

Message From The Headteacher

Christmas Performances

Unfortunately, with a heavy heart, I have made the decision that we will **not** be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch the Christmas performances and nativity plays.

I know this will be very disappointing for our families but it is my priority to keep children, staff and our school families as safe as possible, especially as we lead up to the Christmas period.

We will film all the performances and will share with parents/carers via our school YouTube channel. More information will follow about how to access this.

In line with our current school Covid-safe practices our children will enjoy the normal wonderful range of Christmas activities including Advent Assemblies, Nativity plays, Christmas carols, Christmas dinner, parties and so on.

We will share with you early this week the dates for all the different Christmas events and activities.

A special Christmas Calendar for all -2022

This year each child will have a Christmas photograph taken, which will be created into a calendar for 2022 for all the family to use and enjoy. It will be an extra-special Christmas treat to help capture the magic of Christmas in school - in light that parents are not able to join us.

Community Workshop in school last week

Thank you to all the parents who joined us last week for our community workshop following the police incident in the previous week that impacted on our school community. It was great to hear from the various speakers - including Andy Lloyd, the neighbourhood Inspector from the Police, Joanna Fitzsimmons, the Prevent Education Officer, and Janine, from the Liverpool Council Team who support diverse communities. More importantly, it was excellent to take questions from parents, hear their views, concerns and ideas of how to support pupils. Please look out for more information to follow.

Our Year 5 and 6 football team success 7-1 to St Michael's.

On Thursday after school, I had the absolute pleasure of driving our school football team to a match on the minibus with Mr Ferry. I enjoyed every single moment – the behaviour of the pupils was impeccable, their team spirit as they approached the game and how they celebrated their stunning win was a sheer joy to observe.

Each player made a real contribution and gave 100% commitment to the success of the win. I was as super proud watching the skill and attitude of each player as I watched from the side-lines. Thank you to Mr Ferry for managing the team so successfully and for encouraging each player to reach their full potential. What a skilled football coach you are!







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Keep In Touch

In the interest of your child's safety and well being we need:

- * a named adult that can be contacted at all times
- * at least 3 up to date telephone numbers
- * a call if your child is absent from school (Press 1 to report a pupil absence)

If there is no contact a home visit will be carried out. If there is still no contact we may need to call the police for a welfare check.

Support This Christmas

Do you need help with toys, clothes and food? Please call the office (0151 263 8460) and leave your name. Mrs Birch will contact you for a confidential chat to see how we can support you this Christmas.



Help Your Child Read Workshop

Come along and find out the best way to support your child with their reading. This workshop is for the parents/carers of children in Reception classes.

IMPORTANT

INFORMATION

Tuesday 30th November

2:45PM start





Family Support Dawn Foxon, our school Family Support Worker, is available to talk privately about any concerns or issues. Call Dawn Foxon 07712235811 emdawn.foxon@liverpool.gov.uk



Worried about a Child or Young Person?

If a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to:

> CARELINE Call 0151 233 3700





High Achievers

Year 5-High Achievers



HIGH

In <u>English</u> we have been learning about parenthesis -<u>quite tricky this</u>the children have been great at it!

We have also been studying the short story; Alma-A tale of terror. We have been looking at story spooky settings and spooky character descriptions using parenthesis The wind (cold and powerful) was blowing strongly. The flooring (soggy and wet) was blood red. The leaves (dry and scattered) tasted like peanut shells.





In <u>Come and See</u> we are just beginning our topic on HOPE, leading us to Christmas. Our first lesson-Explore, was all about times when we have hoped for something.

In <u>Geography</u> we have just begun our topic about population. The population is the total number of all the inhabitants of a particular place

We learned that the UK is made up of 4 different countries, and each different country has its own population: England: 56,233,000 Scotland: 5,500,000 Norther Ireland: 1,900,000 Wales: 3,170,000 The country with the largest population is China: 1,397,897,720!!!





