



# Shocklach Oviatt C of E Primary School

*"We aim high in our hearts and minds as we blossom in God's garden."*

## January 2020 Newsletter

Happy New Year! It has been fantastic to see the children back in school and to see them return with such enthusiasm, ready to jump back into the routines of school life. A big welcome to the six new children who have joined our Shocklach School family: Hattie, Sophie, Dulcie, Scarlet, Ottie and Freddy have all settled in beautifully and it is lovely to see such big smiles already.

### Careers Fair – Shocklach Style!

We would like to invite parents, grandparents, governors and members of the local community to come and talk to the children about careers they have or have had. Please look out for a letter giving full details of this Shocklach style careers fair! You can nominate yourself or others (with their permission) and once we know, who are willing volunteers are, we will make contact to arrange a suitable date and time. We are very excited about members of the Shocklach community sharing their passion, experience and inspirational life journeys.

### The Children's Society's Christingle Service at Chester Cathedral

Earlier in the month, Years 3-6 enjoyed a very special Christingle Service at Chester Cathedral. They sung, danced and celebrated this magical event and even met a real live, walking Christingle! Thank you all our families who filled the candle boxes – over £90 was raised. This money will support vulnerable children across Cheshire and the rest of the UK.



### Visit from The Venerable Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson



When Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson requested to visit Shocklach, our Worship Leaders were determined to lead a celebration to inspire. They explored the Parable of The Good Samaritan and invited children to share ideas of how they can show love and compassion at both school and home. They also created special prayer graffiti areas and oversaw the younger children writing and drawing their thoughts, hopes and prayers. Archdeacon Mike was really bowled over by his visit and wrote a very heartfelt message saying that he came away feeling very thankful and encouraged. Wonderful!



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## Book of the month

"I am Malala", by Malala Yousafzai was given to Poppy recently in her mystery reading gift bag. Not surprisingly, this prolific reader devoured the autobiographical book in one weekend! This powerful story of the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban is truly inspirational. It is indeed both a soul awakening and an eye opening text.



## Books wanted for Africa!

Our thriving Eco Committee have come up with yet another brilliant project. After learning that 617 million children and adolescents worldwide are not achieving minimum proficiency levels in reading and maths with sub-Saharan Africa having the single largest number, 202 million - they wanted to take action. Our Eco Warriors are aiming to fill four boxes with books and send them to Africa via Books2Africa. This charity aims to both improve education in Africa and reduce waste in the UK. Please send in any books that you no longer need. They can be suitable for any age but must be in good condition.

## Inspirational stories too good not to share

The children have been exploring inspirational people this term. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging so brilliantly with this topic– they have made PowerPoints at home, information wreaths to share in worship and more recently, Sebby very proudly presented a summary of an article in 'The Leader'. This shows the remarkable story of Sean Gregory, a Wrexham army veteran, who is embarking on a 130 mile run from Wrexham to Swansea in the hope of raising £10,000 for the families of four friends who have died recently including, tragically, Sebby's Uncle. Sebby explains, "Sean wants to turn his sadness into something good". Such powerful words 'out of the mouths of babes' that surely must resonate with us all. To donate to Sean's fundraiser, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/seangregory>.

## February Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Helpers' Tea

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - School Disco

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - School finishes for half term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February- INSET

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February- School re-opens

## School Council Cake Sale

Our brilliant School Councillors recently organised a very popular cake sale in aid of Wood Green The Animals Charity. A fantastic £65.13 was raised!



*"For nothing is impossible with God" - Luke 1:37*