



Parent Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. There is lots of information to share and many new dates for your diary.

Our Christian Value this half term is:

Courage

As Christians, we have the courage to believe that God is always with us.

This belief gives us the strength to face danger, overcome fear and make a stand for what is right. In our prayers, we can ask God to give us the strength to be courageous in our lives and to make the right choice.

club/group	day	time	leader	year group/s	starting date
Maths Club	Monday	3.15-4.15	Mrs Cookson	6	20.1.20
Times Tables Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Miss Topping	4	15.1.20
Reading Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Mrs Marland	3 - 4	08.1.20
Singing	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Mrs Mesgheli	3 - 6	21.1.20
Table Tennis	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15	South Ribble Coaches	ASC	13.1.20
Fun Fitness	Thursday	3.15 – 4.15	South Ribble Coaches	ASC	09.1.20

Celebrating our children:



What Would Jesus Do Awards:

Honey Bees- Ollie B, asking for help.

Discovery- Rosie, helping Evie to form her letters.

Atlantis- Neave, showed courage when tackling problems in Maths.

Enterprise- Charlie, showed gratitude to our volunteers during Prayer Spaces.

Endeavour- Harrison, showing Courage in all his learning.



Discovery- Aubre

Atlantis- Grace

Enterprise- Ruby and Lewis

Endeavour- Maisie

Stars of the Week:

Discovery Class: Joe, Thomas and Summer

Atlantis Class: Henry, Josh Freddie and Bobby L.

Enterprise Class: Charlie, Lily, Isabella and Lewis.



Endeavour Class: Indie, Isla P, Sophie and Harrison C.

Events In School This Week:

Prayer Spaces Day. We had a lovely start to our term. The children really enjoyed working with our 15 volunteers who led Prayer Stations throughout the day. The volunteers came from a variety of



denominations and all commented very positively on our children and our school ethos. Please see Jude's report at the end of this newsletter.



Forest School

Maths Times Tables

Making magic words to make New Year wishes

Epiphany traditions



We discussed the fires in Australia.

Quotes from our children:

Discovery- 'A man came in his car and rescued all the baby koalas and their mummies and daddies.' (Aubre)

Atlantis--'It is very caring and brave of the people who save the animals from the fire.'(Cerys)

Enterprise- 'I think the zookeepers are really brave because they are risking their lives for the animals.' (Tilly)

Endeavour- "If you are a lifesaver you are a hero! (Oliver)

Keeping you informed:



Next week you will receive a class newsletter which will provide you with more information about the spring term and information about class organisation and events. The class newsletter will also be put on the school website.

Homework: Homework will have been sent out as usual this week. Please check the class newsletter or talk to your child's class teacher if you wish to clarify dates and organisation.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

Y6 Parent meeting 23/1/20 at 5.30pm

We will be holding an important meeting for all parents of children in Y6. This meeting will provide you with information regarding end of KS2 SATs. The Y6 Parent's Evening is on Thursday 13th February. We are inviting Y6 children to attend their Parents' Evening with their parents. This will help prepare them for their High School Parent's Evenings which they also attend. You will receive a letter from Mrs Cookson to book your appointment time.

School Improvement Priorities:



One of the key priorities on our school improvement plan this year is to improve standards in Reading. We would also like to open our library during lunchtimes and at the end of the school day. If any parents would be able to help us please see Mrs Price. We have introduced new reading activities in school to develop our children's 'Love of Reading'. We would like to share these with parents at our next stay and learn. These sessions will be in the week beginning 20th January and will follow the same format as last year. Teachers will contact you via DOJO with more information. Every month we will invite parents for our 'Brew, Book and Biscuit' with our children. This will take place on Wednesday 29th January 9-9.30am. (a variety of days will be chosen throughout the year.) Book activities will be provided by the class teacher.

School Governor Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and a Foundation Governor. You have received the information about the parent governor.

Biographical Statements need to be submitted by 22nd January. Further information about our Governing Body is available on our website.

Hair: School Policy:

Please can we remind all parents that your child's hair should be tied back when they are in school if it is shoulder length or longer. This does not apply on non-uniform days.

Our last request!!

Please make sure your child has an indoor and an outdoor PE Kit in school every day. Please check their pumps still fit!

Primary admission applications:



The national statutory closing date for primary admission applications (new reception intake) for September 2019 is on Wednesday **15th January 2020 at 12 noon**. Please remember to apply for a place for your child even though their sibling attends this school.

NEWS from St Michael's Church:

Happy New Year from Rev Ann.

1. Come and meet Liz Boland our new children's worker who starts this Sunday 12th Jan and will be leading Sunday School
2. Next week 19th Jan is FROZEN CHURCH 3.45pm in school. Come (costumes optional) for film clips, games songs and Frozen cake

Important dates for your diary.

Wednesday 15th January

- Y3/4 Forest School at Woodland Oasis starts.

20th Jan-23rd January

- Stay and Learn-Reading Focus

Wednesday 22nd January

- Governor Statements due in

Thursday 23rd January

- Y6 Parents Meeting. (SATs Assessments) 5.30pm

Wednesday 29th January

- Brew, Book and Biscuit
- Governor votes due in

Tuesday 11th February

- Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February

- Y6 Parent's Evening

Friday 14th February

- Hubbersty Celebration assembly

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

- HALF TERM

Monday 24th February

- School opens
- Multi Faith Week (KS1-Chinese New Year. KS2-Sikhism)

Please put these essential dates in your diaries.

Hoole St Michael CE Primary School

Prayer Spaces Day – Please see photos on our school website. (Christian Distinctiveness) Report by Jude (Y6)

On Tuesday 7th of January 2020 we held a whole school **Prayer Space** day. The children visited gazebos and tables laid with an array of **Epiphany**-based activities; with each station, they had 8 minutes to complete the adult-led task and then said a prayer to finish.

There were nine different stations/activities, which included smelling Frankincense, Myrrh, feeling different textures of gold, and numerous other interesting stations.



The most popular activity was the station where we got to taste chocolate coins! Not only was this activity exciting and tasty, we learnt that gold could take many forms and that it is considered THE MOST valuable but we learnt that God values US even more!

To help us all understand and enjoy our **Prayer Space** day, many kind helpers from our school and wider Christian community led the children's fun-packed activities. They came from churches far and wide (like the Three Wise Men) these included: New Longton Methodist, Tanterton Christian Fellowship and Hoole St Michaels. Individually, each class experienced the exciting events, with many of the younger children doing so for the first time and loving all the new facts they learnt.

To sum up our inspiring and educational day, we learnt about the **Epiphany** and what it means to Christians through fun-filled chat, gluing, drawing, cutting and eating!!! 😊📖 We hope that everyone at HSM appreciated all the help and hard work that was put into setting up and running the **Prayer Spaces** project...Bring it on, 2021!

Glossary

Epiphany-Epiphany, or Three Kings' Day, is a Christian holiday that is observed on January 6. It is one of the three most important days, along with Christmas and Easter, in the Christian church. Epiphany celebrates three events: (1) the arrival of the Magi, or Three Wise Men, in Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus, (2) the baptism of Jesus, (3) Jesus' first miracle.

Prayer Spaces-They provide creative ways for pupils to reflect on, and - if they want to - pray about their identity, their relationships with others, and issues of injustice around the world. Our Prayer Space day focused on Epiphany and the journey of the three Magi.