In <u>Science</u> we have just finished off our topic with 2 investigations! The children loved it! '*The lesson was very entertaining and fun. I liked the thermal conductor investigation best.*' Here are some science facts we found out about materials:

* Materials can be natural or man-made.

* Natural rubber is made from a runny, milky liquid called latex, which comes from some plants.

* Wood is a very useful material because it has many different uses.



In <u>Maths</u> we are interpreting data. The children are up for the challenge! This we had to draw our own bar charts. We have learnt how to create a tally, draw tables and learned how to interpret data using pictograms.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support and remember to follow our twitter page to keep up to date with

our class.





The children below have gone Above and Beyond in school this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits.

Well done!



Following the tragic incident in the city centre this week, please see below support services that are available to children and young people in Liverpool.

OUT OF HOURS AND EMERGENCY CARE Below are some options available to children and young people in Liverpool:

Liverpoo City Council

You May Just Want Someone To Talk To ... Below are some phone numbers and links that may be useful:

ALDER HEY CAMHS - CRISIS CARE TEAM

Alder Hey Crisis Care Team – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Crisis Care Team offer advice, consultation, and direct intervention to children/young people. and their Families. Contact the team 24/7 on 0151 293 3577.

YOUNGMINDS CRISIS MESSENGER

If you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis, you can text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger for free, 24/7 support. Text YM to 85258 For more information visit YoungMinds website here

NHS 111

Where trained health professionals can give you health advice and information 24 hours a day. Telephone: 111 Click here to go directly to the NHS 111 website

THE SAMARITANS

Offer a 24-hour confidential helpline. Samaritans volunteers listen in confidence to anyone in any type of emotional distress, without judging or telling people what to do. Telephone: 08457 90 90 90 Textphone: 08457 90 91 92 Click here to go directly to the Samaritans website

CHILDLINE

Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Whether it's something big or small, our trained counsellors are here to support you.

Childline is free, confidential and available anytime, day or night. You can talk to us on the phone, by email or through 1-2-1 counsellor chat. Whatever feels best for you. Click here to go directly to the Childline website

BSL Users

Telephone: 0800 1111 1-2-1 Counsellor Chat

You May Need To See Someone ...

At times children and young people may become distressed and need to be seen in an emergency. The following is available for children and young people in Liverpool:

GP OUT OF HOURS SERVICE

A GP is available when your local surgery is closed during evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays. If you need urgent healthcar e which cannot wait until the next working day, you can access a GP via the GP Out of Hours service. Call your Doctor's surgery on the usual number and you will either be transferred to the Out of Hours service, or there will be an answer phone message with details of how to access it. The out of hours service operator will take details of your call and pass these to a doctor or nurse, who will contact you and, depending on your circumstances, will offer you one of the following options: *A home visit * Telephone advice *An appointment at a healthcare service in your area that evening

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 0-16 YEARS

If a child or young person becomes distressed or shows signs of becoming a risk to others or themselves they should be taken to A&E at Alder Hey Children's Foundation Trust following receipt of parental/carer permission. The Specialist mental health service provided by this trust operates a duty on-call system and a clinician will be called to attend A&E to support and provide an assessment of the child or young person. A Psychiatrist on-call system operates through the evening.



St Michael's Catholic Primary School

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021



Term: Thursday 2nd September to Tuesday 21st December 2021 Half term: Friday 22nd October to Friday 29th October 2021 (school closed) Terms ends: Tuesday 21st December 2021

Spring Term 2022



Term: Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Friday 8th April 2022 Half term: Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022 (school closed) Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022



Term: Monday 25th April to Tuesday 19th July 2022 Half term: Monday 30th May to Monday 6th June 2022 (school closed) Term Ends: Tuesday 19th July 2022 May Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022 (school closed)

Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)

Wednesday 1st September 2021 Friday 17th September 2021 Friday 22nd October 2021 Monday 28th February 2022 Two extended twilight sessions

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'With Jesus we can *achieve* what we *dream* and *believe*'