are going to be dissecting plants and looking at how they reproduce. Their History work has taken them back 1500 years to the Viking times. The Y5 children are currently looking at reasons why the Vikings migrated to Britain. They will be offering their thoughts on whether the available historical evidence always offer a balanced view about the Vikings - were they just vicious warriors?

### **Weekly updates... Name Labels**

We have a lot of clothing items in our lost property box that do not have name labels and are therefore proving to be very difficult to return to their owners. Please ensure that the children's clothing does have a name label in it – items with labels in are much easier to return to their owner. We do check the lost property box on a regular basis to return labelled items. If your child is missing any items of clothing, please do take a look in the box which is situated in the main entrance to school.

## **Ambition Day**

Last year was the second time we ran our school ambition day, and the response to it was so positive that we wanted to do it again this year. So, we are going to have our third school ambition day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The aim is to get the children thinking about what their career ambitions for the future might be. Our school motto is 'We can do all things', and we want the children to have exciting aspirations about the types of job they wish to have when they are older. On the day, we will be getting the children to think about possible future career paths and the qualifications and experience that they will need to follow them.

As part of our ambition day, there are also some optional elements that the children can take part in - if they so wish. They can come to school dressed in the types of clothes that they would have to wear in the job that they want to have. We are also inviting the children to do some research about their dream job, and to bring in a poster about it on the day. If they choose to make a poster, it should explain what skills, experience and qualifications they will need for the job that they want. It should also explain why they would like to do that particular job. We look forward to seeing what our children aspire to be when they grow up!

## **Our Christian values and thoughtful time .....**

### **Home Worship Books**

Each Thursday we give the children the opportunity to bring in their home worship books to share with the school in our collective worship. We are always delighted to see the children's amazing books and we award our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) to one of them. This week Sammy was given to Letty in Y2 for her fantastic work about her a whole range of topics and values that have been looking at in school – well done!

### **Courageous Advocates**

Each term, we give the infant and junior children (who want to) the chance to take on the role of being a courageous advocate in our Collective Worship. Being a courageous advocate means that they take on the role of speaking to the rest of the school on a subject that they feel strongly about. They can either speak to the school by themselves or as part of a group. The date for this half-term's courageous advocate's assembly is next week on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Collective Worship Theme – Perseverance**

This week in collective worship we looked at the Bible story about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and the importance of encouraging others to help finish a task. We shared the children's ideas in our thoughtful book worship and listened to the words of a lovely prayer about perseverance that our Y5 children had written.

*Heavenly Father,*

*We come to you humbly, asking for your continued guidance and strength.*

*Thank you for showing courage and perseverance.*

*May you strengthen our minds and give us the strength to continue forward through difficult times.*

*Please help us to encourage other to persevere using kindness, patience and respect.*

*Allow us to be role models so we can demonstrate positive behaviour.*

*Please help us to show empathy so we can understand what others are going through.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*Amen*