



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2022

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Star of the Week Class 1

Dexter: for never giving up and always trying his best!

William: for super blending when reading.

Star of the Week Class 2

Jasmine R: for always striving to improve her writing.

Poppy: for working hard to make arrays in maths.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Ruby: for her kind and caring nature towards her peers, especially on the playground, and for being an incredible help in the classroom!

Lucy: for consistently displaying an excellent and responsible attitude towards all her learning.



Happy Birthday to Megan, who is turning 11!

Notices

Welcome back to an exciting half term in the lead up to Christmas!

Miss Salmon: we welcome Miss Nadia Salmon, who is working with the children in Class One, alongside Miss Hawkins and Mrs Martin.

New school dinner menu: new menus were sent home for your information. The new menu starts on Monday 7 November.

Poppy Appeal: please support this appeal if you possibly can. A variety of items are available for the children to buy, including paper poppies, wristbands and snapbands. All items are £1.00. Many thanks.

Remembrance Day service: this will take place on Friday 11 November 2022 at 10.45am in the Memorial Garden. All welcome.

Christmas Fair: we are excited to tell you that the Christmas Fair will take place at Claughton Village Hall on Friday 25 November 2022 between 6pm and 8pm. This will be a lovely event to begin the festive season. Bring your family and friends along for a fun evening. More details to follow!

Friends of Claughton meeting: in school on Thursday 10 November at 6pm. If you can offer any level of support in helping to organise the Christmas Fair, please come along. Many hands make light work!

After-school club: as you know, we have been actively seeking a new member of staff to join our team in order for us to provide after school club care for your children. We have not received any applicants. Therefore, at present, we are not able to provide this service for you. The position has been reposted on the Lancashire schools vacancies website [here](#) and we will continue to keep trying to recruit. We thank you for your patience in this matter and I am sure you will appreciate that we are doing all we can. If you know of anybody suitable, please do pass this on.

September invoices: these went home with the children on 14 October. If anyone did not receive theirs please contact the office for an email copy. October invoices will be emailed out next week. Many thanks.

Forest School club: this club runs on a Wednesday for Class Two. Please could those children taking part bring wellies and waterproofs now that the weather is more wintry.

Musical Theatre club: this club will run from next Thursday **if the minimum requirement of 15 children is met**. Please book directly with the company if you would like your child to take part: www.madeforstage.co.uk. Go to 'book now' and scroll down until you see St Mary's school.

Forms to return: please could the remaining data forms and consent forms be returned as soon as possible. It is really important that we have complete and up-to-date information. Many thanks.

Parent Governor vacancy: we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested or wish to find out more, please let us know. We will then organise an election for the position.

Packed lunch days: As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There are three dates this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On those days we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. The dates are: **3 January 2023, 4 January 2023 and 26 May 2023**. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

The Week Ahead

Monday 7 November

Class Two visit from a World War Two veteran

Class Two PE

Tuesday 8 November

Mr Warren music lessons and choir practice

Flu vaccinations

Class One PE

Band practice 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 9 November

Class One visit from World War Two veteran

Class Two PE (fencing)

Class One: multi-skills enrichment club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Class Two: forest school club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 10 November

Class One PE

Class Two: musical theatre club 3.30pm to 4.30pm (subject to sufficient numbers)

Class One: teacher-led enrichment club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 11 November

Judo 8am

10.45am Remembrance Day Service in the Memorial Garden

Date for Your Diary

Friday 25 November

Christmas Fair 6pm to 8pm Claughton Village Hall

Monday 12 December

Children's Christmas party afternoon at Barton Grange hotel. Details to follow.

Tuesday 13 December

Whole school nativity at Claughton church 6pm

Wednesday 14 December

Christmas dinner in school

Friday 16 December

School closes for Christmas at **1.30pm**

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.
May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend and we'll see you on Monday...